

THE WNDERERS

BEHIND THE SHIMMER: TALES OF THE FOREST



INTRODUCTION

On November 7th, 2024, The.Wnderers collaborated with De Grote Schijn for an evening filled with creativity, connection, and nature. Under the glow of the illuminated forest, we explored the beauty of words and the power of self-expression during a poetry workshop that brought people together from different walks of life.

The energy was vibrant, the atmosphere inspiring, and the participants poured their hearts into their creations. Each poem written that night is a reflection of the unique perspectives, emotions, and stories shared in that special moment.

This book is a celebration of that evening and the voices of everyone who participated. It is more than just a collection of poems; it is a keepsake of the connections we made and the creativity we shared.

ENJOY!

NATURE

Nature
Does me a lot of favor
With all its sunshine
So divine
On my skin
It goes within
I can't survive
It keeps me warm
Pushes me to stay in form
Just like a sunflower
Nature gives me power



NIASHA

WILD FIELDS

With my bare feet in the grass
Breathe in the fresh air
Running through wild fields
Hope this day will forever last

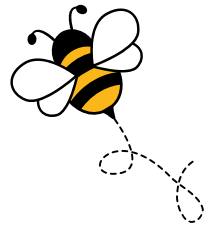
Where I hear birds whisper songs
Earth so pure
I'm sure
I've found where I belong



ASHLEY

HARMONY

In nature I feel free
In nature I feel calm
When you listen closely
The world hums soft like a bee
Keep your hand up
While the weight of the world
Fills up your palm



SHARONA

NATIVE

There's the voice of ancestors
In the history of nature
From there to the future
From easters to westers

How does it sound
When we destroy our freedom
When there are no trees to count
Destroyed by natrium petreoleum come

The voice of silence
Blown by the wind
We're the ancestors guidance
We have the way
of the future to find



PATRICIA

DIEP IN 'T BOS

When you're not ready
Sow
Go into the garden wear your boots

When you're not expecting
Grow
Find a good place for your roots
Out in the mountain
Drinking from natures fountain

Kouder dan de zee
Brengt het fris mee
Hartje winter
Diep in het bos
Zoek en je vind d'r
Tussen bevroren mos

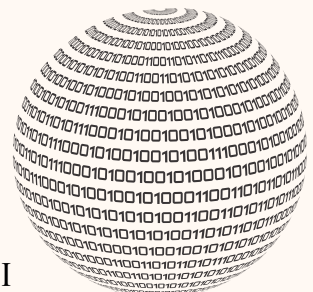


MATRIX

Ik voel de kalmte
buiten
Omarmd door de warmte
Waar de gras groen is
En ik mijn gedachte wis

Schermtijd op nul
Grapje
Dat is veel te gul
1.2.3.4.11 uur
Vast in de matrix
Net een muur

Ik wil me vrij voelen



IMANI

SPRING

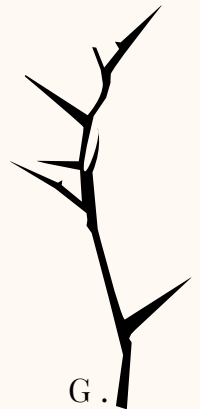
When I see the change of the seasons
It reminds me of all the reasons
That the journey of your life
is recorded in the leaves,
earth and beehive



NELLY

THORN

I was born
in a storm
The biggest test
laid in west
But blessed
to be a thorn
A corn that can't be caught
a form never matched
For people mourn at last



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EARTH

My human nature
Is reflected in my behaviour
I'm rooted in the earth
Like flowers growing in dirt



DEBORAH

ENVY

I long to be an overgrown summit
and like her, to be beautiful without upkeep,
to have hikers wade through weeds and exhaust
themselves for only a moment with me
a chance to be grand and dangerous
to have my sharp rocks and inclines command respect
and men know to tread carefully
not discounting my complexity

I long to grow in whatever direction I please
unconcerned of the space i take up,
to finally be commended for my solitude,
without need to be entertaining.
How I crave to forsake politeness and etiquette
to lose my temper and unlearn civility,
a downpour without fear of flooding.
maybe then my frigidness will be excused
like snow on mountaintops

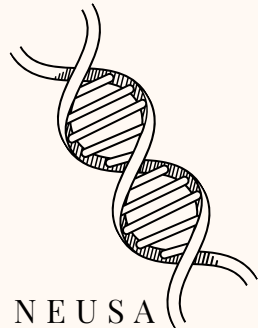
But even if I was her
with overgrown moss,
and exposed roots
and wild streams.
Would some man bring a flag
colonize my ground and claim discovery?



LEA

NURTURE

My Angolan ancestry
makes me feel connected to nature
From sunshine to the divine
Sounds of nature come alive around me
My gratitude gives attitude towards nature
As mother nature urges us to nurture
that which is delicate



CHINEKE

I'm guided everywhere I go
My body moves fluidly
Like the water flow
Of the land only my ancestors know

Chineke guides me
Wherever I be
They protected my mom
From the reality she had to flee
The water a part of my being and history



APRIL

PEACE

Nature is beauty
Nature is in me
All the time
Every month
Yes, all 12



UNKNOWN

BRANCHES OF HOPE

In times of uncertainty
Reconnect with your roots
In times of setbacks
Resort to the fruits
Of the family tree, where love runs deep
A bond to hold
A strength to keep
When the path seems unclear unwritten, unsure,
Rely on the sun's light steady and pure
Its warmth can soothe your troubled mind,
In times of uncertainty, fear, and storms combined



M O R G A N E

FREE

In nature I can feel free
I can walk or even run
I can be who I wanna be
I can have a lot of fun
But most days I'm lazy
And it's cold so I don't see the sun
But today is kinda crazy
I'm outside, and i'm not the anly one



LAURYN

SEASON

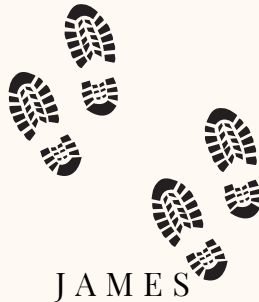
Autumn is an undeserved season
I personally take pleasure in this weather
It's one of a kind

HIBAAQ



GROUNDED

I walk among the trees
My feet placed on the ground
A calm and gentle breeze
So steps don't make a sound
I feel the mud and leaves that fall
squeeze between my toes
A simple breathe
An awful smell
I've stood in dog shit



EINDHOVEN

Mijn omgeving is vol met groen
Er is overal hout
Het is enorm koud

Wat ben ik aan het doen?

Ik bereid me voor op schoonheid
Met een gezelschap die mij verblijd
Nu een random feit ik kan het je beloven
Romana en ik komen beide uit Eindhoven



J O H N

CALMING CHAOS

I need a walk
My thoughts keep shouting
inducing violence and keep drowning in chaos

I need a talk
Please listen to my mind
Be patient and treat it kind
Leave leaves for my dreams
To take better care of my means

I need a loooong break
Give me the sound, the flow of the lake
The medicine for my disastrous self
Keeping that away from everyone in my shelf



CHANICE

SELF

I see in you all that I am
All that you gave all that I lack
Unspoken words they haunt
At the point of no turn back
Your wounds left permanent scars
My tongue now numbed to speak
My pen filled with resistance
While forgiveness is what I seek

UNKNOWN



See you at the next adventure
fellow Wnderer♡