



Artist's Statement: "Skyscraper"

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My childhood was spent caring for my ill mother. When I was 12 years old, we moved from California to Oregon and on July 11, 2004 I was a witness to her suicide. I was then placed into a foster home and after seven months of living with that family, my foster mom had passed. From there I was lucky enough to have my middle school counselor take me under her wings. My life has been like a skyscraper. Once I fall down, I work really hard to build myself back up. When another thing hits me, I fall back down. I express my past through art as it also helps me cope. Every block of wood has a word that describes me as a person. Every time I fall down, I grow stronger.

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