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BIOGRAPHIES

ISABELA MONTELLO was born in Brazil. She lives and works in France. Her poems appeared in the UK and Brazil in *zarf*, *Só a poesia salva* (Primata), *I & II Jornada de Poesia Visual*, *Instagramável* and *Publicar é um direito* (TAUP). Her first poetry collection was published in Brazil by TAUP. She's interested in creating new forms.

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ERASURE POETRY

Handwriting is better for your brain than typing # - 1

Tapping a key an a key board require less brain power than farming

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W2009 study from the University of Washington showed that primary school students who we to with a pen nationaly more round but also wrote faster and in more complete sentences.

Wen INFORMATION

out there and work to build this

part of the strategy

1 wish we were in a differ ent system, and I'll work to bring ut that system. We need to wre we're strategic before bese purity tests, first the organization t Trump, and we're clear on

why we're doing this. Do you ser

between you and dates on health care and as a difference between what possible and what's utopia? also think it's a better policy. What I think makes our health care approach better is that it ooks in some humility to th icy because, basically, saying that we're going to throw a switch and put everybody on the public plan, or even if you're saying that we're going to wait, but on a certain date we're going to throw everybody on that plan, you're assuming a lot about your ability to decide what's going to work for people, it's precisely because I believe that a public plan can probably be the right answer for everybody that I'm whimg to ut it out there and let folks e for themselves. On hink my view is m

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and understanding of the world were missing. I understood

, from working on nderstood, as much and familiarize yourself demically about history, re, philosophy, and eco-Acs. But having any profesnal responsibilities related to understanding a balance sheet or how money and goods move around the world -I didn't have that. That felt like a gap.

You've talked about McKinsey recommending job cuts at Blue Cross Blue Shield two years

as mayor you could only do so much with the police.

I try to be very clear about what was responsible for. Look, at the end of the day, when you're **Is that a challenge?** the mayor, you're responsible for the city. I held myself responsible ontrol, like the schools. With McKinsey, the idea that I took lown Blue Cross Blue Shield in my first few weeks *Right*. I thought it was meaningful that I worked at irm responsible for providing d analysis. But it's been a litle fanciful to see what people are extrapolating from

weil with older Democratic prenary voters, yet struggling with roughly the generation or slightly younger

We've always found t ers are more likely to pesp I don't

One of them, I think, is that age and experience may be a little demystified when you're older. There may be more impatience inng an with one generation ho office for a long period of time. That impatience is greatest, actually, among those who were from

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that I'd run for office, but I wound op running for office on an ex-/ I tremely uphill path, b cared about the issue state treasuries. After red in that race buth I ran for

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that generation, and they'r to watch their kids and grand pick up / e ball and run with it. though I want to make sure that young progressives or any progressives hear the message that I would be the near progressive president in their lifetanes.

What is the most important ssue facing the country? The big picture that I'm conunity, and when I say unity, don't mean everybody agr ing on policy I mean trans anding every political disagreement. I don't necessarily mean shooting the middle ideologically, either What I'm talking about is just a sense that, even when you don't agree with a president you still view that president as belonging to the same country. There is a way to have the courage of our convictions and also try to understand people who view the world differently. So are there issues that

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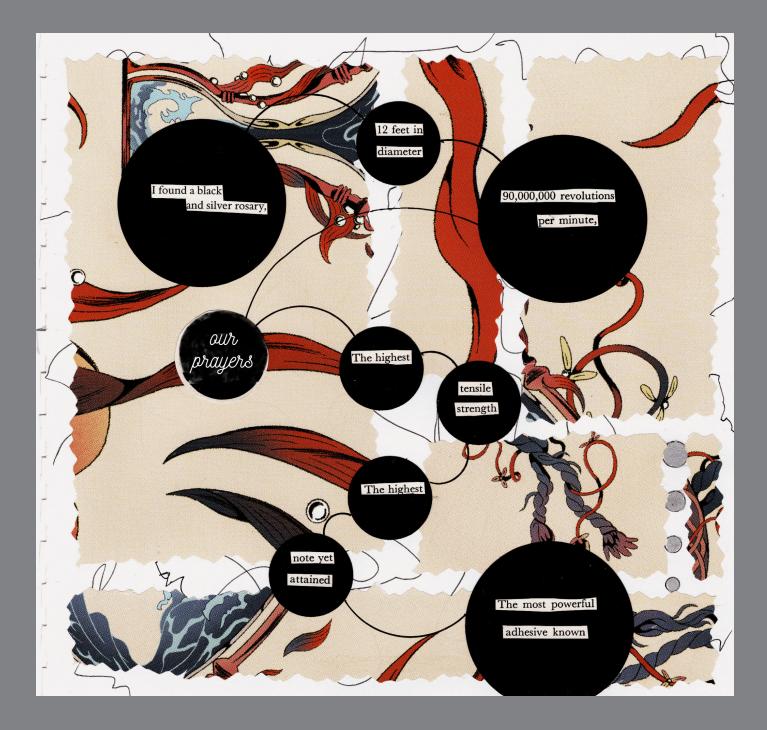
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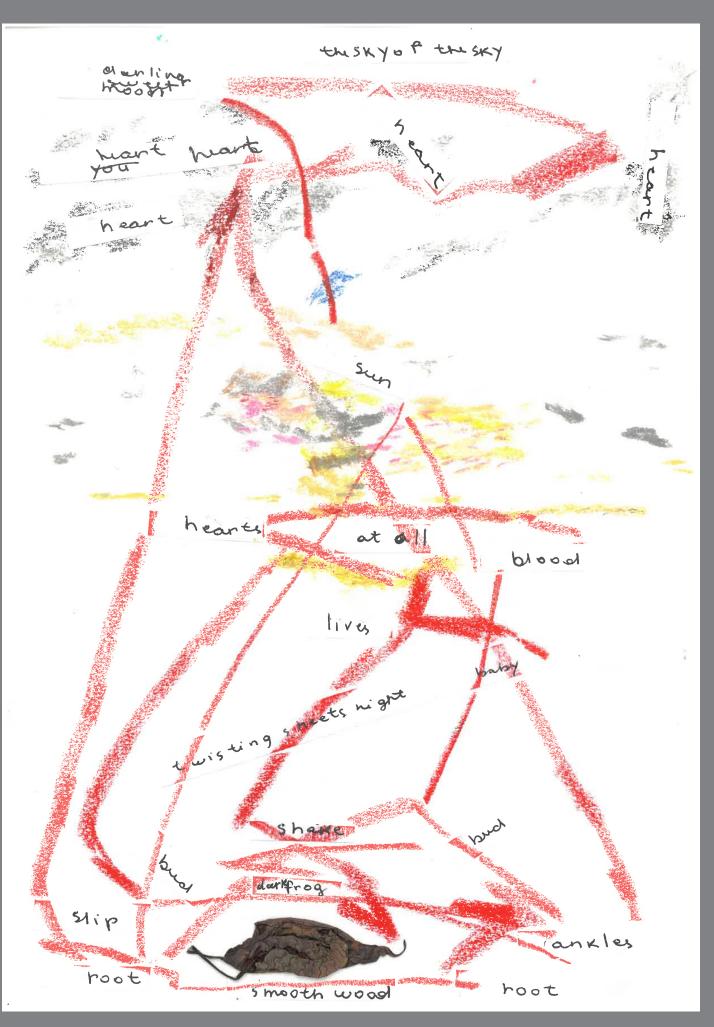
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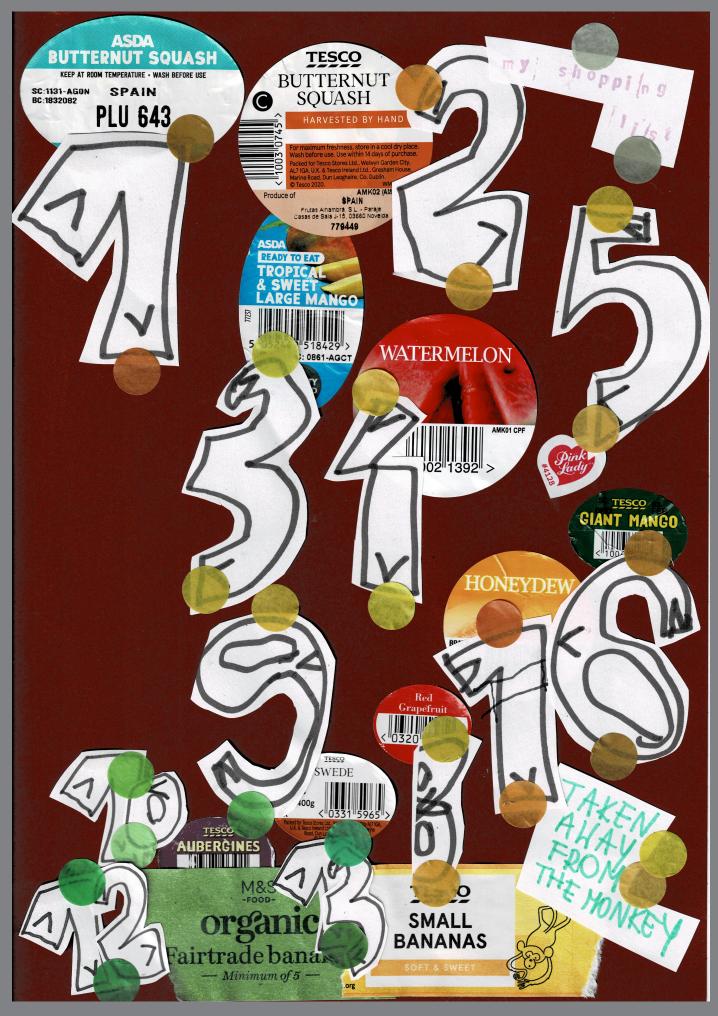
"We need as many hand e can get." Is there any work t. . this is going to piss off the S. nders and Warren voters? Look, the point for me is that we don't define this campaign based on who we reject. I'll go toe-to-toe with anybody on how progress my plans are Sure, some folk want to take it to extremes, but don't think it makes sense. his i plenty progressive. The whole point is that I can be clear abou my values and bold in my policie and still connect with people from

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COLLAGE POETRY







It's a backwards soup can I just don't remember doing it although it looks like I did

She had dislocated her back 'sleeping' she said we were trying to figure out with who. A horse fell on top of Peter and so he was talking into the microphone, like a rock star doors windows and now an escalator!

No stars, just Nancy Reagan and the president strange animals that give off the wrong hormones at the Fun Gallery I sort of wanted to stay and kiss the old bags X-Rays

I admired a light bulb she had in her purse a tiny one that lit up when you put a penny next to it She gave it to me, then Victor liked it so I gave it to him

I'm going to go to a doctor who puts crystals on you and it gives you energy . It gives you 'powers'. The secretary's was babbling intellectually, blinking like a light show It's a new building A floor to ceiling glass window with a view

> Why yes I'm rather tired French cigarettes, champagne, love letters Rain I had to go home to my horrible home life

> > l guess it's like a mother. Well, I'm in that category too.

> > > Black tie Making a robot

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Root of the root (in the manner of Bukowski)

Fear leads to anger, anger leads to expensive stockings, expensive stockings lead to walking the sidewalks, walking the sidewalks leads to hate.

Hate rubbing up against the good business. Hate trained by the salesman who commends you.

Hate of the sky. Hate of the sky leads to more suffering, more suffering of the scavenger girl.

> Dress, undress Sleep, eat.

Centuries slip down our ankles.

HELLO

and CONGRATULATIONS!

NONE CAN COMPARE

this is the way

DRESS, UNDRESS

TASTE THE CHANGE

ALWAYS.

COMPACT POETRY

Pop pop pop the basket snaps shut on the forlorn porn horn.

Guinea pig's ear sticks out of a mini sunflower grow kit box.

Tupac Amaru's visiting cards are uppers.

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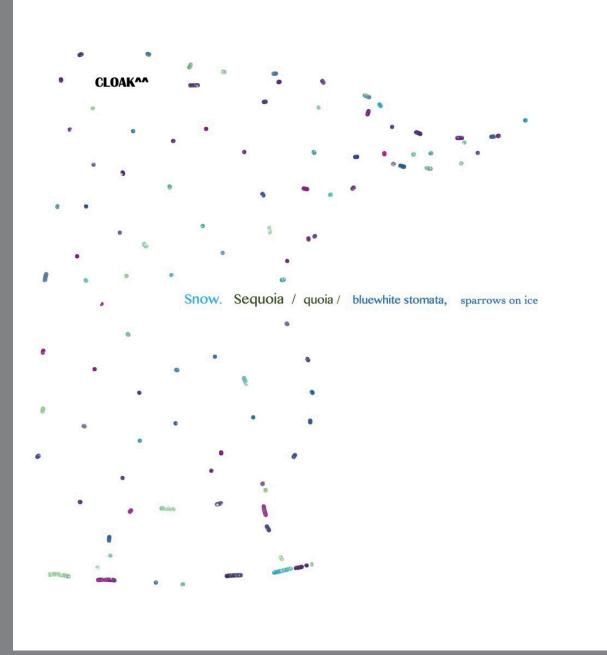
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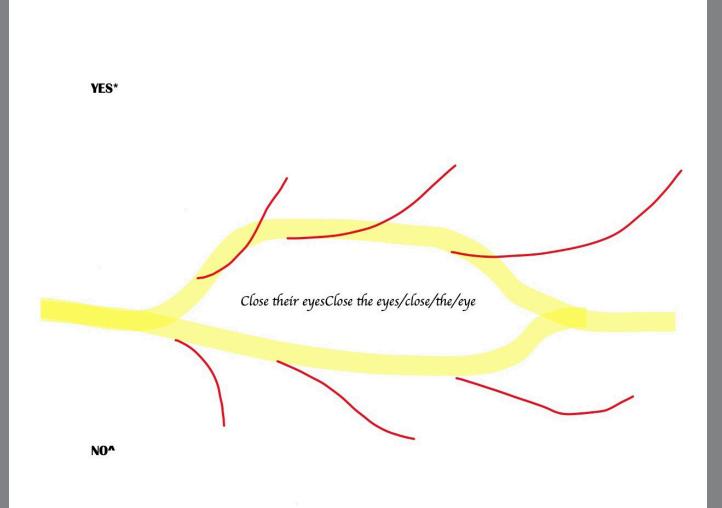
CONCRETE & VISUAL POETRY



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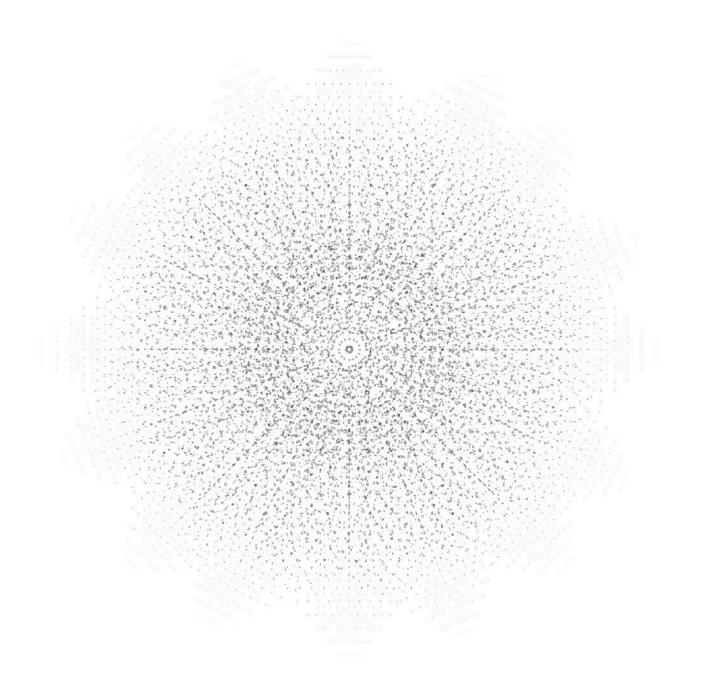


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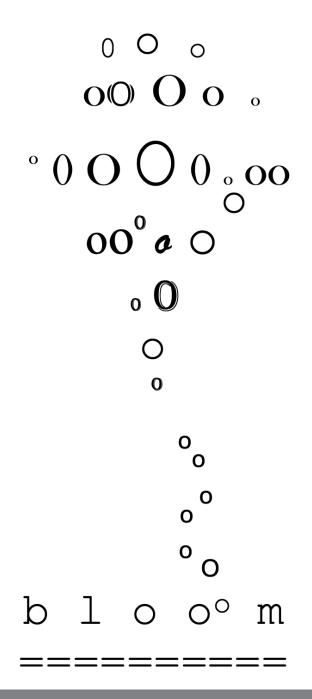


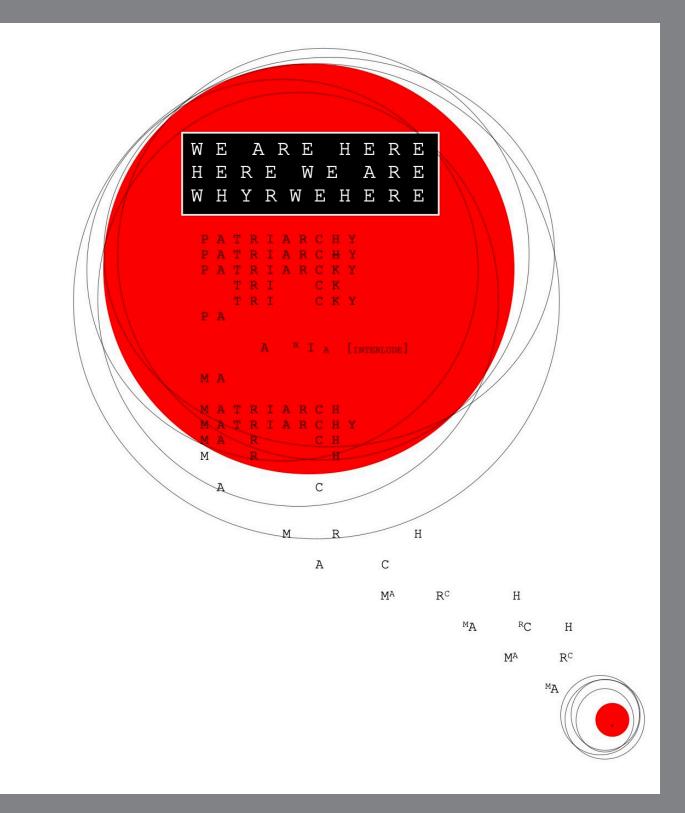
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Talkers

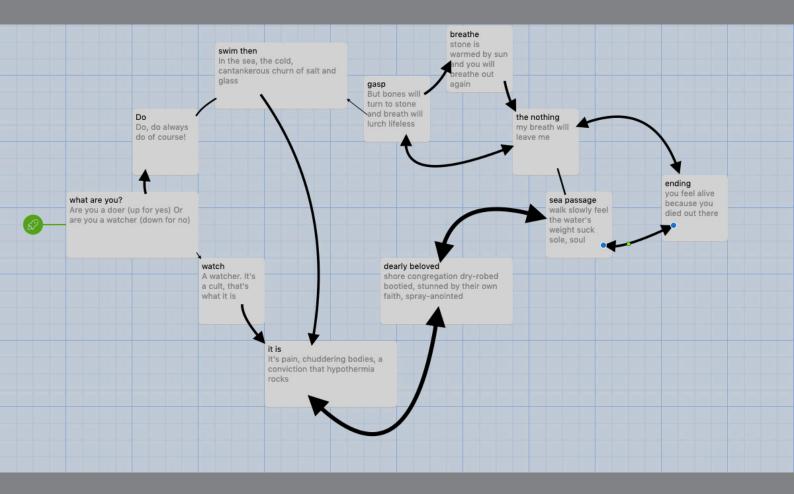


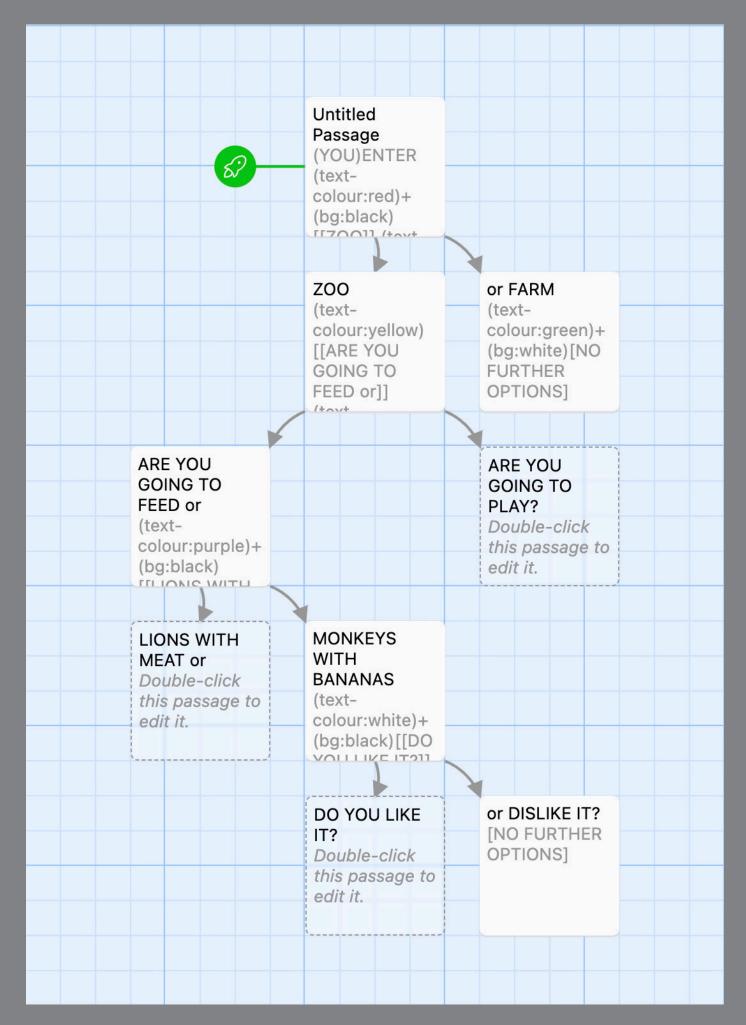




INTERACTIVE EXPERIMENTS

(follow a route and choose your adventure)





Desert light

sand-wind

why do you sing how do you cry who visits you I was a blade of grass whistle blue silver cactus

I feel your phantom curve

Bleak and blind finches seek shade

hundreds of mistaken stars scuffling underworld

morning dew

dream in friendship what do you fear a stressed and wasted land red and yellow death

my thirst ruby grey longhorns

what is it to you why so harsh what have you learned I am desert people warmth and war time is life

life is a bloom

What if blooms are illusion Secrets in your swollen arms

simmering raw opals enter my mouth a million seeds

how many will survive my laughter is your succulence

silence in despair who cares whose tears what gnome ignores your heart mars and ethereal moon

who brought you here do you want more andromeda now drone suckers and milk

if I grieve smother with love and if I love

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