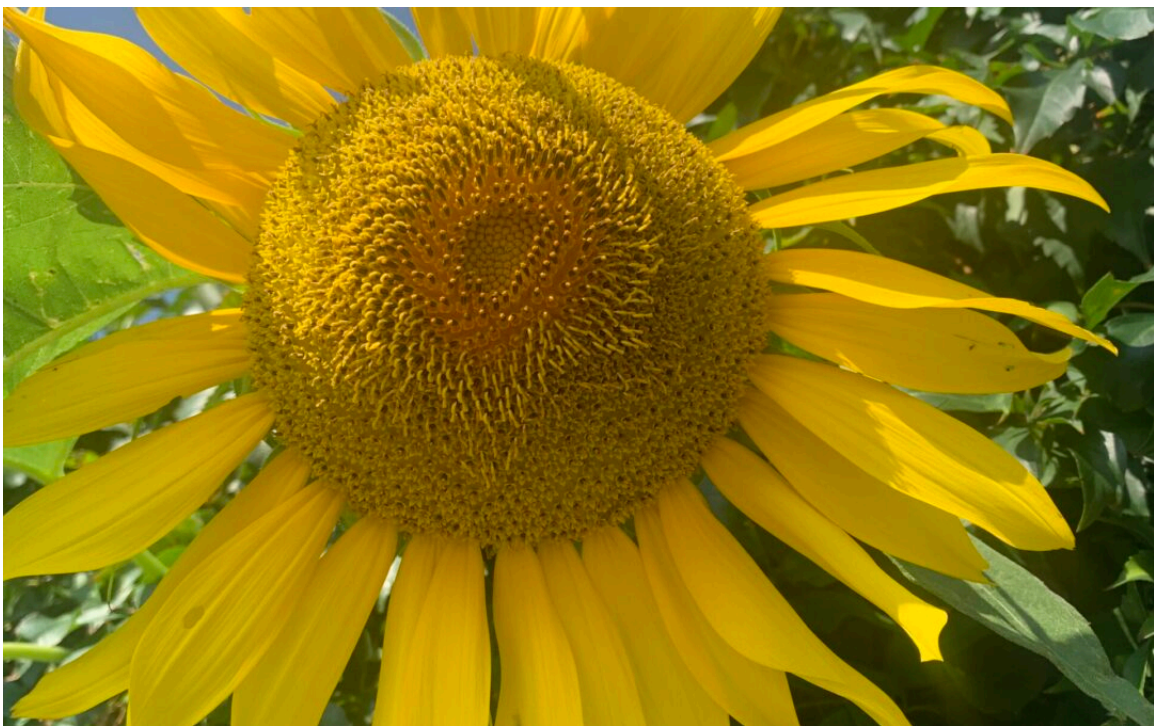




Prayer for the Return of Sweet Waters

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Kesi Augustine wrote this prayer for the return of “sweet waters” for every child that has been separated from a parents’ love, but especially for those who have fallen victim to ICE. This poem is inspired by Oshun, the books of Psalms, and all the meditation for loving kindness.

dear children.

*I sat down to write
you this poem and failed.*

*there are no words
to describe your grief,
no meter or iambs
to hold your hands.*

*I asked the sky to part,
told the wind
to blow away our fears,
and then I summoned
a river for you.*

*follow me to its edge
and rest your toes
on a carpet of moss,
as I offer you this prayer:*

*that she may cradle you
in a pool of unconditional love
sweet and steady
like every mother's wish for you.*

*that you give ear
to the tenors
of its cascading waterfalls
as they bend to buffer your cries
and the sunbeams
christen your crown.*

*that you may know peace.
and trust, dear ones.
that when the trumpets
of conscience have blown,
the sweet waters will return
from the wells of the world.*

*your perpetrators will perish.
we will forgive them only
for being a species
destined to return to dust.*

*be still, children, and preserve
the purity of your hearts
for sweet waters can split
even a block of ice. selah.*

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Affirming and cunning, both poem and prayer, indictment and incantation,

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