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### Author Bio

Cora Padilla Castillo, at the age of 15, learned to express her emotions through writing. This has helped her cope with anxiety. Beyond that, her writing represents the thoughts that were never said or have come out of her. Cora has longed to share these thoughts and Digressions has granted her an opportunity to share a piece of her mind with the reader. Cora has a deep interest in the ocean, astronomy, and photography. "The Universe" is a piece originally written in Spanish, but she has revised the English version where it depicts more of what the character wants and sees.

# **El Universo / The Universe**

CORA PADILLA CASTILLO

## **El Universo** (Spanish version)

Mis ojos son como la puerta del universo, donde solo existe una llave para abrirlo. La suerte esta contigo si es asi.

En mis ojos podras ver lo que siento,

Lo que temo,

Lo que me alegra,

Lo que me entristece, lo que me da furia.

Escucharas cosas sinceras de mis labios, y quizas podras conocer la galaxia.

La galaxia mientras te veo, y tu me vez, ahi podras encontrar las respuestas a todas mis incógnitas, ahi verás el sol en todo su esplendor.

Verás la luna como aparece y te cambia. Durante días y noches, me verás.

Lo que aun no ve nadie, sólo mirame.

## **The Universe** (English version)

My eyes are like the door to the universe, where there is only one key to open it.

You are lucky if you step into the door of my universe.

In my eyes you can see what I feel.

The fear, happiness, sadness and ferocity all are stars that shine within my planets.

Do you hear and feel the cosmic dust of sincere words come from my lips and eyes, do you see the universe within me yet? I am magnetic.

There is a galaxy while I see you, and you see me. In that universe you will find the answers to all my unknowns, there you will see me by the sun in all its splendor.

You will see the moon as it appears and changes for you, as our hearts howl at the moon. The stars and the ocean align, see me shine high in the sky. You can only see me and what nobody can.

Do you see me yet?, just look at me.

**Author Statement**

*"In the universe you find things you want to see but at the same time you don't. When in love you are vulnerable to the feelings that person can transmit to you. This poem is about a love wanting to be noticed for who they are. This individual wants the lover or person of interest to walk into their eyes and see their heart as well to feel their colors. In a way this individual struggles to be seen and prompts the question if they have seen them yet. Within the poem I wanted to also depict the value that in this vulnerable state of love, they are letting them know that they are worthy of love. Most importantly it's a honor to know the person wanting to be seen, if you can't see them then the lover isn't worthy of the person who carries the universe inside them."*