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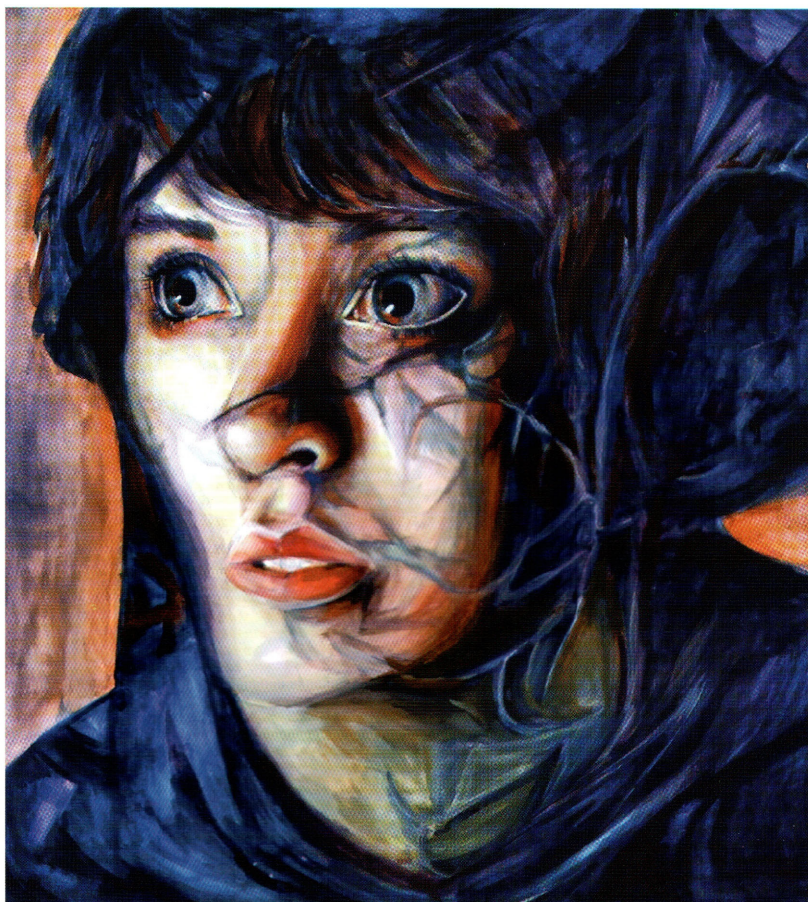
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STRANGEST DEVOTION

Liberty Daye

Strangest Devotion describes the psychological impact of being raised in a home where emotional, verbal and physical abuse was commonplace. The poem expresses the long term effects of both being a witness to and victim of family violence and ultimately how it framed her future. The cycle continued, leading to enduring two marriages that mirrored her abusive upbringing. The years of suffering abuse was done so in silence, in large part, because of devotion to her family and her faith.

Stoic, broken emotion
 Strangest devotion
 All around twisted
 Tangled and bound-up
 No strength to get up
 I'm gonna stay down
 Tired and dried up
 Wrung out, beat up
 My crimes, I'm payin for
 My cross to carry
 My fate to be weary
 Needn't runaway
 I'm the cause anyway
 I'm gonna stay down



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