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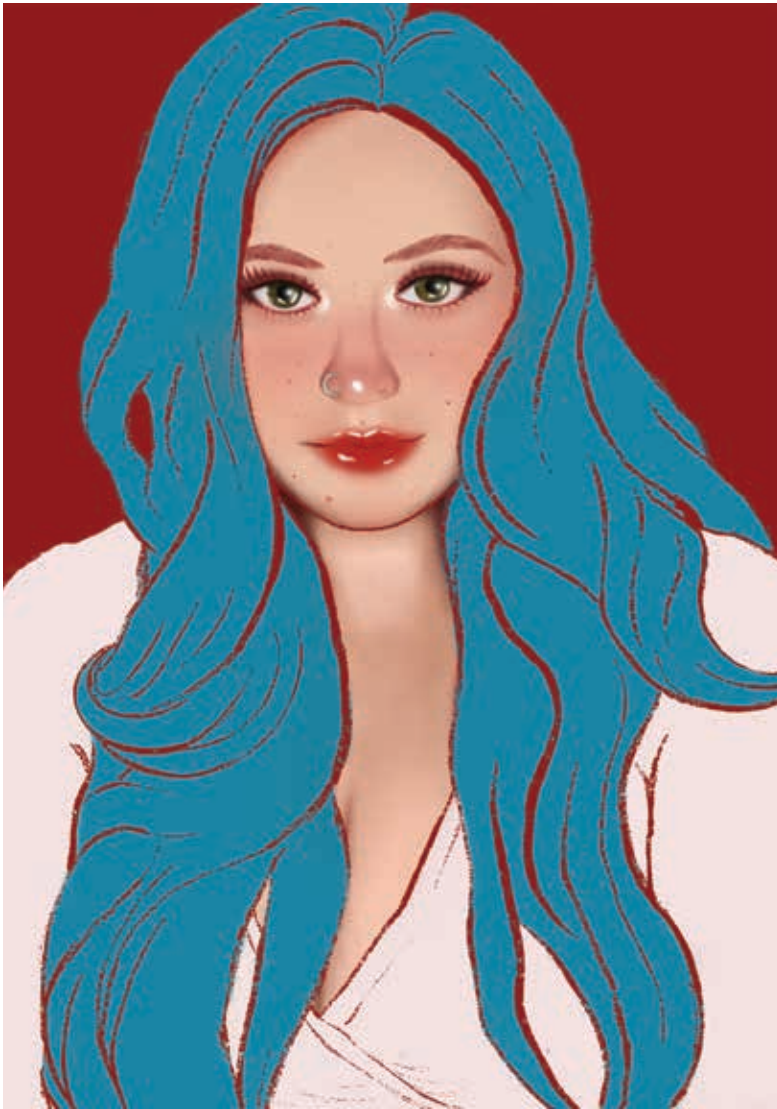
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## **Two Dragonflies**

Barry Rynk

On my 100th birthday ...  
I'll finally redeem my Willy Wonka Golden Ticket  
that marks the place in a book of  
my favorite Yeats poem.  
Then, I'll sit down and drink a cup of Apple Blossom  
tea with my gray tabby nestled 'round my feet.  
I'll patiently wait ... and wait for the fairy girl with flowers  
and stars in her hair to arrive. And, when

she appears to me, as small as my hand, all aglow  
with silver sequins and lace flowing to the ground,  
I'll ask of her a favor:

May you and I be transformed for an hour? Turned into  
A pair of magic dragonflies, voyaging back in time  
to the renaissance, to view Michelangelo adding his  
final weary strokes, the final touches of his  
horse-hair brushes on the frescoes of the Sistine  
Chapel's ceiling. And, there, two dragonflies  
dancing aloft near the Adam and Eve,  
watching, furtively, as he finishes his creation.