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Both friend and foe.

No matter the form,
transparent, amber or red;
it is the gateway to two paths.

Turn left and enjoy the
earthy sharpness of the elixir.
The delightfully pungent aroma
slows the mind long enough to see the truth.

But turn right and find yourself
gripped by the bitter thickness
of its riptide, drowning you
in what you thought were the shallows.

A glass awakens the senses
of an otherwise unconscious mind,
but a gallon distorts reality
to the point of no return.

Endorphins run high,
turning frowns into Cheshire cat smiles.
With liquid glee coursing through you,
how can negativity persist?

The better it feels,
the blurrier the line becomes.
Warning signs muffled by the
roaring of laughter and slurred speech.

It's a painful irony, really.

To her, it's joy. Comfort. An escape.

But to you, it's a criminal holding
her hostage with a charming chokehold.

The line's been crossed.
Plowed through. Obliterated.
The path back to the left is out of sight
unless led back by a strict guide.

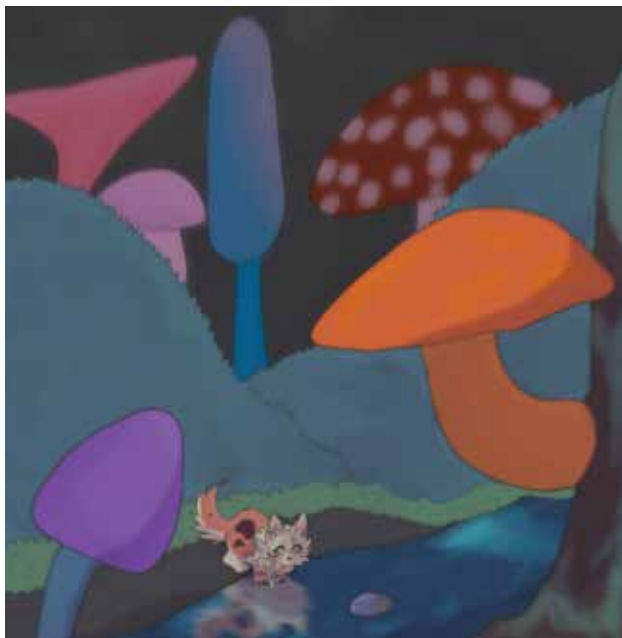
It was supposed to be a joy;
A taste of true maturity after
7,665 days. 252 months. 21 years.

But somehow a glass

turned
into
a
gallon.

Just Another Diamond Day

Esperanza Dehoyos



Turning 21

Nicole Bellin