

A watercolor illustration of a child standing in a vast, colorful landscape. The child is seen from behind, wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a light-colored dress. The landscape is composed of large, soft-edged shapes in shades of green, yellow, orange, and purple, suggesting a dreamlike or fantastical environment. The sky is a mix of light blue and white. The overall style is soft and painterly.

# A CHILD of the Universe

2024



Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible,

without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.



## JANUARY

Mon.

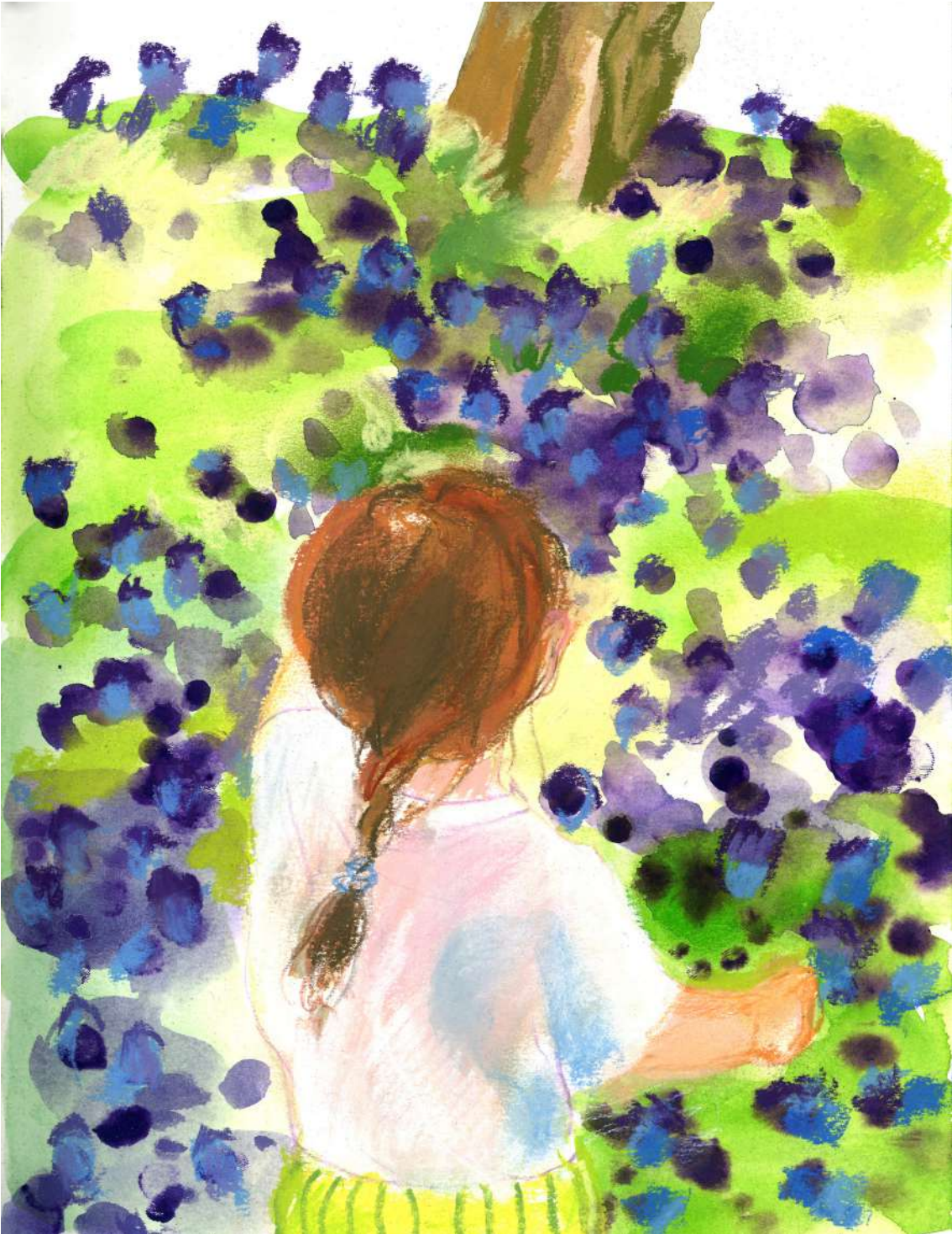
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# FEBRUARY

Thu.

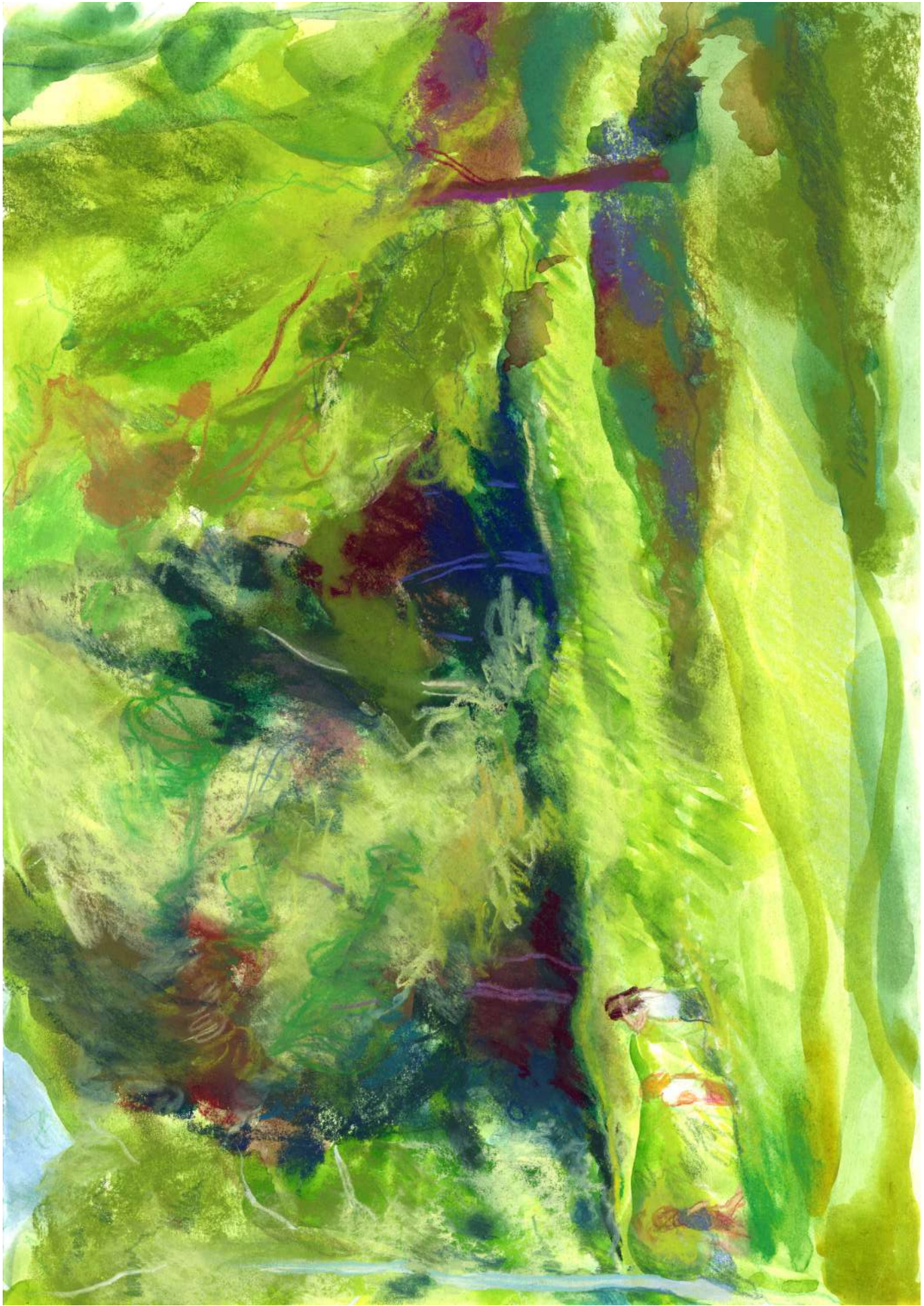
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Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant;

they too have their story.





Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit.  
If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter,

for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

MARCH

Fri.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career,  
however humble;



it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

## APRIL

Mon.

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# MAY

Wed.

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# JUNE

Sat.

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But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals,  
and everywhere life is full of heroism.





Be yourself.

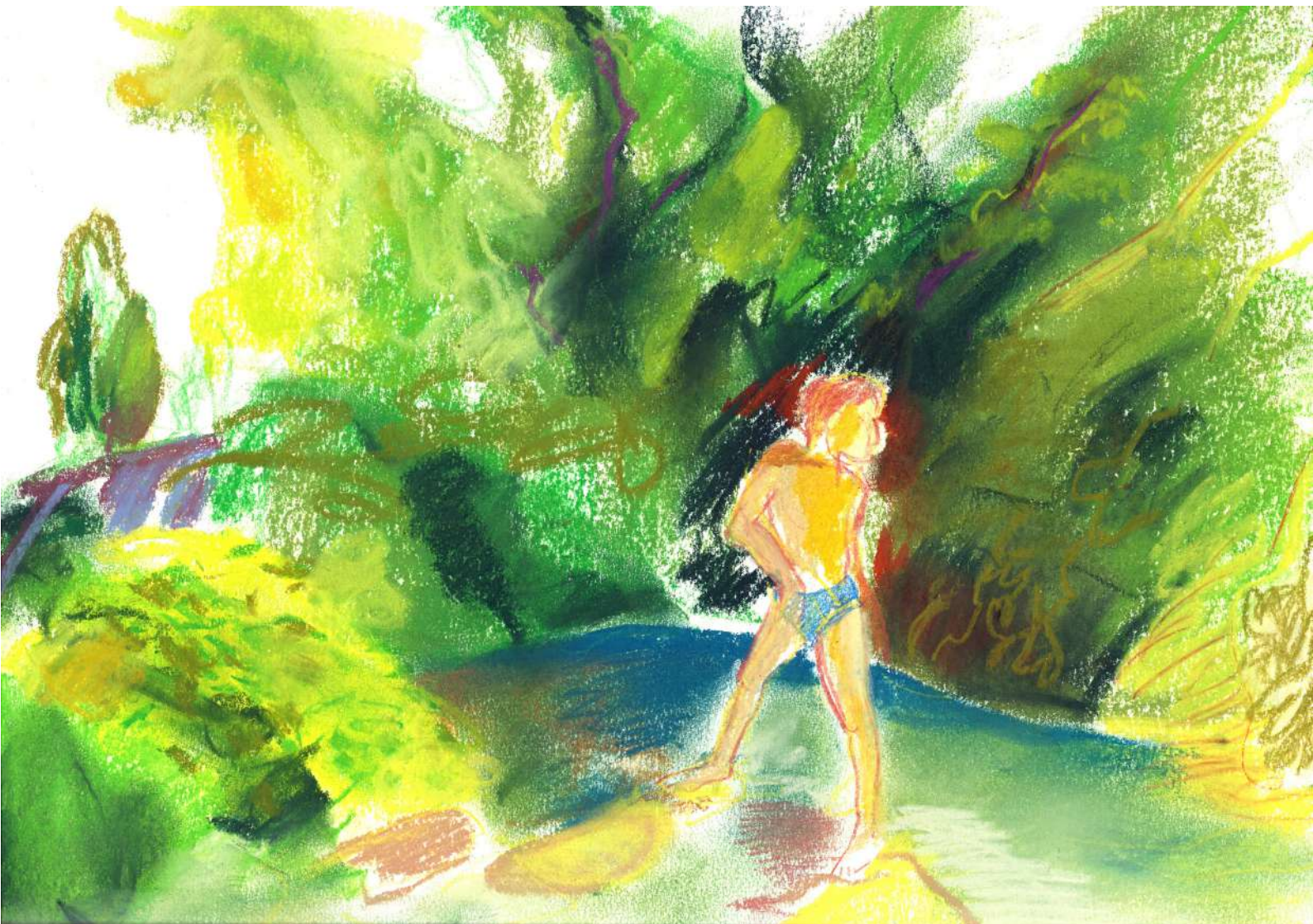
Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment,

it is as perennial as the grass.

JULY

Mon.

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# AUGUST

Thu.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.



# SEPTEMBER

Sat.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.

But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.







## OCTOBER

Tue.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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# NOVEMBER

Fri.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.



Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be.

And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.



## DECEMBER

Sat.

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Wellington, 2015



Taipei, 2023



Freiburg, 2022



Raumati, 2017



Nice, 2022



Schaffhausen, 2023



Freiburg, 2023



Waikawa, 2017



Waikawa, 2017



Martinborough, 2017



Freiburg, 2022



Studeneec u Nádrazí, 2022

## Desiderata

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Max Ehrmann (1872- 1945)





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