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For Will,

who has seen many sunrises and sunsets with me.



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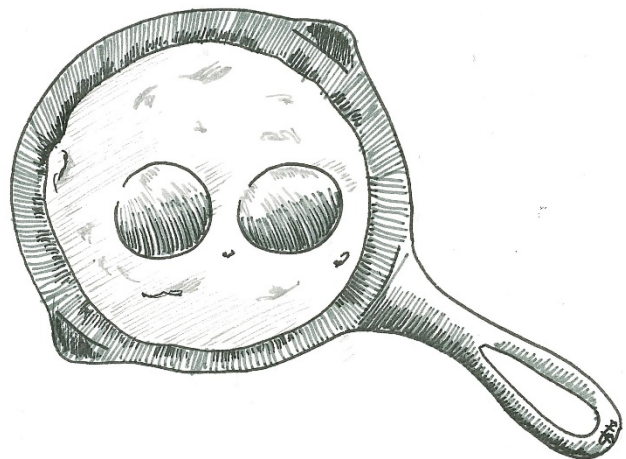
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## Crack an egg in the sky

A kite whistles through the air –  
A parachute gliding; an airplane whirring,  
7:50am – alarms – blasting –  
Furious – beeping – constant –  
A hundred-thousand kitchen lights on,  
Kettles clicked and eggs cracked  
Into the pan – yellow yolks smiling up  
Cheering your morning, setting your day,  
Outside, Nature's breakfast time:  
A golden fry up, with streaks of pink,  
A yolk fresher than that from any hen;  
Softer, brighter, than that of ten.



A lone tree waits a-top a washed green hill

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It's spindly arms — uncloaked of leaves —  
Gesture towards a sky; a lilac sea,

A plea for the sun — an invitation  
for orange juice to spill through the clouds  
Like a toddler pushing over a carton.



## Winter Sun

Burning, feverish  
Hills on fire  
Purple clouds form mountains, and  
Warriors dance along  
Rivers of lava.



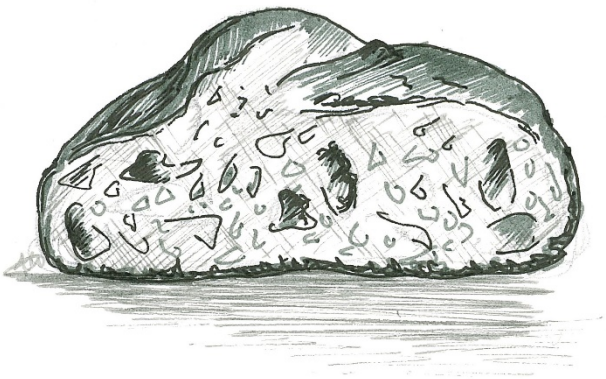
In the distance there are castles  
Made of tree silhouettes  
And creatures which are neither of the night  
Nor the day, waltz under a lilac sea,  
Holding paws and claws and tails  
To the solar heavens —  
Crying  
“Do you see us now?”

A rook flies through this inverted aurora borealis;  
Colours — indescribable — warming his feathers  
With the first rays of the winter sun.

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*For Elizabeth*

And light splits the trees  
like a golden yolk spilling  
through fresh sourdough.



## About the Author

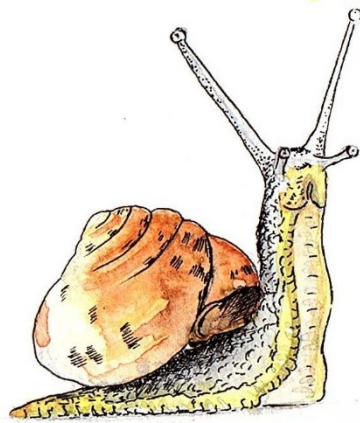
Alicia Hayden is an award-winning wildlife photographer, artist, writer, and filmmaker, from North Yorkshire. She won the 'Human Impact' category in David Shepherd Wildlife Artist of the Year 2021 for her piece 'When the Whale Sang', and was awarded the inaugural Ingrid Beazley Award. Alicia hopes that by showcasing the beauty of the natural world, she will encourage more people to protect it.

'Pastel dreams in Golden Skies' is the second instalment in Alicia's series of free mini-collections exploring the beauty and mystery of our local spaces.

Her first poetry book ['Rain before Rainbows'](#) came out in 2020, and she is currently working on her second.

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