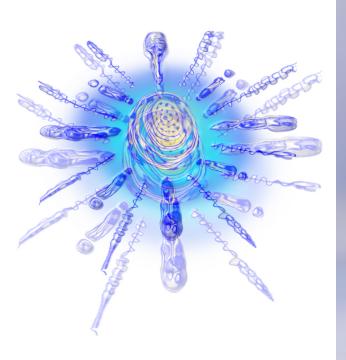


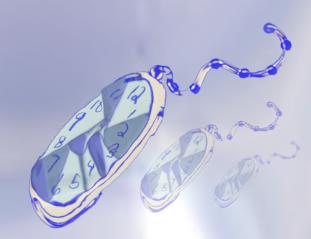
THIS ANE WAS WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY CATHERINE ASHLEY







AS HER EYES BLINKED OPEN, SHE STRETZHED SO THE ROOM SHOOK. AIMEE HEALD A THUD.



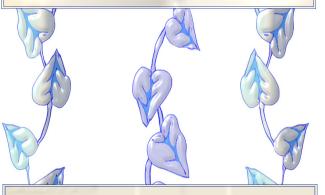
TIME SPLINTERED AS THE LOCKET SHATTERED.



SHE PICKED UP ALL THE PIECES OF HER LOCKET

AND SUCLETILY PUT THEM IN HER TOP LEFT

DRAWER.



AS ATMEE VENTURED OUTSIDE, SHE NOTICED THE LEAVES BEGIN TO CHANGE. SHE WATCHED HER FRIENDS GROW OUDER. SHE WATCHED SOME GROW SICK...

IN NO TIME AT ALL.







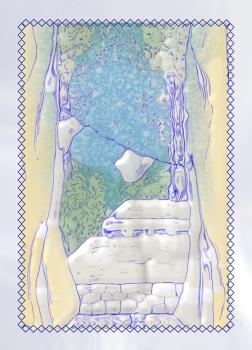
AIMEE RACED AROUND HER NEIGHBORHOOD, GOING DOOR TO DOOR TELLING ANYONE SHE COULD THAT SHE LOST HER TIME.

SHE WAS MET WITH CONFUSION.

HOT POSTOLE!

SOME EVEN LAUGHED.

DEFEATED, AIMSE WENT BACK HOME AND WATCHED THE SUN COME AND GO, WITHOUT FEELING MUCH ATALL.





THE SOUND OF A LOUD TRUCK IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING WAKES OUR AIMEE. SHE PEERS OUT THE WINDOW



"EVERYONE'S MOVING, EVERYTHING'S CLOSING"
AIMEE MUTTERS. SHE TOSSES OVER AND TRIES
TO GO BACK TO SLEEP.

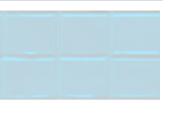


NEW GROCERY STORES AND MOVIE THEATRES REPLACED THE HAIR SUPPLY AND WESTERN UNION.



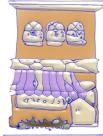


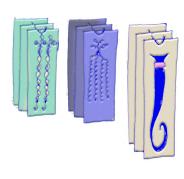
























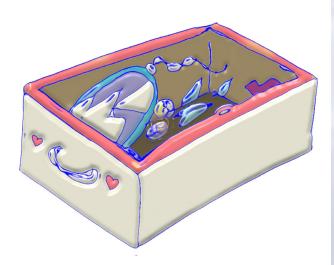


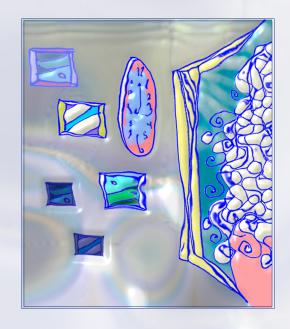
THE STREETS GOT REPAYED AND THE BUSINESSES STILL THERE SCRAMBLED TO FINISH UP A FRESH

COAT OF PAINT.

LESS AND LESS PEOPLE IN AIMEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKED LIKE HER. AFTER A MOMENT, AIMEE LIGHTS UP!

SHE BOLTS UP TO HER BEDROOM, FROM THE TOP LEFT DRAWER, AIMEE PULLS OUT HER BROKEN LOCKET. WITH SUCH CARE, SHE PUTS IT BACK TOGETHER, PIECE BY PIECE.





ONCE FIXED, AIMEE HOLDS HER LOCKET CLOSE TO HER CHEST AND BLOOMS 18 VEARS MORE. SHE INSPECTS HERSELF AND TAKES IN THE WAYS SHE LOOKS THE SAME, AND WHAT HAS COME AND GONE. WITH A GASP, AIMEE DARTS OVER TO HER WINDOW. SHE LOOKS OUT AND NOTHING LOOKS AND DIFFERENT. PERPLEXED, AIMEE CRIES

" BUT I GOT OLDER! I FIXED

my TIME! "



THERE IS A SHOCKINGLY FIRM KNOCK ON THE DOOR.

AIMEE TAKES A MOMENT IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR
TO FIX HER MAIR AND PUT ON SOME LIP COLOR.

AFTER DESCENDING THE STAIRS, AIMEE OPENS
THE DOOR TO BE GREETED BY A DANGLING
FORELLOBORE SIGN AND A COLD GUST OF WIND.

