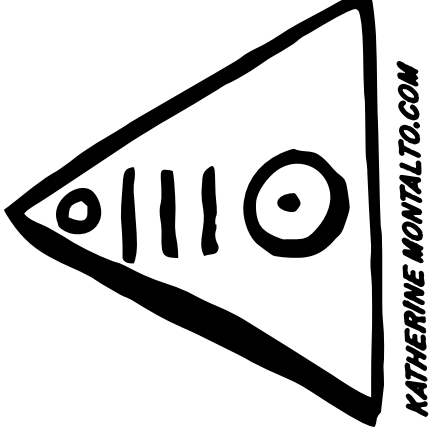


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speaker  
add in filler words  
empty space interrupted  
holding verbal space

playground bully  
The perfect insult  
Thought of something good to say  
Twenty years later

drafts  
creeps into the room  
seeps under skin, into bones  
clutches at your neck

hibernate  
warm blanket. hot tea  
reading in a rocking chair  
long walks on cold days

geese

Birds in formation  
An arrow pointing southward  
Winter feeding grounds

ferocious

unrestrained violence  
powerful and destructive  
unpredictable