

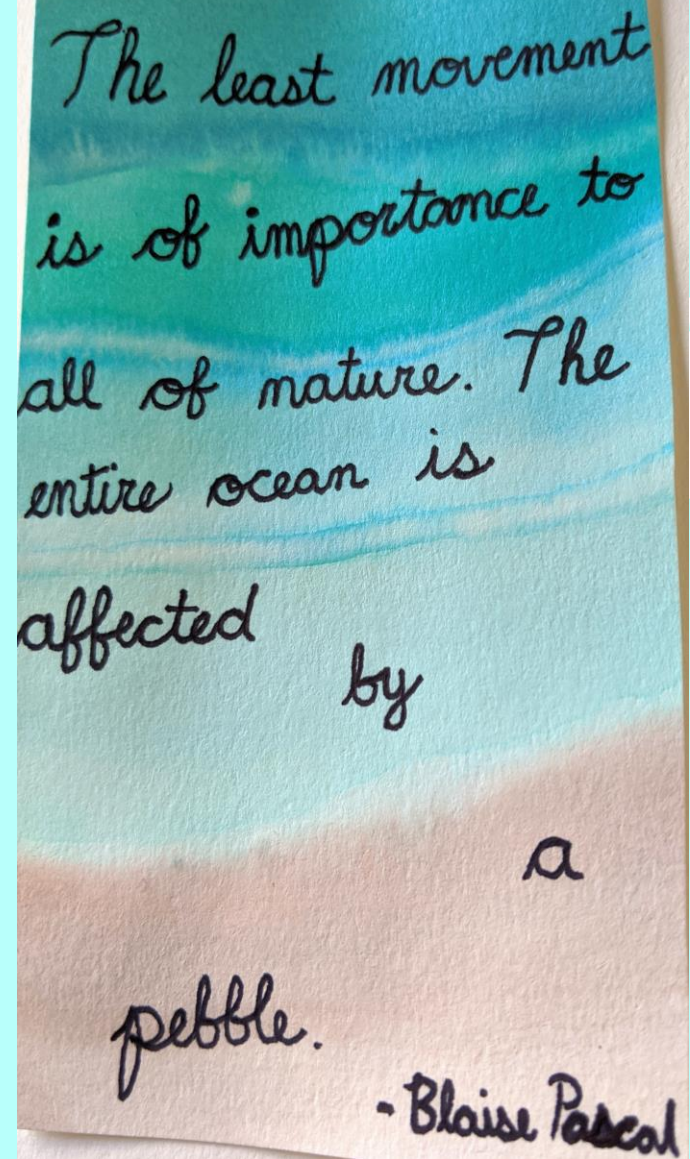


# The Whirligig Activities Project

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A photograph of a road at sunset. The sky is a mix of purple, orange, and yellow. Tall palm trees are silhouetted against the sky. The road has a yellow center line that recedes into the distance. The text "Bumper Stickers" is overlaid in the center.

Bumper Stickers



The least movement  
is of importance to  
all of nature. The  
entire ocean is  
affected  
by  
a  
pebble.  
- Blaise Pascal

Interconnectedness  
Bumper Sticker



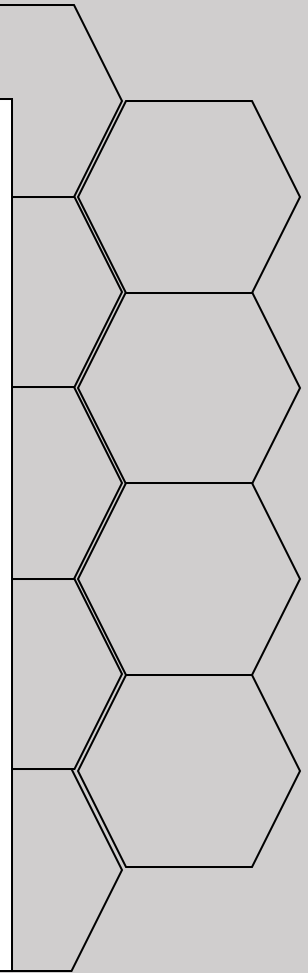
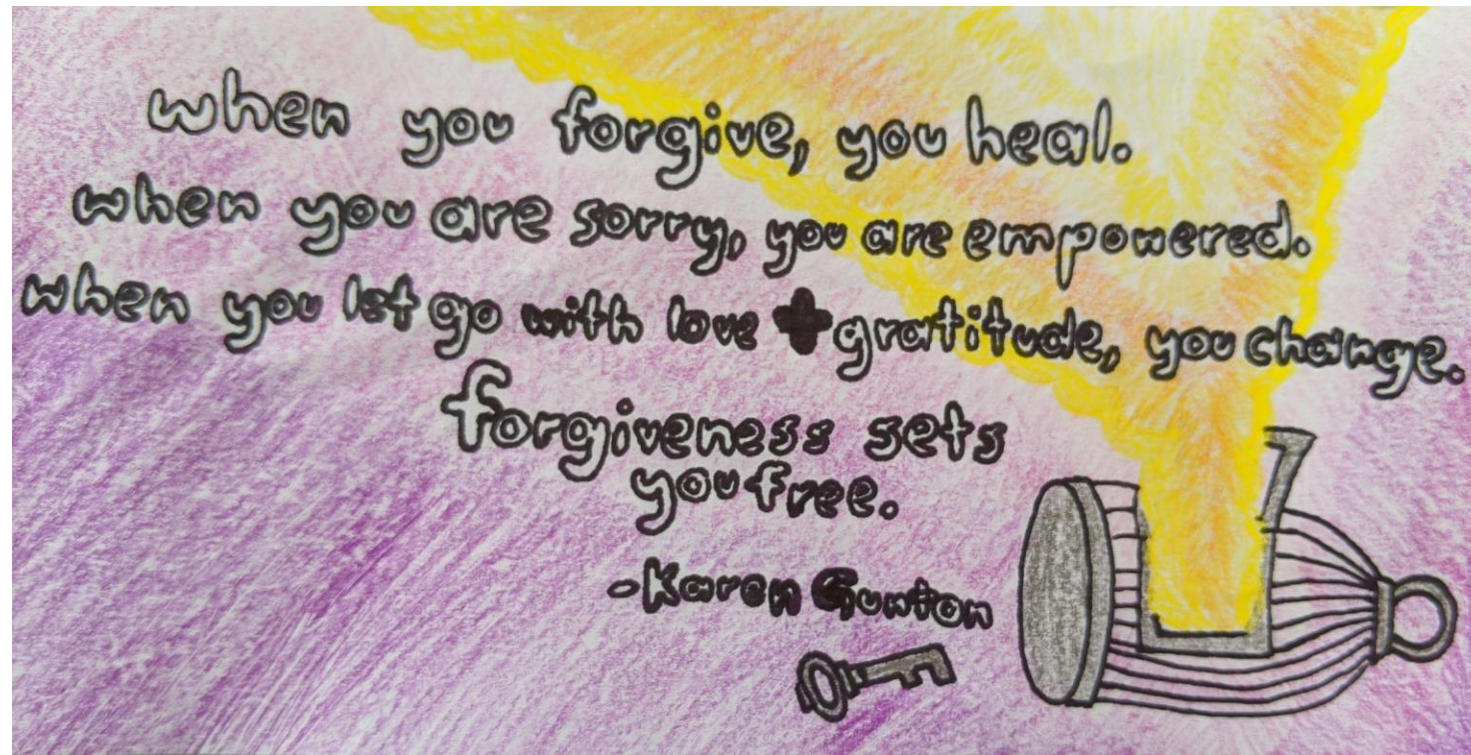
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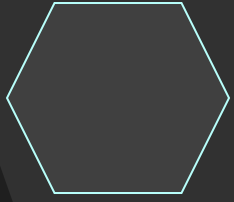
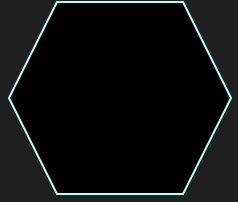
This quote relates to the theme of interconnectedness. Brent's actions and choices affected the people he met and the people that saw his whirligigs. Actions made by people he met, affected him. Big actions like taking Lea's life influenced the story but so did the small actions. The small things largely affected the story, like the people he met or saw. What they inspired him to try new things and find himself. These small actions are much like the pebble in the ocean it might be small, but it still could have a major effect on the ocean. Brent might not have changed for the better without the small actions.

# Symbolism of the Ocean

This interconnectedness quote also refers to the symbolic meaning of the ocean. The Ocean symbolizes life and the ups and downs of it, chaos, hope, strength, and stability. This corresponds well with Brent and the story of the whirligig. He went through a lot of ups and downs, taking a life and going on a journey to make up for it. He also went through a lot of inner conflict and chaos because of that. Brent persevered and didn't give up on his journey because of the hope that he had the strength to grow from the experience. Throughout his journey Brent traveled and always placed his whirligigs by the ocean. Along with the bus the ocean was one of the only constants in his life and it made him feel stable. Brent was always strangely drawn to the ocean and he never really knew why but it might have been because of how the symbolic ocean resonated well with him because of how it related to his own life.

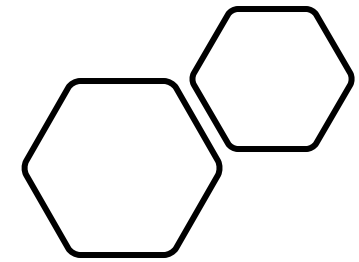
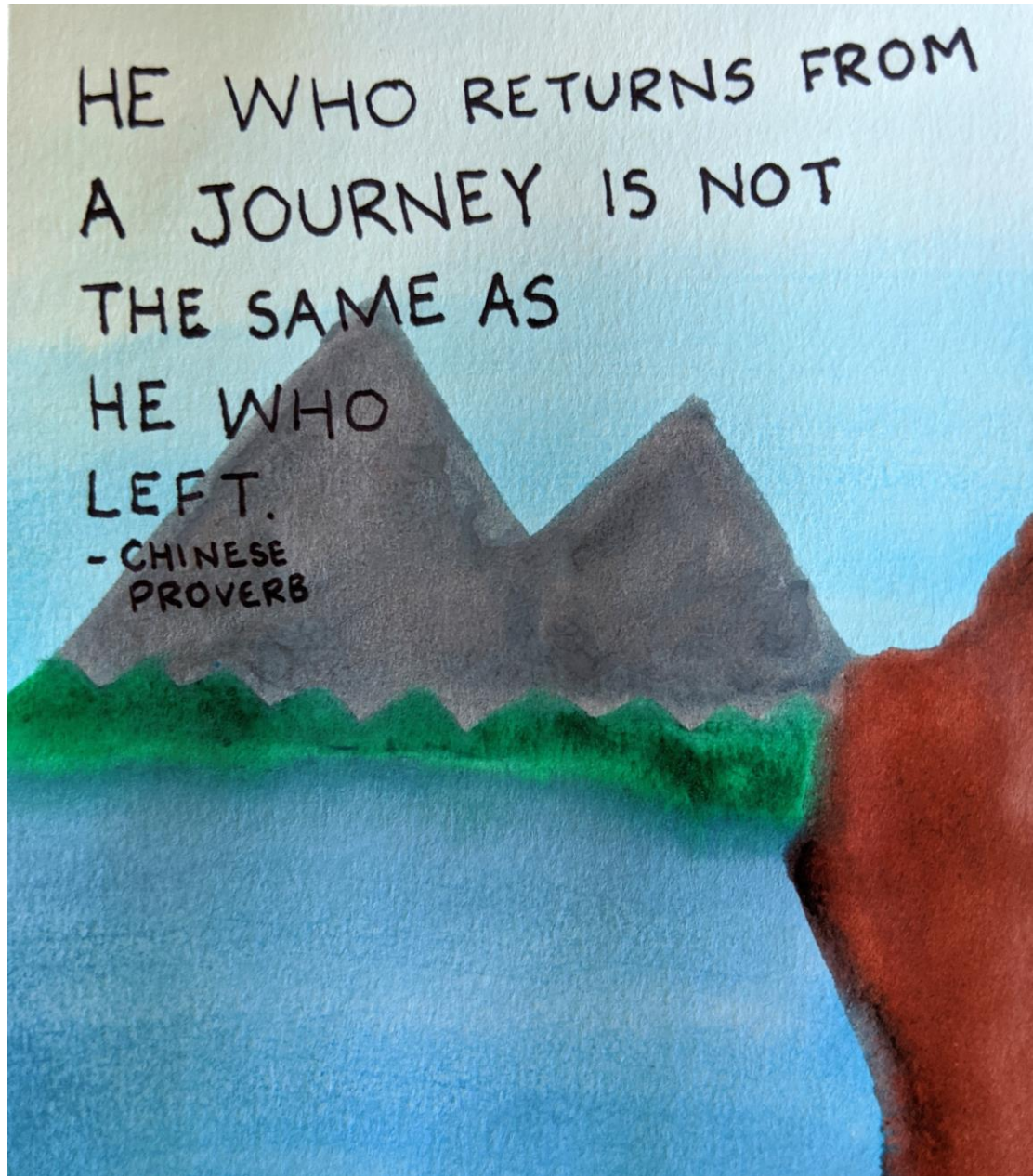
# Forgiveness Bumper Sticker





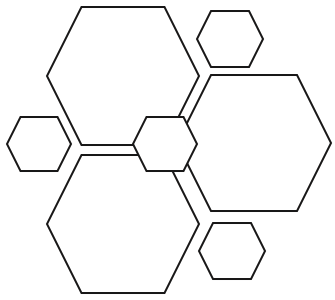
# Forgiveness Theme Bumper Sticker Quote

This quote relates to the theme of forgiveness. Ms. Zamora sent Brent on a journey of redemption and that saved his life. Not only was the journey for Brent to make up for what he did for Ms. Zamora's forgiveness but also so he could forgive himself. Brent felt so much guilt for what he did and wanted to make up for it on the journey. Brent struggled with guilt but was eventually able to let go of what he could not go back and change. When Brent forgave himself, he was able to heal, let go, and change. Much like the quote forgiveness really did set him free.



Journey  
Bumper  
Sticker





# Journey Theme Bumper Sticker Quote

This proverb is related to the journey theme. Before his journey Brent was self-absorbed, only cared about material things, and only wanted to fit in. When Brent went on his journey, he had to discover who he was. Before he wasn't anyone other than what material things he valued. On his journey he allowed himself to try new things and noticed the world around him in a way he never had before. Brent learned about and understood constellations, read books, and learned to play the harmonica. Exactly like the proverb, when Brent returned from his journey, he changed into completely different person compared to who he was before.

# Sources



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