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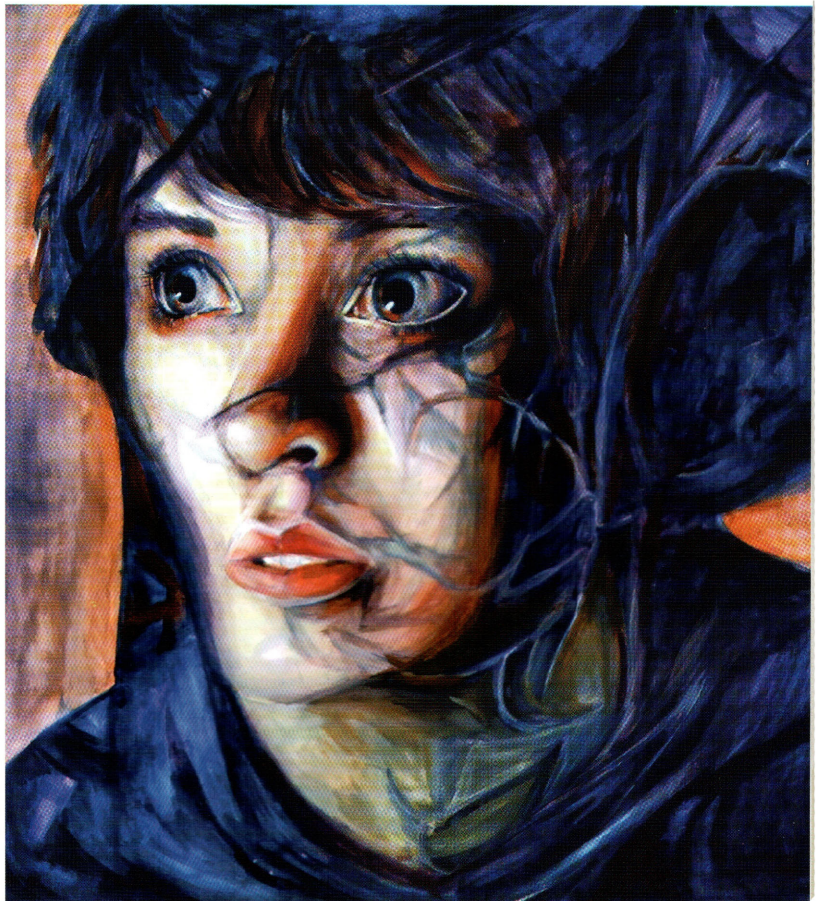
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Strangest Devotion describes the psychological impact of being raised in a home where emotional, verbal and physical abuse was commonplace. The poem expresses the long term effects of both being a witness to and victim of family violence and ultimately how it framed her future. The cycle continued, leading to enduring two marriages that mirrored her abusive upbringing. The years of suffering abuse was done so in silence, in large part, because of devotion to her family and her faith.

Stoic, broken emotion
Strangest devotion
All around twisted
Tangled and bound-up
No strength to get up
I'm gonna stay down
Tired and dried up
Wrung out, beat up
My crimes, I'm payin for
My cross to carry
My fate to be weary
Needn't runaway
I'm the cause anyway
I'm gonna stay down



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