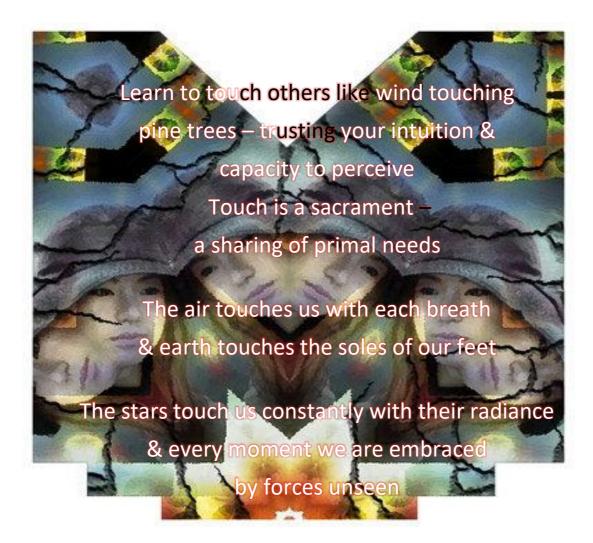
TOUCH OF LIFE (Part 1):

an affirmation of the value of touch



Cindy: Look at this artwork closely. Does it remind you of life or death?

Don: (laughing) They're both sides of the same coin – connected inextricably.

Cindy: (munching on a bagel) Fair enough, but why write crap like this?

Aiko: Yeah, for those who really touch others deeply, what's the need for poetry?

Bai-Luo: (scoffing down a dry Chardonnay) Does it matter? Every poem is a skeleton in some sense but the graveyards of literature are worth examining.

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