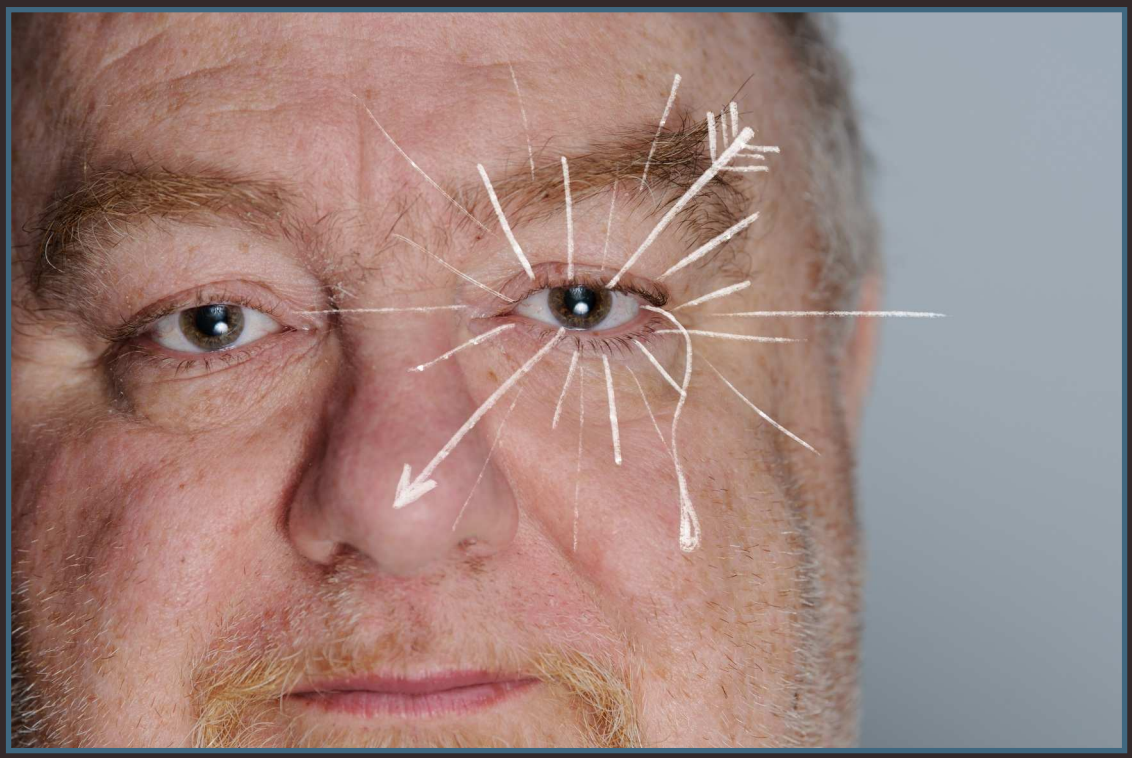
Songs of the Earth
Voices of the Sky

This series of photographs and accompanying texts is the result of a 2017 collaboration between mentally ill people from Boroondara Community Outreach, students from Trinity Grammar School, supported by Barking Spider Visual Theatre artists.

Don't blink first

John and Adam



Don't blink first

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arranged marriage

in a half-made dress

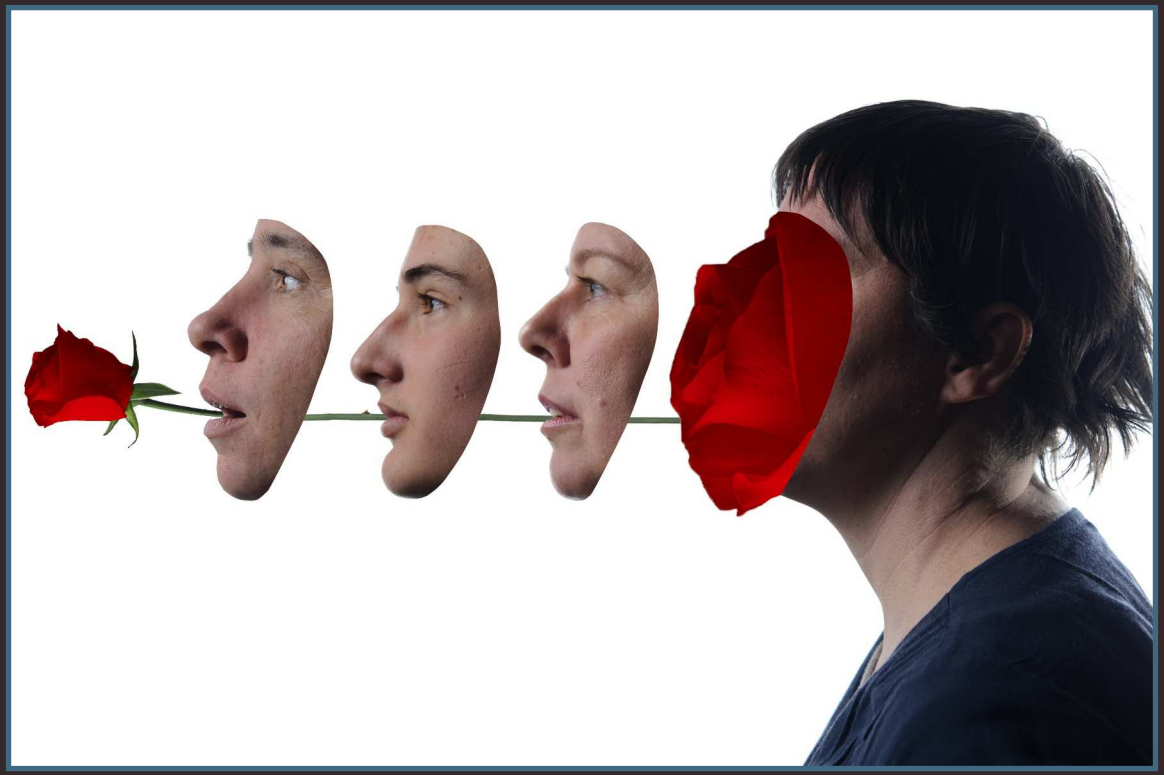
blind love
half-made

Don't blink

Don't blink first

Fell on me like God

Linnie and Hugo



I had a dream

very often

I was in the audience

I grew…

large

then shrank

small

I felt like a large man

fell

on me

like…

God

Orb

Julian and David



An orb of energy
Came into my room

The black figure was at my bedside
I was paralysed

With fear

Darkness and Light

Louise and Jimmy



confusing

choosing the right
path
detours
obstacles

success
celebration
values

isolation
resilience

options
relief
bland . bleak

vibrant
full of colour
life

trapped inside paradise
success surrounded by

failure
sense of closure
pressure

darkness and light

Haze no more

Sean and Nick



down

into a mountain

searching for

something deeper

imagining I was

something different

going down

whirlpool-like

going deeper

then discovering

dreamlike entry

blurred light

revelation

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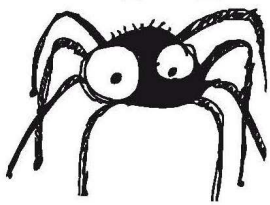

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