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## Kintsugi forever Laura Braun

No matter where my feet touched ground I felt always rather lost than found failed to see that home can be inside of your skin

if you kiss it good night and hold yourself tight maybe bark but not bite you'll be alright

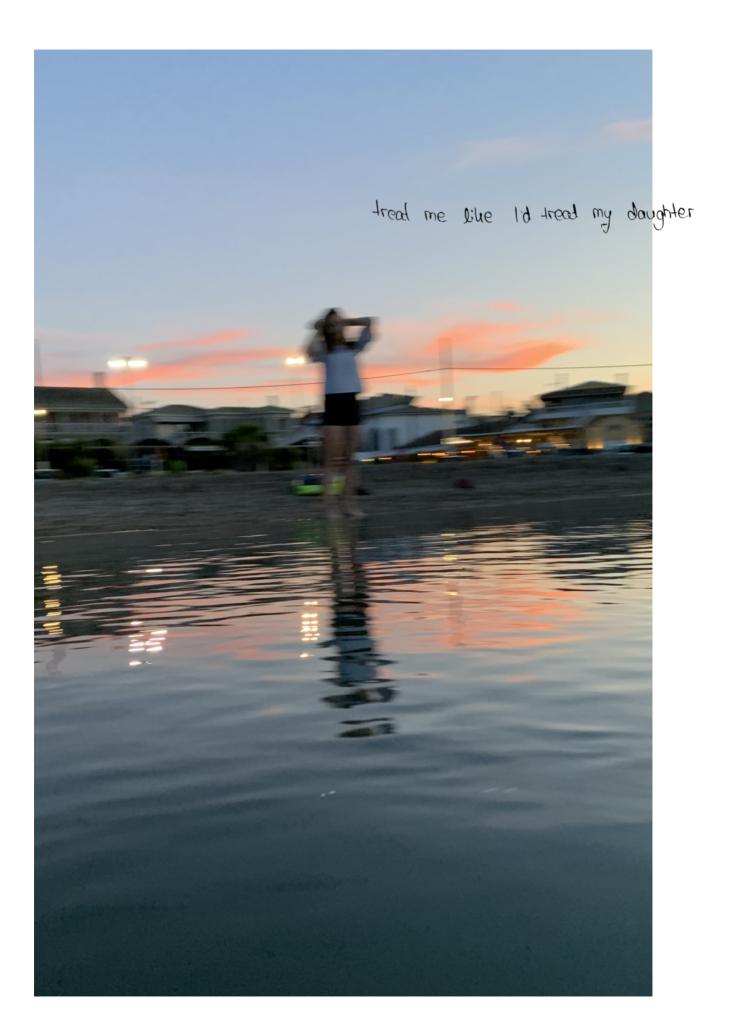
so I made myself become my castle I wrapped myself up like a parcel cause there's fragile things inside and you should start to treat them right and if I'm honest - so should I

so recently

fresh out of the oshes

I apply all the sunscreen to keep all the sunbeams from burning my precious skin and you might say that I'm too thin but I eat and eat and eat to stand safe and sound on feet that take me everywhere I want to go

I drink all the water treat me like I'd treat my daughter buy me flowers and at night I sleep a solid seven hours



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cut the red wine and I still don't smoke even though I love the aesthetic I keep my bad habits in the attic and you see me hit the gym see me not drown but swim so strong my demons can't beat me they once used to eat me

alive

watch me clean the sheets and give me all the things I need still working on not crying every night and not crying when I write but one step at a time being sad is not a crime

I don't deserve prison and neither do you for taking some time to understand how to water a sensitive plant with a gentle hand and caring words doing nothing that hurts the blossoms or the leaves and roots

I take the glass out of my boots and the pain is now receding it was time to stop the bleeding if you want to reap some good things you have to start with seeding

you should care for your body and soul pour gold into every hole Kintsugi forever I became clever at least I am better

than before



I want to catch the boulders that all the people threw at me I want to lift the ones that I once tied to my feet hold them over my head and tell them I'm not dead even if that's what they read

if I am a phoenix
fresh out of the ashes
and I've healed most of my gashes
don't treat me like a bird
who is broken and is hurt
even if that's what you heard

so don't believe everything you hear objects in mirror are not as bad as they appear and there's a chance you can patch up your soul

you are in control

and there is nothing that you lack but some gold inside a crack