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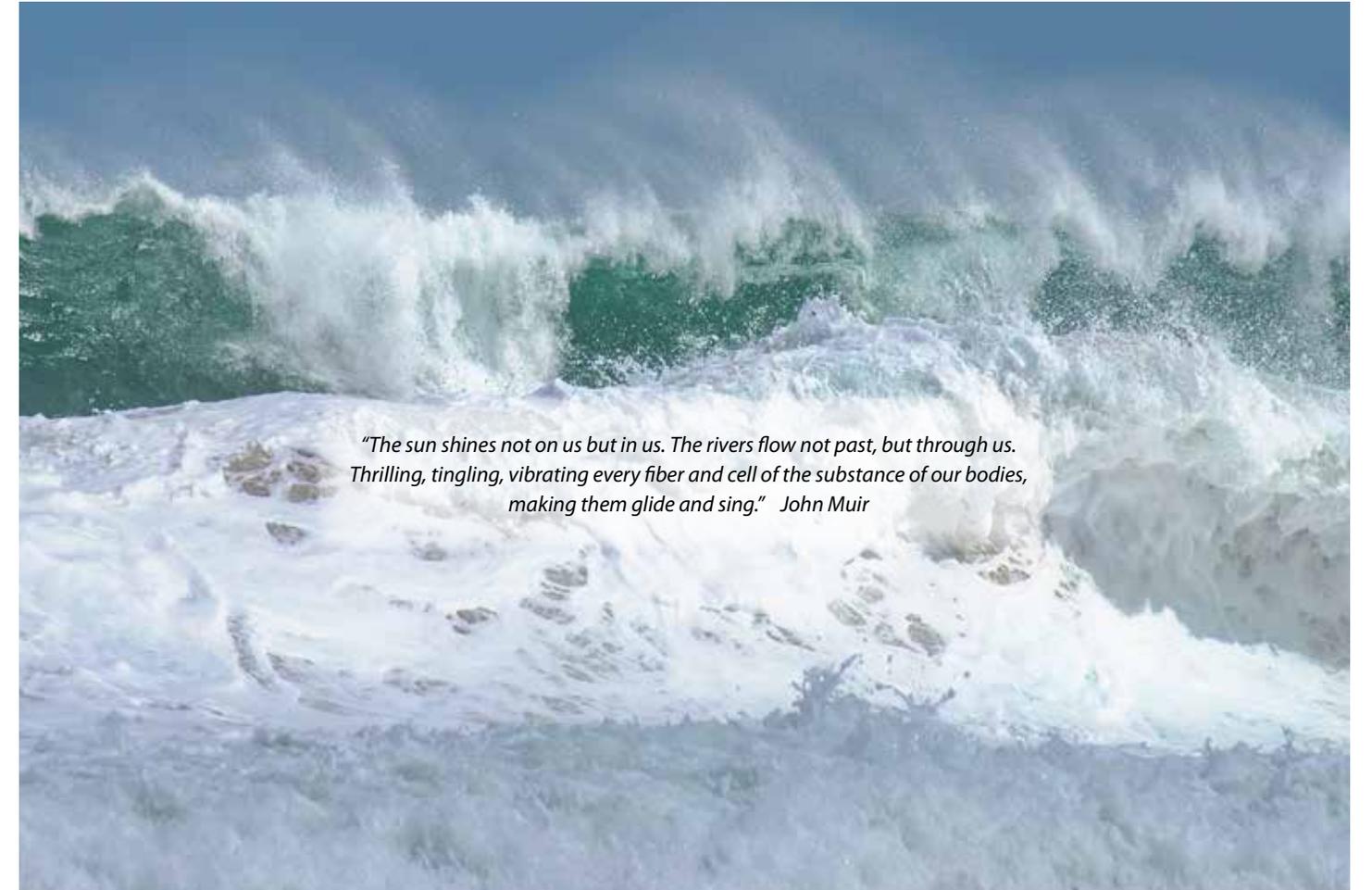
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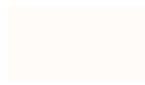
*"I am endlessly fascinated with the patterns, colors, and textures occurring in the natural world. I pursue photography not to simply document what I see, but rather to draw out the unique visual messages that emerge from the wonders I am privileged to witness. I find the haiku that emerges around these images provides another way in thus, deepening discovery. I hope this mix of images and words will resonate and widen your appreciation of nature."*

**Betsy Forcade**

*This book is lovingly dedicated to Tim Forcade, my partner in life,  
who makes it all possible – all the time.  
I also dedicate this book to the brave Greta Thunberg  
who is working to save all that is beautiful.*



*“The sun shines not on us but in us. The rivers flow not past, but through us.  
Thrilling, tingling, vibrating every fiber and cell of the substance of our bodies,  
making them glide and sing.” John Muir*



**Notes from the Sea**

Hot sun and cold water,  
A letter from the ocean.  
Warm feet in soft sand.



**Lush Life**

Warm sun feeds the Spring,  
Young grasses race across hills.  
Heart opens to air.



**Exhale**

The loud rushing in,  
A pause, then a long exhale.  
Birth and death on sand.



**Impending**

Storm clouds call ahead,  
Birds and grasses signaling.  
Hang on for the ride!



**Moonlit**

Moonlight on patterns,  
Delicate tracings of tides.  
Quiet beach moment.



**Sun Fall**

Peeking through low clouds  
Transforming solitude falls.  
Twilight in the Hills.



**Namaka's Pursuit**

Goddess of salt water  
Flies through frothy, glassy waves.  
Inexorable.



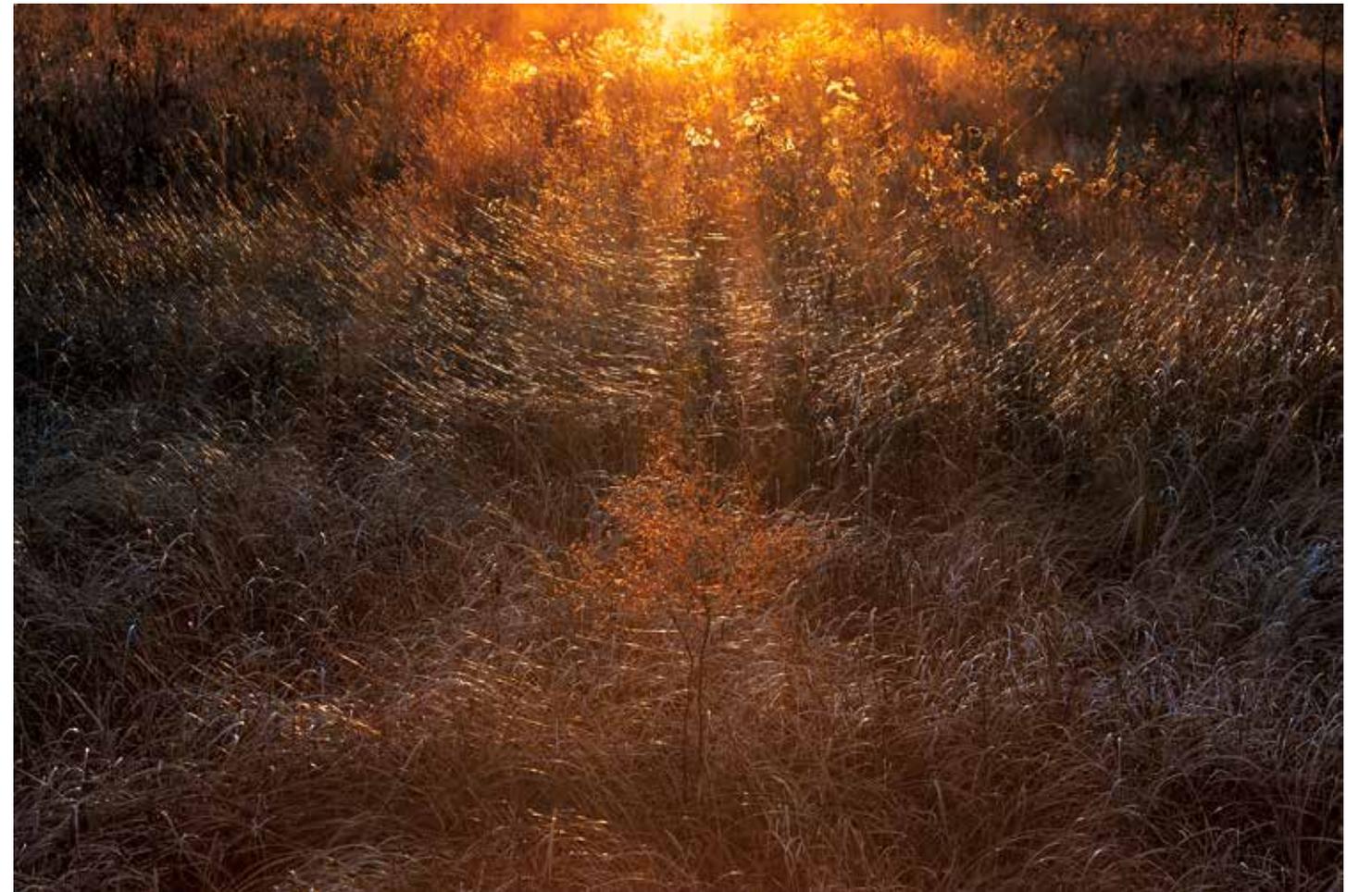
**Looking Glass**

Sun-powered diamonds  
Drift through reflections of blue.  
Winter's reverie.



**Titania's Lights**

Queen of the Fairies  
Shimmering in twilight realms.  
The pulse of the night.



**Texico Rocks III**

Bees buzz and wind blows.  
Quiet rocks speak of oceans.  
Peaceful valley of green.



**Messengers**

Quiet patterns rest,  
Then, an explosion of wings.  
Shadows fly with them.



**Cup of Galadriel**

Musical bubbles  
Dancing in sun lit water.  
Serenity's hymn.



**Dune Storm**

Storm clouds approaching –  
Dangerous winds race across.  
Exhilaration!



**Liquid Sky**

Impressions of sun,  
The impermanence of tides.  
Ghosts of clouds above.



**Flint Hills Highway II**

Patterns echo hooves,  
Deer and antelope tracings.  
Transient highway.



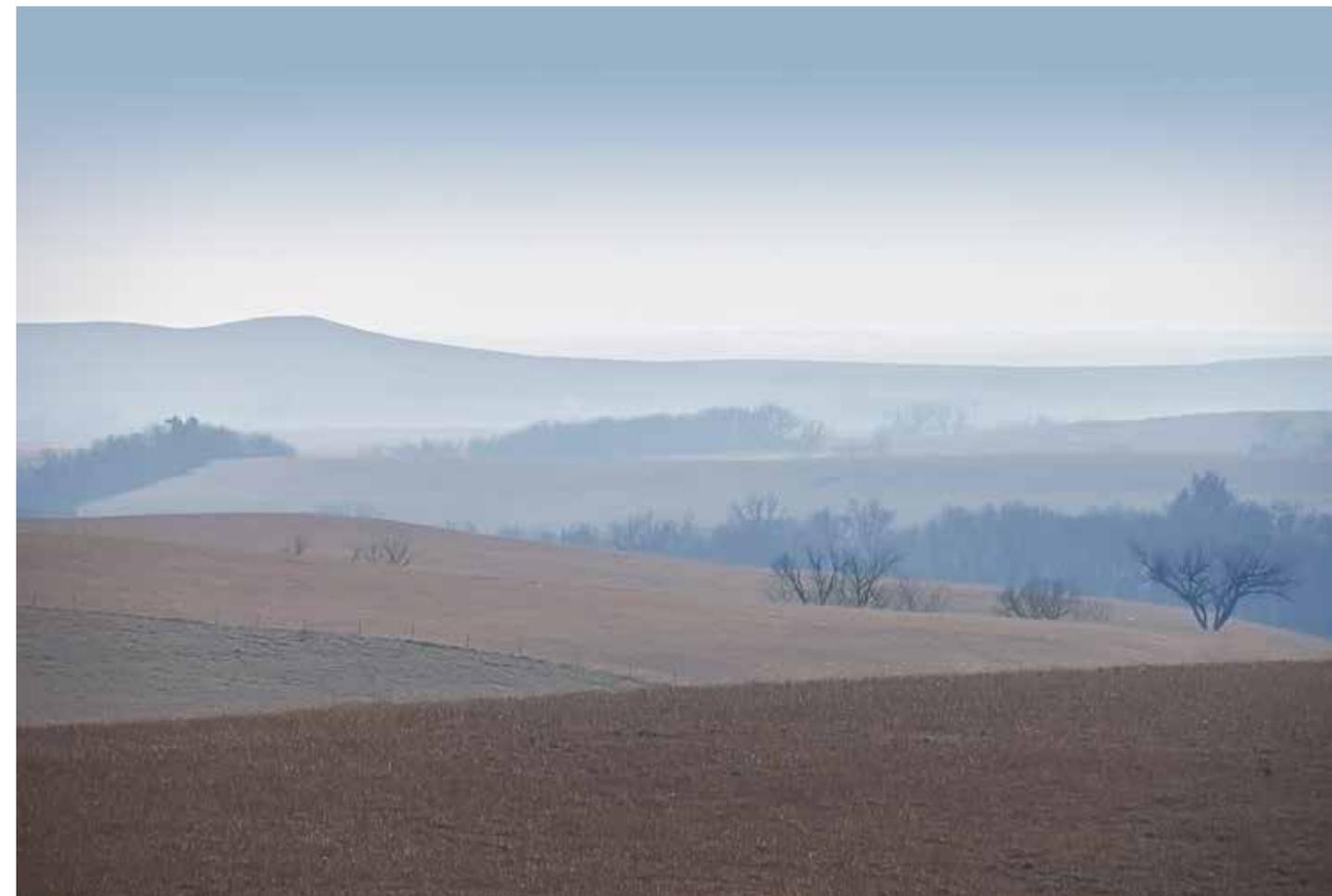
**Watercolor**

Carving and painting,  
The tides express themselves.  
Delicate murals.



**Autumn Fog**

Early morning Hills –  
Fog hangs softly on the fields.  
Quiet mystery.



**Mithril**

Flash of sky and clouds  
Through metallic tidal sands.  
Swiftly soothes and bathes.



**Emerging Breath**

Facing the hot sun.  
A corona drifts slowly.  
Feel the quiet pulse.



**Indra's Net**

Water transforms sun,  
Interconnected being.  
One strand pulls them all.



**Moonlight Sonata**

Moon kisses cool sand,  
Salt water brushes your feet.  
The song of evening.





Betsy Forcade is an artist using photography and words to express her love and wonder of the natural world. She has worked in photography studios for over thirty years, learning all aspects of the medium. Her artwork is regularly exhibited and collected nationally.

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