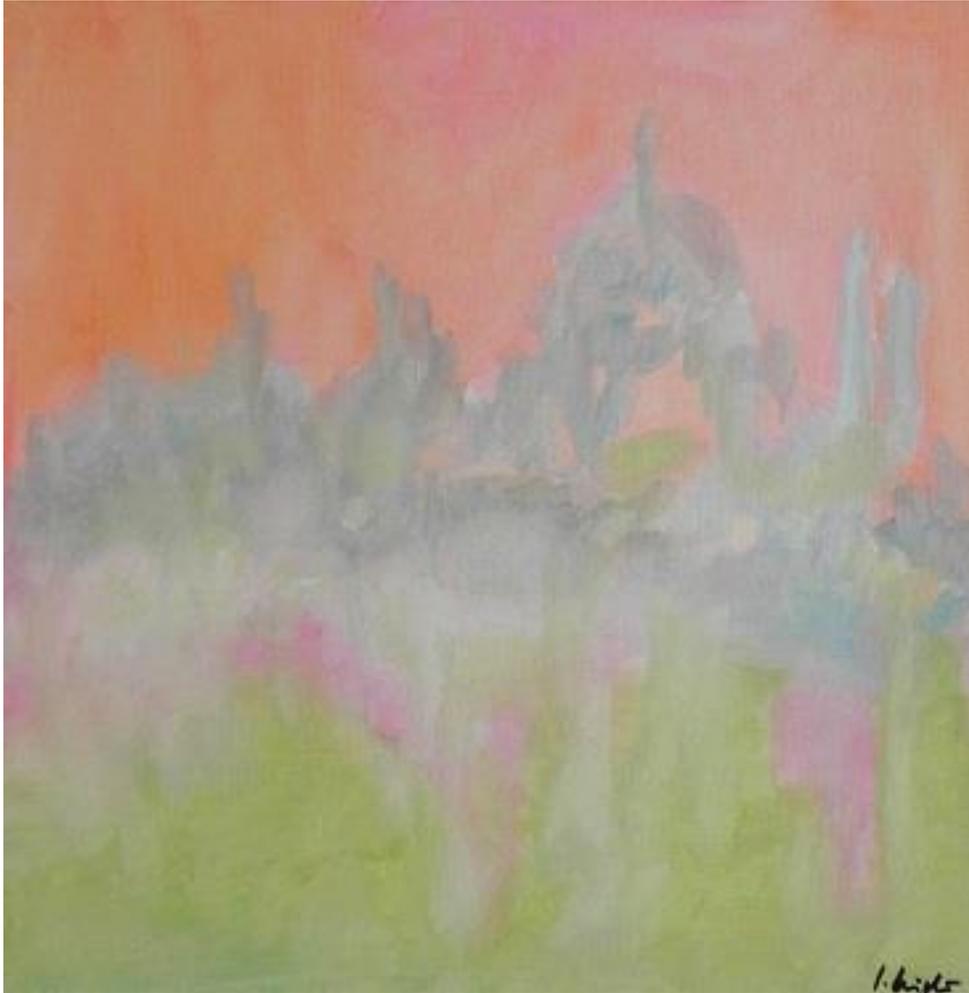


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POETRY



Acrylics 50 cm x 50 cm

Nowadays is there anybody still reading poetry, letting slowly melt the words on the tongue and getting intoxicated on the melody of the verses and listening raptly to the reverberation of the music? (Maybe somewhere a few romantic dinosaurs have survived?)

We need some poetry in life otherwise it will turn someday into a nightmare. But the word 'poetry' may have a different meaning to different people. What Rilke, Mozart or Monet means to somebody, BMW, caviar or champagne might mean the same thing so somebody else.

Nowadays are there still youths who are in love and dedicate poetry written with their own lifeblood to their adored ones? A SMS message is shorter, terser and clearer, and heads for it's goal without embellishment and ornamentation. To show one's affection some letters and contractions that only insiders can read and interpret are sufficient. A clearly and open language that offers itself up for all sorts of misunderstandings.

But how clearly and unambiguously are the languages of modern lyrics, of modern music or of

contemporary painting? They are not mathematically formulatable or philosophically clearly defined logical languages. Indeed, lyrics use vocabulary known to us but at the same time paint a picture with it and let the melody of the text become music. The words are hanging on silvery threads and moving ever so slightly in the wind.

Then from behind the music appears one or the other word, takes form and shape, and evokes pictures, thoughts and memories, and gives us an idea of a deeper sense before sliding back again.

Even music and painting have their 'poetic' natures.

Fine, silken thread pervades the works of art and hovers around us until we become part of the artistic creation ourselves. Openness of soul and senses gives us access to this irrational and imaginary world.

The poetry of life is a delicate plant, it needs a lot of care, patience and creative intention that is part of us humans.

Moreover a poem, a piece of music or a picture can bring like a candle light into this dark season.