

2023 Art Competition

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Inspired by	And I Never Saw Them Again

After watching the video multiple times, I was reminded of the vastness of space. I believe that space is an endless and suffocating void that grows with time, much like the emptiness inside the "children" in the video who have lost their loved ones and childhoods. Despite this, they choose to go into the light and illuminate their surroundings, holding onto the dream of their families' whispering songs.

In my artwork, I highlight the human inability in the face of Satan, much like in Michelangelo's "The Creation of Adam". As a descendant of those who sacrificed their lives for future generations, I feel it is my duty to keep their memories alive and contribute to their immortality through my art. My artwork honors their souls and hopefully contributes to their mortality on earth.

