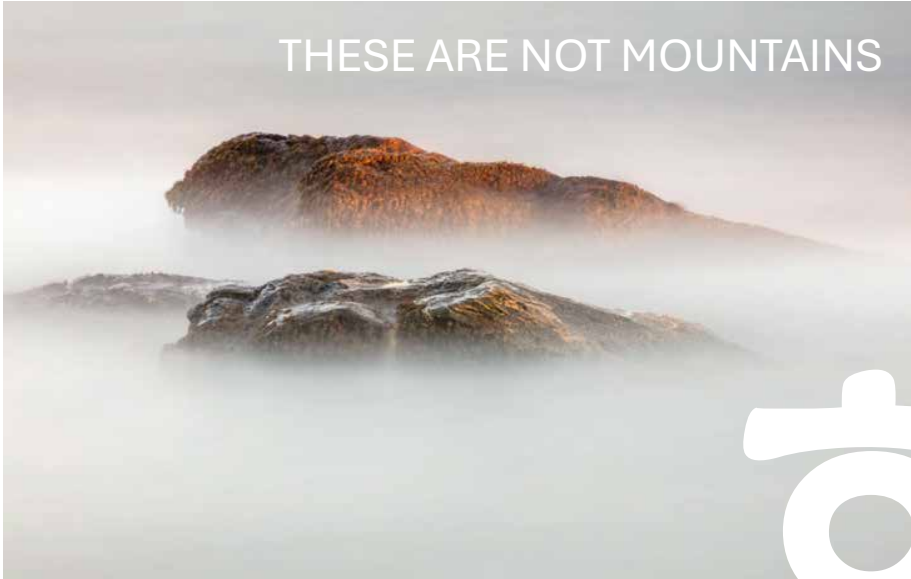


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THESE ARE NOT MOUNTAINS



BECOMING THE WIND



WANDERING



1st Theme: Longing to see

Subtitle: These are not Mountains

As an immigrant, I have always missed my homeland, and I was glad to see the scenery of Korea on the east coast of United States.

Through my imagination, the rocks and waves became the mountains and rivers of my homeland I have longed for.

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2nd Theme: Longing to go

Subtitle: Becoming the Wind

Sometimes when I look up at the sky, I see birds flying in groups.

How free are those birds? Even if they are only going on a set path.

Only if I could be that wind passing through the trees, I could rush to my
Hometown.

In my imagination, I become a bird and the wind, searching for my memory's
yearnings.

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3rd Theme: Wandering

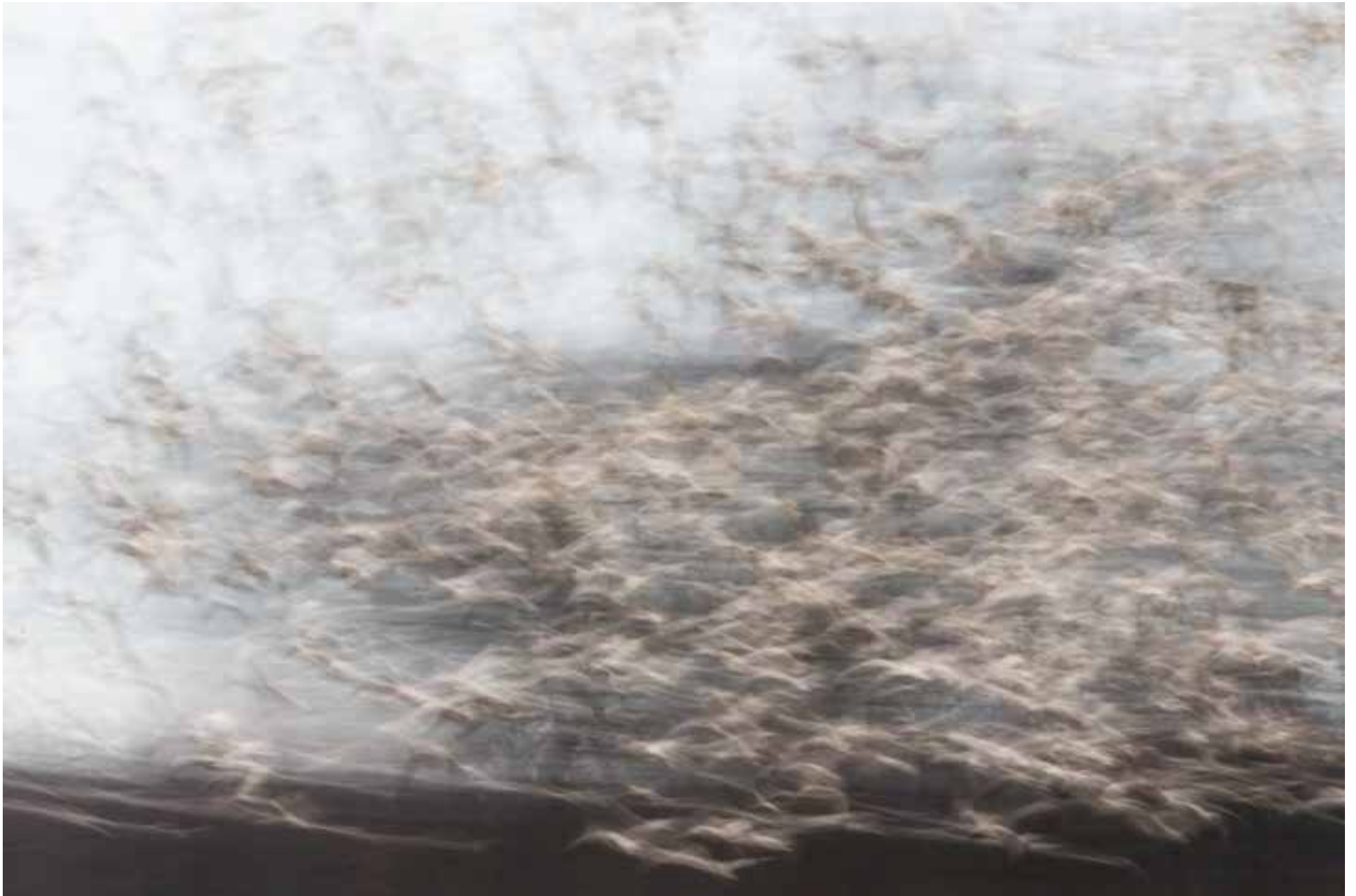
Subtitle: Searching for names

The past is beautiful because it is beyond reach. Photography is beautiful because it captures that very past. In the present moment, I find myself wandering, searching for names that are now gone.

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"I wonder what waits at the end of this wandering."

The End

Thank you for watching

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