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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

What does Freedom mean to you? Is it having enough money to live without caring for money? Is it being who you are without restraint? Is it attainable? We live together, a mix and blend of people whom some feel free and others don't. What's stopping you from being free?

Wherever you are there are two things you must do to free yourself, should you ever find yourself stuck: (1) change your environment, make a plan, follow-through, and persevere to the place you want to live your life, and (2) accept your reality for what is it and be grateful for your present day. Know your today—focus on the light, not the dark—all the while you reach for the stars tomorrow.

It's in our nature to desire freedom, and it's all something we deserve. When we feel as though our own dreams are out of reach and we are trapped, look toward others for inspiration, guidance, and support. You matter and so does your ability. Take this summer after the pandemic to have fun, be healthy, and reconnect with the artist child within.

Our Summer 2021 issue's theme is *Freedom*. In digesting this collection, we hope you find the courage to lift your wings and fly toward the dreams you've been holding on to. Understand what freedom means to you and chase it.



xoxo
Flora Ashe



Conquering Freedom

BY: ANA STJELJA

The clock is ticking.
We are running out of time.
Hours, minutes and seconds
are melting from the fire of life.
Clock hands are hanging
exhausted from the battles.
We must forge a new sword
made of pure light,
to use it as a lantern
or torch which will show us the right way
while we dance like shamans
or ecstatic performers
on the dark stage of the brave new world
while conquering our freedom.

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"EMANATION" BY: AISHLING MULLER







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