

My piece is an ode to the Childish Gambino album, "*Awaken, My Love!*". This is because I wanted to represent one of my favorite artists and his music while also trying to further understand the meaning behind the songs I frequently listen to. I interpreted the album as an ode from Childish Gambino to his son, with major themes throughout the album of fatherhood, race and love. Within my own piece I included images of my father and I to represent my own relationship to fatherhood. I also included images of artists that inspired pieces of the album. I was inspired by how much thought is put into every aspect of Gambino's work from the lyrics and instrumental composition to the eerie yet captivating album cover. I decided to use the cover as a repeating element in my work. At first glance the cover may be unsettling but as the viewer sees it repeatedly and in different colors I hope that they begin to see the beauty and complexity of the image. A lot, if not all of the songs on the album "*Awaken, My Love!*" were experimental, and I feel like a lot of my art is experimental as well. However I have set up boundaries for myself based on my art skills and what I'm comfortable with but with this project I feel like I have broken those barriers.

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