### Reflections, Impressions & Experiences

# The Word made flesh

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They said

I never had a voice

that my non-speaking self somehow started speaking silly slurs.

Similes

slithering softly out of my mangled mouth.

A saved sinner

stuttering metaphor momentarily moving while making music with God.

I was an unread book,

blatantly

bewildered by berating bullet point pens.
It didn't matter that I was a paperback
they still put the paper back on the book shelf
without even taking a second look back.
And well.

hardcovers lasted longer.

I was the book

that came without an audio version, that looked good from pen to paper but when it came to being said I sounded like a paper scrapper.

I was the finest scrapper

of paper you could ever see or hear.

I got lost in the buried debris

of the non-fiction, fiction sections of the library.

Linao

lingering lavishly within these four walls.

Wallow, withering words

awaken through the hollow halls.

And there he stood

as radiant as the sun.

He shone

His light like photosynthesis

as to see my very innocence.

His efficiency in curing my vitamin deficiency brought me to the conclusion that He is the Author of Time.

Time

He took in mending the creases and tears in my unpublished pages.

Time

He took in reading each word

of each line

of each chapter

in stages.

Time.

He took

to wait....

For me to realise that the words in my own book were empty.

Empty of His word

because

in the beginning was the Word and the Word was

with God

and the Word was God but I made it my ending.

My happily ever after,

after my wants,

after my needs,

after everything me

it was hard for to see

that His plan for me

was to write poetry for Him

and not for thee

do you get what I mean?

It seemed.

I never really fit in any book classification

until I was on my face

and knees

in supplication

with my publisher regarding my publication.

I failed to read the line in my contract

where it said.

"Seek first the kingdom, His righteousness

and all things will be added to you"

He never came to subtract

but simply add.

My bad,

I wasn't really good with maths.

I hoarded myself

like a paper plane

from the biographies to science fictions,

as a nomadic barbarian,

I didn't know where I belonged

until I met my Librarian.

His attention to detail is immaculate,

knowing every word,

it was hard for to see that His plan for me was to write poetry for Him and not for thee do you get what I mean?



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comma,
exclamation mark,
full stop
ever written,
crossed out
and erased.
He is the voice of the now
He is my breath of fresh air.

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