

## Somewhere Else

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Everything in existence, started somewhere,  
Plants were once saplings, reaching out,  
Inch by tentative inch, towards **the sun**,

**The sun** was once a nebula,  
Miscellaneous pieces of shifting debris,  
No purpose, aimless, in the satin sheet of space,  
Now creating **life**,

**Life** started with the sharp intake of air you took,  
Piercing the air with your cry,  
Lungs swelling with the sweet, sweet relief of **breath**,

**Breath**, the one you held,  
When you showed your first piece of art to your parents,  
Tiny chest puffing out with pride,  
As they clapped at your disfigured family portrait, the heads too big,  
The bodies too **small**,

**Small**, were the ants crawling through the grass at your feet,  
Scuttling unseen, strength **unnoticed**,

**Unnoticed** were the women's efforts to get their voices heard,  
Hair chopped off, dresses exchanged for trousers,  
Praying that somewhere, somehow, change would, with her,  
**Start**,

**Start**, the one I made,  
As a child,  
Stuttering out tales of sheer nonsensical vibrance,  
Carefully tracing shapes of letters with my hand,  
Hoping and hoping they would make sense one day,  
Daydreaming of realities I wished would come true,  
Pouring out everything I had from the somewhere inside my head,  
To make that somewhere, lead **somewhere else**,

**Somewhere else**, the place that I want to go...