**THE HEALING TIME**

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***Finally on my way to yes***

 ***I bump into***

 ***all the places***

 ***where I said no***

 ***to my life***

 ***all the untended wounds***

 ***the red and purple scars***

 ***those hieroglyphs of pain***

 ***carved into my skin, my bones,***

 ***those coded messages***

 ***that send me down***

 ***the wrong street***

 ***again and again***

 ***where I find them***

 ***the old wounds***

 ***the old misdirections***

 ***and I lift them***

 ***one by one***

 ***close to my heart***

 ***and I say holy***

 ***holy.***