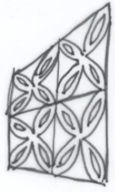
Singing Softly

Is reviewing and processing the complexity of home and the ways memory echoes through generations, finding itself in the body even when the stories themselves have been silenced, erased, or left unnamed through shame, resistance, colonial violence, cultural and gendered silencing, and generational trauma.

What am I reading, who am I reading, listening too, the words floating through my mouth, and eyes. Humans who help me find words when I dont know how or what to say.



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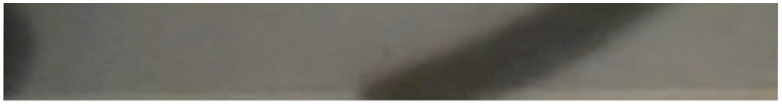

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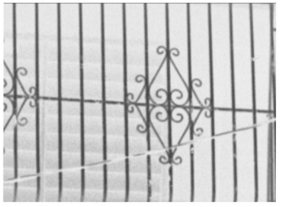

One of the most recognizable Adinkra found in ironwork designs is the Sankofa. It is most often depicted as a scrolled heart. Sankofa's literal translation is "return and get it," but it is associated with the proverb, "it is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten."
- Sucking Salt, *Take Care,* Justice Press, pg . 2

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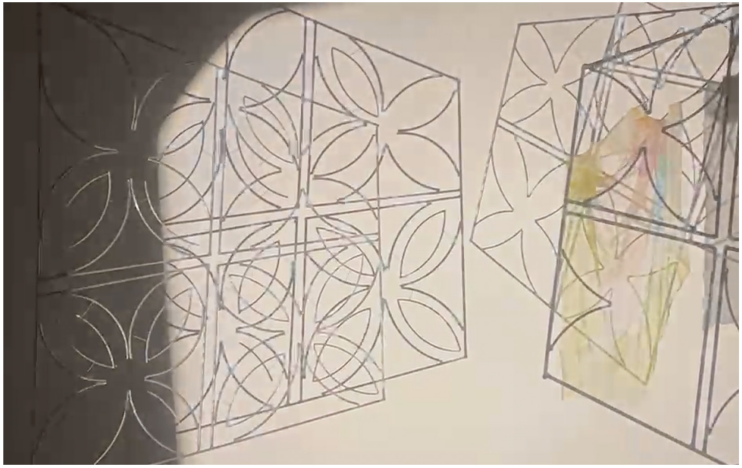

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