

## **Dara Harper**

### *What I Remember*

Personal change that leads to growth is always a difficult road. Ironically in my most vulnerable moments of fighting inevitable change, the Akron I know is also changing. The places of familiarity no longer look the same. A house in my childhood neighborhood had the most beautiful and thriving garden....30 years ago. Recently I took a walk in the neighborhood and to my shock the garden was absolutely unrecognizable. Full grown trees, thistles towering over the corner and void of color. I began to investigate this visual change in various color palettes and spatial movement. Building upon my memories and experiences I began to paint symbols of change juxtaposed in a balance of layered abstraction.