

## Why I Need You to Watch the Sunset

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### Poem by Jill Bronfman



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I need you to close the laptops  
You have opened on the dining room table  
On your lap  
And on the bed next to you  
All of you

And I need you to come up on the roof now  
Because the sky is pink and orange  
And the ancients believed those who witness these colors  
Would live forever

And since the cat has already seen the sun, and it's set  
And since she is not willing to be embalmed like

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Her Egyptian foremothers  
You will have to watch with her  
And you will have to care for her  
When there are only stars in the sky

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