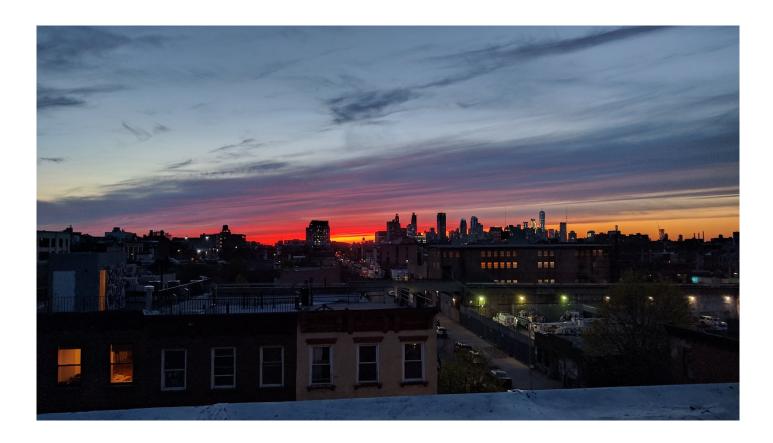
# Why I Need You to Watch the Sunset [1]

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# Poem by Jill Bronfman



# Why I Need You to Watch the Sunset

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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