**Dear World,**

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My sense of place is a combination of Placelessness and Commodified.The line that best captures placelessness is, “Dear World, I do not know my place in you.” The best line that shows the Commodified perspective of my poem would be, “I want a place where I can taste the oceans salt on the breeze, that there are mountains that I could climb freely.” My environmental ethic is preservation. The line that conveys this is, “I want a place where there are people who are active and fun, who share my values of preserving you.”

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Dear World,

I do not know my place in you.

I have found places that I enjoy

Places that I could be happy in

But nowhere

That I feel like I belong

I want to live in a place

Where I don’t make a mistake

With every step I take

I want to live in a place

Where the town isn’t quite and,

The people aren’t all the same

I crave to live somewhere

Where I don’t have to apologize for being me

I am sick of being in my comfort zone

I want to see new things

I’m getting drowsy in this sleepy town

Do you know what I like to do?

Not hike the same damn trail every weekend

Don’t get me wrong

I love the mountains,

The lakes,

But after a while

They end up looking the same

I love this town

But maybe it’s a sign

That every time I get upset

I impulsively mutter,

“I want to go home.”

I envy the people

Who know where they belong,

Who have their place in the world

It must feel great to be in a place

Not craving to be anywhere else

I’m not saying that there is one magical place

That will meet my every need

I know that it will change as I change too,

But I also know that I am not there right now

It can’t be just anywhere

I’ve got some requirements for you world

I want a place where

I can taste the oceans salt on the breeze

That there are mountains that I could climb freely

I need a city full of activities and life

I want a place where

There are people who are active and fun

Who share my values of preserving you

Who crave culture and adventure

Lastly,

I want a place where I feel at home

So that is my wish

If you know of any places,

Please tell me

I crave a sense of place

Sincerely,

Raven.