



The Universe

Angels

Mary linked flying things , birds and insects to Angels .She liked the idea of angels ,wrote an art history essay on Angels wings,saw them in early paintings, they occupy the sky , visited them in our Suffolk churches , we have splendid ones at Bythburgh but did not take it further.To her I think they were a nice idea rather than something she believed in. She did not paint Angels .

FLIGHT

*A beautiful calm evening
Sky clear blue - apricot*

*Looking out , suddenly there were three balloons, brightly coloured, translucent, elbowing each other along like chinese lanterns lit from within.
With hardly any wind they changed position very slightly each time I looked from drawing them
The baskets appeared to hang down, ever so slightly askew from the perpendicular.
Did the wind find them greater resistance. I could almost dare to go up in a hot air balloon.*

24th October



*Joyous - yellow balloon so very large in the binoculars
people leaning out red faced in the sun that was setting
illuminating them but not ourselves.
Dark cobal stripes rising up from the narrow neck
Crimson red collar
Orange flame burning crimson inside the canvas
No wind below but just enough to carry it silently over out heads*

August 19th

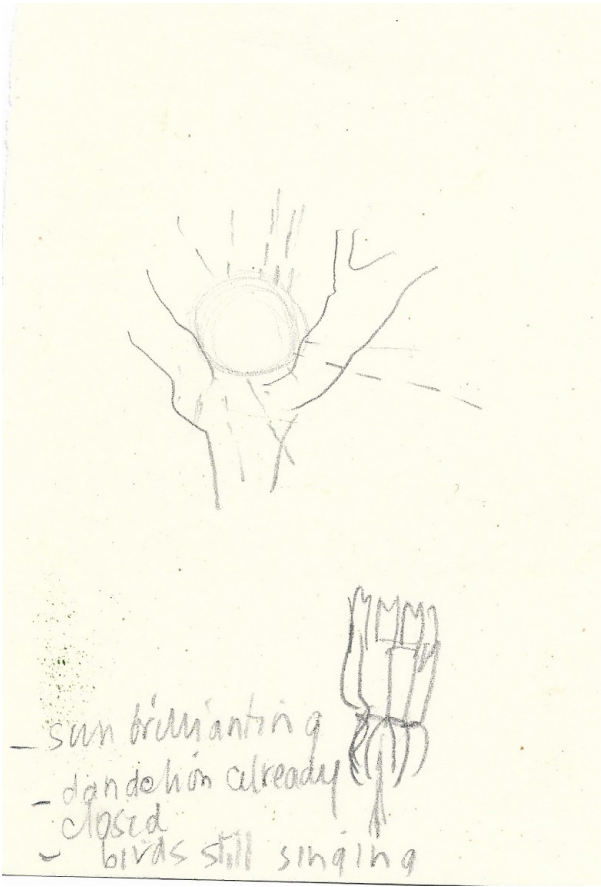
THE SUN, MOON AND STARS

*The sun will warm us
The black clouds will chide us and send animals in,
then they come out again - the urge to be out in the air
and space reminds me of Richard Jefferies - climbing
the hill and out into the space to lie on the grass*

April 19th



note: remember also Bowling Green Sunset



*If there is a God of The Universe it is energy
If there is a God for our planet - it is the sun.*

May 19th



Finches, oil

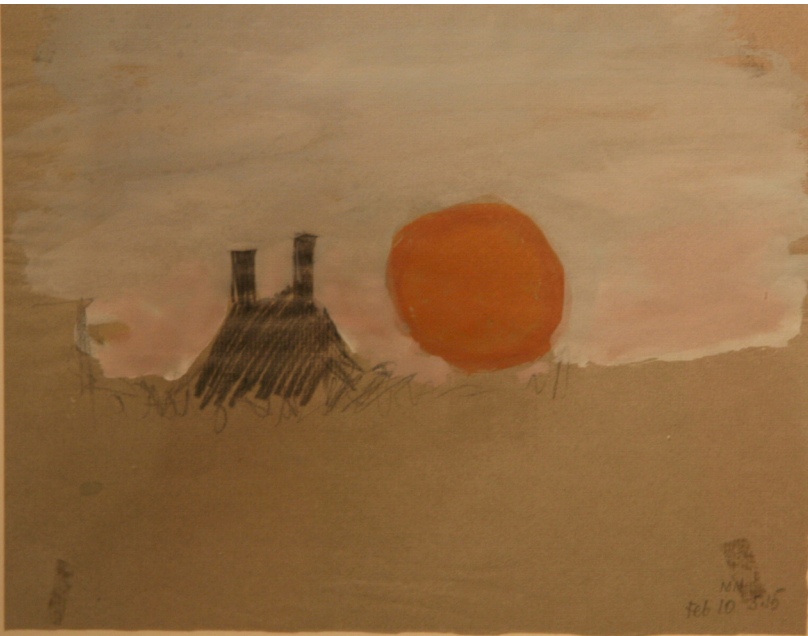
*In the end I think it is the goldfinches
who have played the greatest part - and
the sun - the sun and the goldfinches.*

June 20th

On the topic of the bulging suns

*I have often noticed how about a half hour after sunrise the
sun suddenly bulges through a cloud. If the clouds are split, so
also is the sun. It is larger in several bits than it would be as a
whole, due to the intensity with which the rays pass through
the confined area. On this occasion, the young mavron hens
were crouching out near the barn.
As the sun broke through they rose up as one hen and cockled
and shook their feathers out.*

June 15th



House in the sun

*Very cold this morning but the sun will warm us soon
If there is any life in him the kind old sun will know*

February 9th



Brooding rook's heaven, oil



The last singing

*The last singing and the first
8:40pm
4:30am*

April 24th

*3pm by the bridge. The sun nearly gone
The tree outlined but grey
Birds illuminated by their outlines in pink/grey
Feathers translucent in all their movements against
- The sun
- Raindrops which would normally be very small in
comparrison standing out like lanterns and alight with
intense rainbow edges*

December 22nd



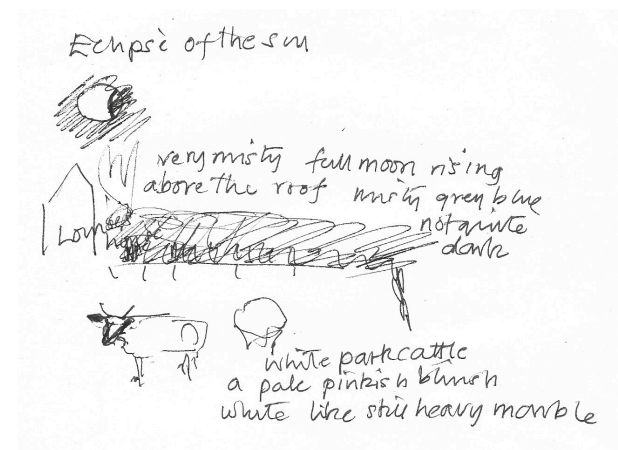


Each flower wishes the moon to name her Queen

There was once an eclipsing moon hanging over the white cattle as they stood straight backed, unmoving in their small calving paddock. No one on the bus appeared to notice that the newly risen full moon had a large bite out of it or that the statuesque cattle were as made of marble, or that the little house with its single chimney was a [Edward] Hopper house alone in its landscape and on a small mound between the cattle and the moon.

I tried to paint it but did not succeed

12th March

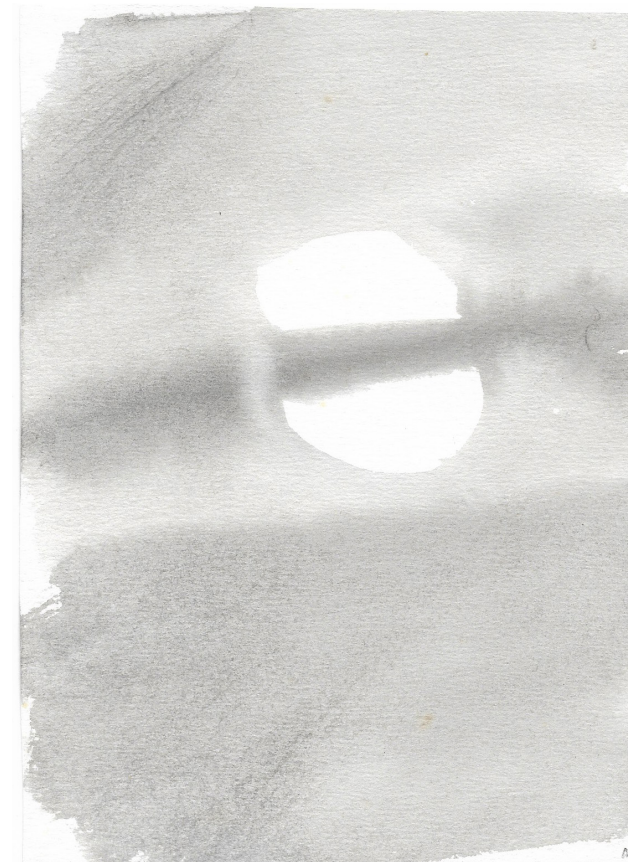


*These are not great paintings.
I am just trying to say something about peace
and calm and space round oneself.*

May 16th



The veriest new moon in July



*I believe in what I saw.
I believe in the finished painting as a
record of what I saw at that moment,
probably a bad inconsistent effort but
at least I have put it down and there is
room for another thought to come to the
surface.*

April 1st



Thinking on comets, date

At one time, not so long distant, we were all looking for Kahoutele, hanging out of our windows examining the sky, working out it's possible position. It was nearing the earth - it might appear at anytime. When we went out to tend the animals in the dark, we looked hopefully for a long time.

Weeks went by and the sky, with it's prick mark of stars took on the look of a pin striped suiting as our eyes tired and dropped down towards the skyline. We were apprehensive and the animals became so. They sense the atmosphere that man sets - fear, quietness, confidence etc

In the end Kahoutek never appeared. It had taken a path, leading away from the earth, out of sight.

December 7th



*Astronomy figures are astronomical
- ourselves in the solar system
- the solar system in the galaxy 'the milky way'
- the milky way galaxy as one of unknown number
spinning relentlessly in space which has no end
but if easier to imagine, space as something finite
and contained but what with?*

and so to bed where the room has walls.

December 15th