

# Nightingale

Category: visuals

written by Joanna White | January 22, 2016



## Joanna White

### About the artist:

Joanna White, a music professor, is grateful for medical humanities publications, such as *Pulse*, that allow critical dialogue. Her creative work has appeared in [The Examined Life Journal](#), [Ars Medica](#), [The Sow's Ear Poetry Review](#) and other venues.

### About the artwork:

"Once a child who could not talk about terrifying medical experiences, I only began to write poems and stories, and to paint about it, as an adult facing medical events. The nightingale, in legend the bird with the most beautiful voice, often symbolizes poetry, music and even, specifically, the flute, my instrument. I painted it and keep it near to remind me that I have a voice."

### Visuals editor:

Justin Sanders