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# Untitled

i'm not only 16

i am every age that is, has been, and is yet to be

when i'm learning i'm like a 4yo in preschool gluing raw spaghetti in the shape of a star  
onto a bright yellow paper

when i'm crying i'm like a 6yo begging for a hershey's chocolate bar in the middle of the  
store

when i'm holding my brother's hand crossing the street, i feel like a mom in her 30s  
whispering "it's okay" to her sleepy child

when i'm spinning in the rain i'm 3 again, chasing puddles with my whole heart

when i'm staring at the stars too long, i'm 86, remembering how big the sky always felt

when i'm wrapping a bandage or looking at bones on a screen, i see myself at 28, calm  
and steady in scrubs that smell like hand sanitizer

past and future

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