Nicole Kubatova is a European-born Canadian citizen, mother, artist, trained nurse and former prisoner. Nicole recently gave birth to her second daughter, and is on a journey of recovery from mental illness and drug (mis)use. During her incarceration, Nicole was touched by the struggles of others and participated in forming safety plans and successfully interrupted self-harming behaviours of fellow prisoners suffering from mental illness. This piece titled “Freedom and Peace” is representative of her journey, and the hope she holds for her children and future life.

Front Cover: “Freedom and Peace”
2015 black stencil sketch on white paper
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