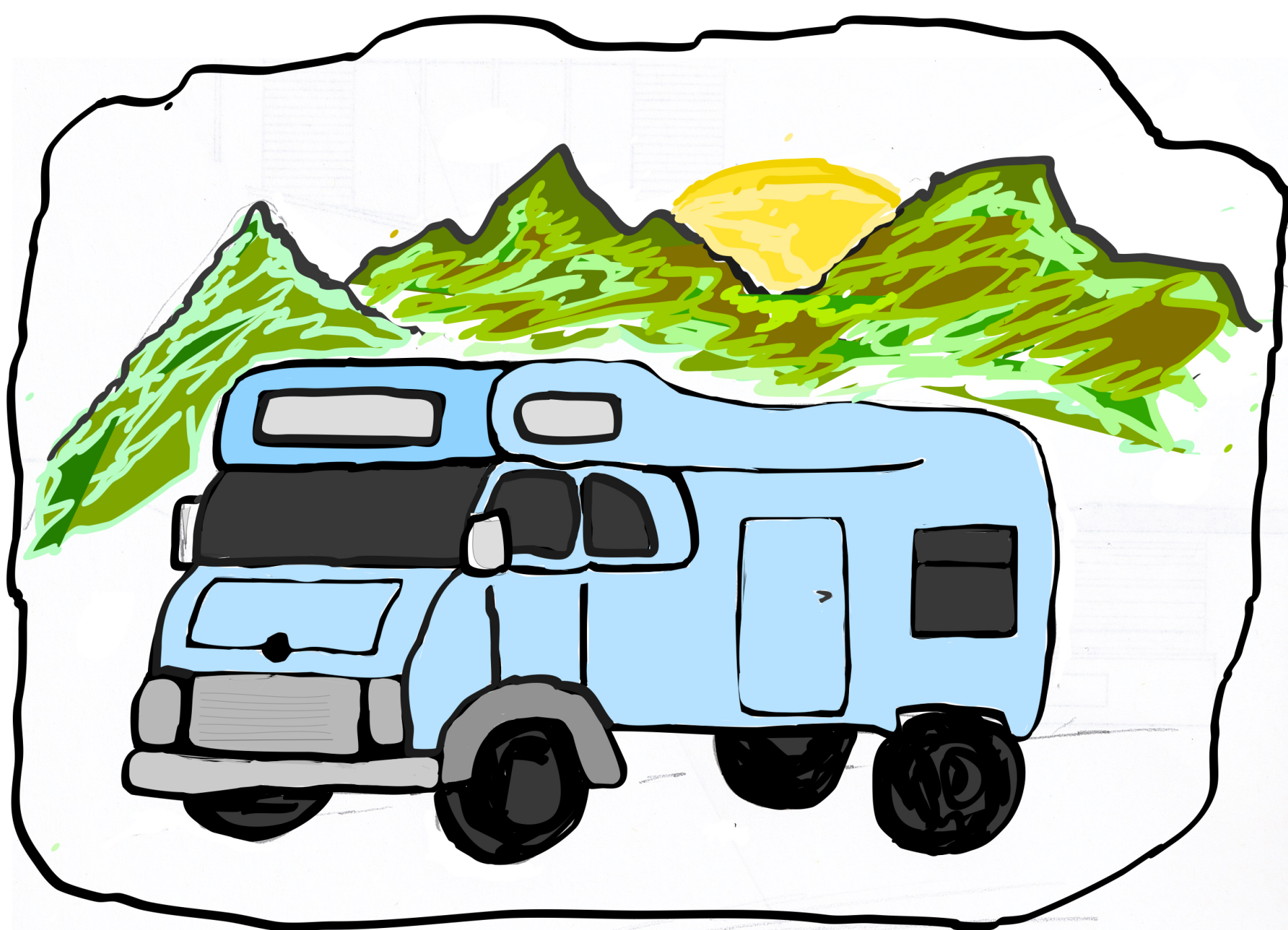




The Tale of a Song & a Tattoo

By Paddíperkins



On the road to retirement

One day Paddiperkins woke up & was shocked to realise that she was the older woman reflected in the mirror. Which probably accounted for the rash of mansplainers that had seemly infected her life together with feeling a victim of cyberbullies who tried to make her feel guilty for still dying her hair rather than becoming regulation grey. Feeling inexplicably sad & slightly scared to reach this crossroad of her life as a long time wife, mother, nurse with a growing sense of no longer knowing who she was anymore.



She met a Songsmith

Wandering along the path of fate she came across a musician who was offering his songsmith skills & she knew she must have one of his songs to lift her spirits. She told him her tale & he crafted a tune to accompany her on her journey.



Then to a festival

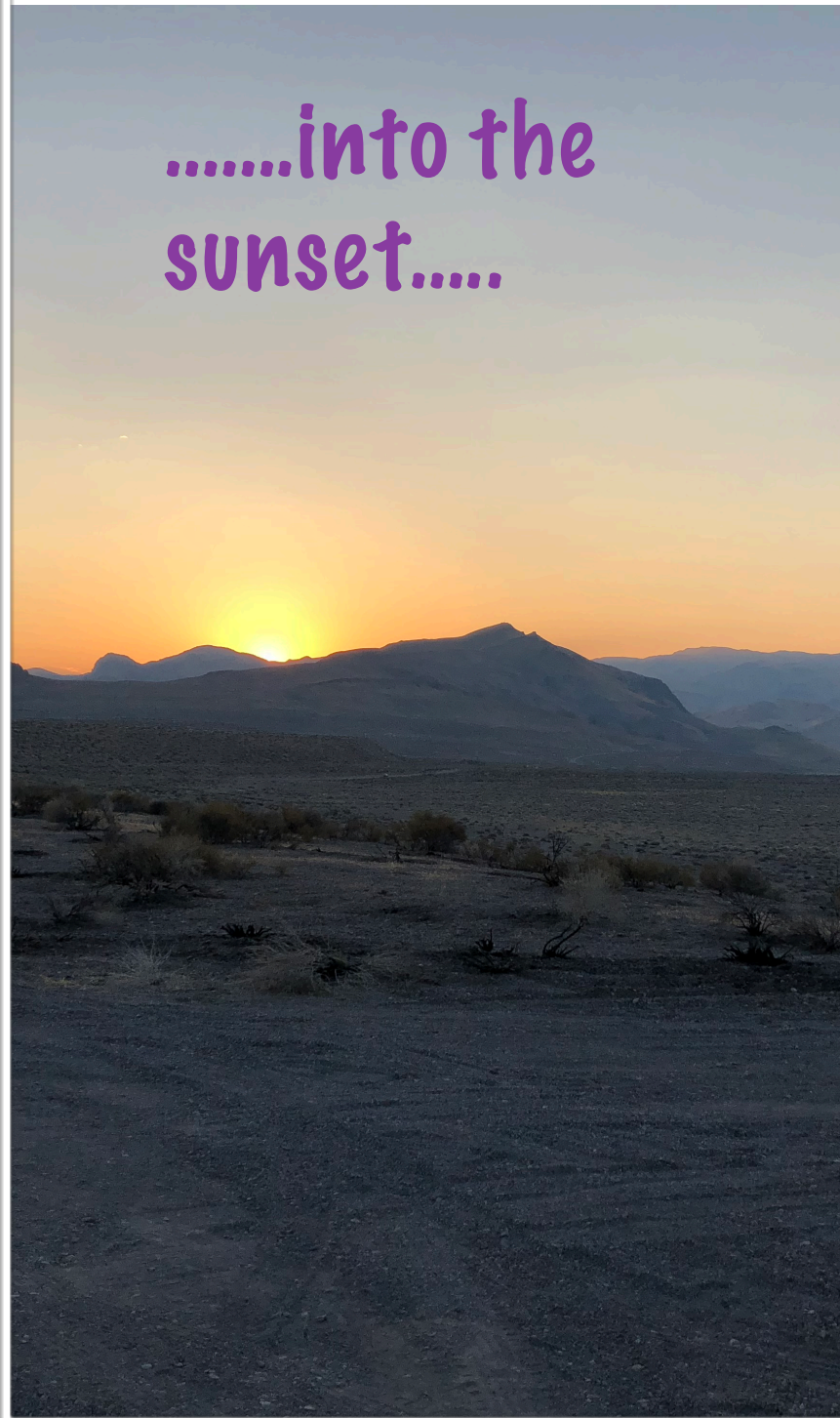
In the company of Millennials chilling at a music festival she experienced a moment of enlightenment & the quest begun with a henna tattoo designed to test the water. Then scouring the internet for inspiration locating a special tattoo artist who could turn this idea into reality.



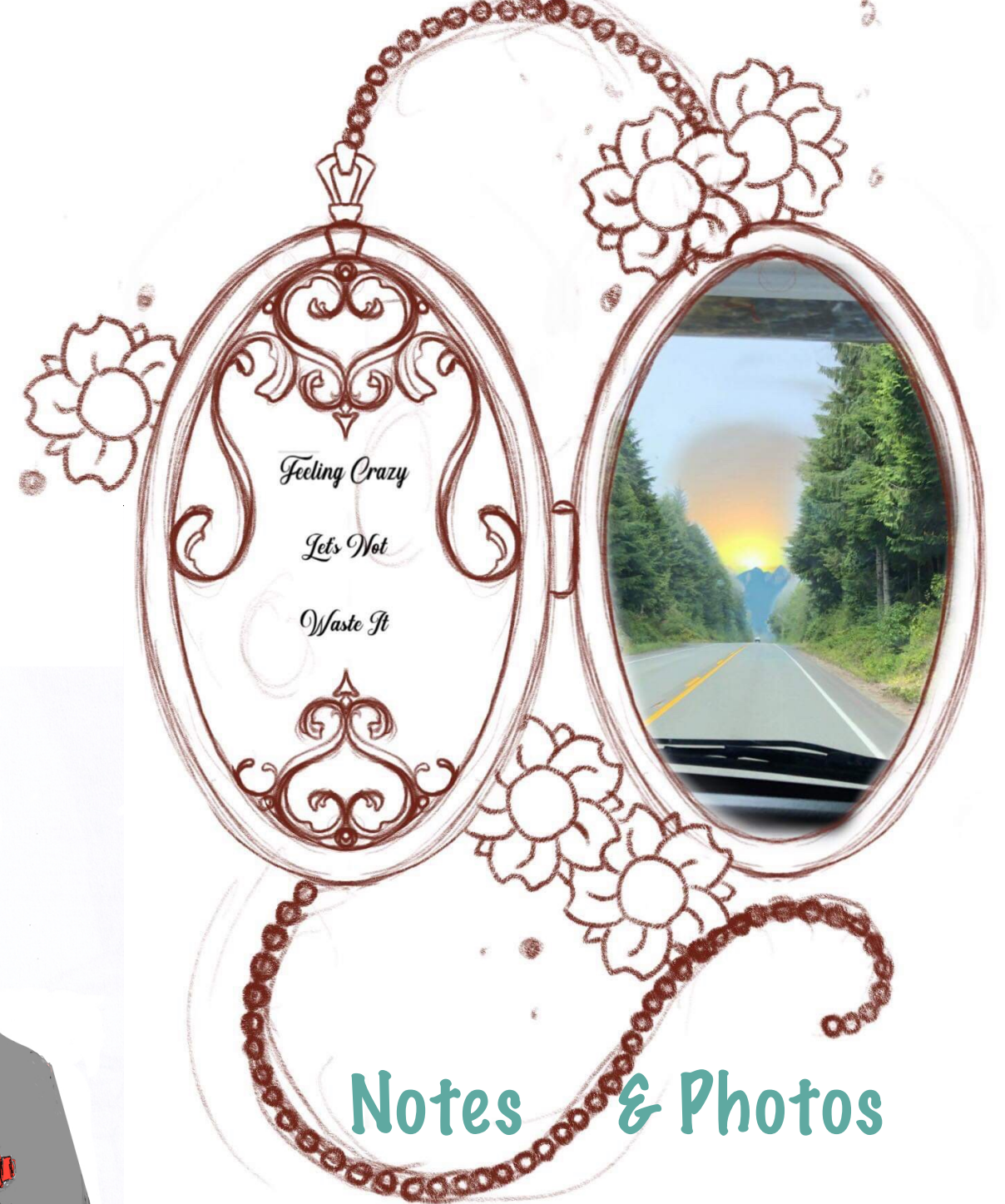
Tattoo Smorgesboard

In & out of parlours
searching for the one who
could draw her ideas
together.

.....into the
sunset.....



When he sat with a pad & pen he took some notes,
while listening to the lyrics she knew she had discovered
the right person for the job.



Notes & Photos

Machine primed & ready

Four hours perched on a stool in one spot hardly daring to breathe. An outline set so colouring in could begin. Spookily the artist designed a pendant shape that closely resembled a childhood locket to embody the lyrics “making memories some more to keep” giving the design a distinctive shape.





Very little pain - a lot of gain

A sticky clear dressing in place it needed to heal until it was time to be unpeeled. Not saying all women of a certain age should get inked up but would urge anyone who is at this same crossroads to consider what make them feel newly inspired.



Ta dah

Off came the dressing revealing the tattoo which captured her new mantra for living

'Feeling crazy lets not waste it'

giving focus & direction to firmly set foot positively into the future.

“Feeling crazy Lets not waste it...”

Is her new raison d'être for
who knows where the
retirement road will lead?
Currently working on how
to complete the crazy
challenges I've been set &
you're all welcome to
accompany me for the ride.

