

Hat + Glasses

These are my hat and glasses placed upon the mantelpiece of a deserted cabin in the hill country of Texas. I believe all painters love textures. ~~There~~^{Those} in this picture were intended to be pure Texas - straw, dried wood and Texas limestone with, of course, metal and glass but ~~not~~^{with} no frills. This ^{and heat} ~~is~~^{is} hard country where the sun ^{can} be dangerous to the unprotected. Here is shown a ~~momentary~~^{stolen} moment of ~~tranquility~~^{that} respite from the heat and savage light.

Sentinel Cypress and Tree

An American Cypress stands sentinel upon the ruined bulk of some great tree washed down to this place in one of the many floods this country is subject to. In this otherwise serene view I have implicated ~~that~~^{this} sometimes cataclysmic weather but there is delicacy and beauty, as well. At the base of the tree trunk bloom wild asters, one of my favorite flowers which I always associate with that special time of year here, namely the transition from the heat of summer to the first cool days of ~~early~~ fall.