“N-400” by Yujane

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfenkUTJz-0

An erasure poem is derived from crossing out words from an original text to give it another meaning. The N-400 form under US Customs and Immigration Services is the application for foreign-born aliens to naturalize into the United States. I, an alien not from US origin, take a sharpie to 36 pages of immigration documents, crossing out the original text, creating an erasure poem in 14 amendments.

1

Notice

any

immigration.

Notice

hearing.

Notice

sea.

Notice

you.

2

To

the

immigrant

homeland

is

a

process

delayed.

3

Fingerprints.

Disposable.

A number.

Unpermitted.

Immigrants

are

all

of

the

above.

4

About

the

United States,

do

not

support

the

criminal

history.

5

You

are

what

you

have

abandoned.

6

Identify

alien

copy

self.

7

Separate

your

open

wounds

in

the

process.

8

Verify

all

has

been

destroyed.

9

Naturalization

cannot

capture

your

free,

cannot

level

your

personal

or

political.

10

This

application

simplified

is

persecution

of

your

own

safety

to

ensure

social

security.

11

reschedule

reschedule

reschedule

reschedule

a time

time

time

time

time

again

time

time

date

and

time

12

Resubmit

Resubmit

Resubmit

13

Please

14

You

will

never

belong.