

The Valentine Tree (2015)

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Love is a powerful emotion. Most people have felt its strong allure at some point and time in their life. Those that haven't, no doubt wish there was a place to go in order to find it. Alas, such a place obviously does not exist. Much like the "money tree" out back your father jokingly mentioned when you asked for a few extra dollars. But what if there was such a place you could go to find love. That is the inspiration behind this painting. The Valentine Tree represents a mystical attraction, sinking its roots into every fiber of our being. Hidden within the thorny obstacles of infatuation, lust, boredom, and life's many hardships there is always the potential of finding true love.

Love with all its thorns and thistles intertwined,
Will grow twisted and knotted with patience and time.
Threatening to pull apart as it reaches for the sky,
It stands relentlessly stubborn and refusing to die.
Never yielding to hardship as it grows wild and free,
Because someday it will become... the Valentine tree.

-Walt Wright

