BEAU VASN TE We will never be beautiful, my darling. Because you and I are comprised Of dirt and soot and snowy grey ashes. And beauty is truly only meant for flower and trees And elephant eye-lashes. Beauty is for the sway of bending bows and the way the water flows. It's for the flutter of wings in the springtime wind, And for the rustle of crunching leaves in the autumn dirt. Beauty was not meant for human forms to besmirch. Which is not to say that I will never see beauty In your endless eyes or sweet simple smile. Surely, You've found something beautiful somewhere inside me too. But this is not what we were made for, I bid you to see. We are creatures of a different character, Chaotic and free. Sitting like the great Nymphs, Precious and serene. We were made of clay and clear blue water, We fill up the outside space with our essence Breathing fire into life's flame with reverence. We are measured by our hands and feet That we walk on and make with We are signified by the softness of our hearts And the boldness of our guts. It's a playful sort of dance, Weaving our hips around obstacles, Bouncing our steps across the surface and plane I reach out to touch your flushed cheek and take your tears away Look! At this great big sea of us. Unlike the stars who embody light like self combustion, We relinquish what we are, And extinguish the fire of our soul. But our beams of brilliance are so too, seen long after we die. Maybe we only start to burn bright through space, Once we're already gone. So that those who come after us Will be able to hear the gentle humming of our songs. With only a few moments allotted to each life, Why waste any minute of any precious hour on such an impossible feat as beauty, I say. Something which was never meant for you and me, Anyway. -X POEM BY: XOE BIEN