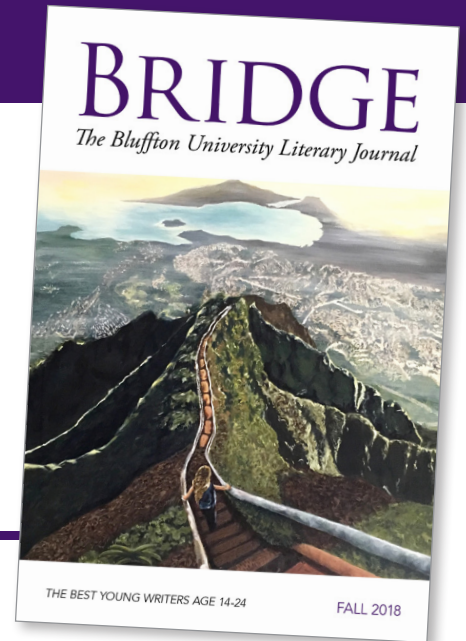


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MY HEART IS A MOTEL THAT SHOULD BE CLOSED

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Guests stay inside
only long enough to make a mark —
staining carpets
leaving rust —
before dropping their key at the front,
grabbing their baggage to run,
while I watch from a crack in the blinds.



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