

Vein of Hope

From the dawn of time humanity has been faced with trials and tribulations. Diseases, wars that tear the world apart, genocides, and environmental disasters have plagued us for as long as we can remember. Yet somehow, through all of this pain, our ancestors kept fighting. Why? What is this force that allows humans to keep going even when the odds are against them? How have we survived this long when it seems all of nature is battling us?

The answer is hope. Hope is the singular driving force that has kept all of humanity going. Hope propels us to do the impossible, the unrealistic, all in the name of love. In fact, all of hope is created through love. The love of her children causes a single mother to work multiple jobs in the hope her children will have a better life. The love of his country causes a soldier to keep fighting even when all seems lost. He has hope he'll be back on the blessed sands of his country again. Hope has persisted throughout history, pulsing in the veins of every human. Love drives all of us to do things we never thought we would do.

And the love of our world is what keeps us hopeful today. We hope for a better future, one where people don't have their lungs fail on them, one where we don't have to wear masks just to see others, one where we aren't confined to a screen. What causes the nurses and doctors to work shift after shift taking care of stuffed ER rooms and ICU's? What causes teachers to get up each morning and turn on their camera, ready to greet their students? What causes the scientists to search again and again for a cure? The answer is love, not just for their kin, but for the entire world. We are separated in so many ways today, from our country borders, our music taste, and our political affiliations, but in this moment, we are united as one, clawing and kicking for a better future. Every heart is beating as one, hoping and praying for a better tomorrow, as it

has throughout history. All of humanity, past and present, is connected by this singular vein of hope.