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“Daughter (A Reason to Hope)

Spoken word Post Rock-Instrumental original composition.

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Technical statement to serve in place of a score

"Daughter" is a spoken word study with a post-rock instrumental accompaniment featuring my grandfather telling his story about his time in Vietnam. When he left for duty, his wife was pregnant with his first-born daughter; this hope sustained him while away, leaving a boy and returning a man and father. I produced, mixed, mastered, and played electric guitar, flute, and whistle while my brother, Tucker, played drone notes on the cello, all recorded in my bedroom using Logic Pro X on a Mac. The guitars are layered five times and panned to achieve depth, allowing for a unique headphone experience.