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This series of images was created to represent part of the poetry book *Milk and Honey* by Rupi Kaur. I've loved her poetry for so long because it represents womanhood to me. She tells of her past abuses, her sufferings as a minority/immigrant family and as a woman.

This set of images represents my own growth as a woman. Fairy lights are often used to decorate or make something beautiful, but, to me, beauty became a shackle that stopped me from progressing. I felt I could never measure up. I was trapped by the standards set for women that are impossible to fulfill. I've written countless poems about womanhood and growth and found that art was a means to heal me.