The Lighthouse is Calling Me

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In those early moments, as you begin to wake in the morning and you first open your eyes, you are greeted, immediately, by the warm embrace of a cozy bed enveloped by a familiar room, which you have designed and curated with the explicit intention of making yourself feel comfortable, secure, and at ease. You are Home. Often, however, the meaning of Home can vastly exceed the mere bounds of the space you physically occupy. Home is that place where you are free to feel true peace within yourself. It is the state of being where you are deeply satisfied with your environment, relationships, and position. Unfortunately, there are many times in life that one might find themselves far away from this kind of Home. This is a story about the longing for and pursuit of Home when confronted with the reality that one has been resigned to settling their heart in exile. You are presented with a bird that is captive in a world that does not belong to her. As time passes, the bird grows and comes to create and cultivate a suitable habitat for itself... a space which allows for comfort even in a place that can offer no fulfillment. The bird knows that somewhere beyond the walls within which she has been confined there must be something far greater than that which she has become accustomed to. Each day the bird watches the Lighthouse from her chamber. One day, she summons the courage to venture into the unknown.

The story of the bird is told through an interactive game environment art piece that displays a fantasy world through which the player follows the bird’s journey to actualization by way of exercising the will and pursuing Home. The purpose of the piece is to speak to the feelings which lead to motivation, a need to escape from one’s current reality, the establishment of personal comfort zones, discovering purpose, and attaining enlightenment and how the pursuit of Home can be used as a vehicle for personal growth. Even as the bird that longs to reach the lighthouse on the top of the hills, she must not forget that each step along the way is a significant part of life.
Video Link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QfnOXwL8ic

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APA Exhibition
by Una Murphy
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MFA Exhibition by Ina Murphy

Claire and The Bird, 2022