

# Luz

Up and down  
High and low  
Angels may know where to go  
but I am lost, confused, and slow.

Pipes and wires  
Creeping cords  
Optic fibers in the boards

Flying fires in the walls  
Lazered lies my life blood stalls

Up and down  
High and low  
Angels may know where to go  
but I am pummeled in the flow.

Cities spreading like the phage  
Sharing their disease and rage  
Duplicating without age  
Absent sage  
Sacred page

Grab a rock now, go to sleep  
Find a place outside the keep

Give me bread and clothes to wear  
Vows of abstinence I'll swear

Pipes and wires  
Creeping cords  
Optic fibers in the boards  
Bethel bears my destiny  
Surely seraphs hear my plea

Up and down  
High and low  
With the holy cragsman go

Weave your way through tangled web  
Angels will bear up our dead



**"Beach Cliff Graffiti: 'Help, It Don't Exist,'"**  
2009, 60" x 72" oil on canvas,  
Sandy Roumagoux

*Jacob came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you."*

Genesis 28:11-22 NRSV