



Valerie Duff, *Aquamarine* – (Cover: *Chi*, Kikki Ghezzi)

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"...my cover artist, Kikki Ghezzi. I got to know Kikki in 2018 at the Virginia Center of Creative Arts, when we used to walk together around the grounds after our communal dinner. I visited her studio and saw photos of this exhibit, set in Cornwall, and I knew then that I wanted her work to be the cover of a future book. Over time, I realized how perfect a match her image is—"the process of enveloping a Cornish house nestled under a cliff beside the sea"—with these poems: an old abandoned house (echoes of my parents' house, my children now grown, my own body) transformed. Kikki's artist's note about the project is in the back of the book, and I love its interplay with the poems." Valerie Duff (Tupelo Quarterly, September 16, 2024)