

## Nearby Rock Sighs Pink, an Elegy of Sorts

*While the College worked tirelessly to strengthen its financial position, unfortunately, these efforts did not create results to ensure long-term viability. Cazenovia College held its 198th and final commencement ceremony on May 13, 2023 and officially closed on June 30, 2023.*  
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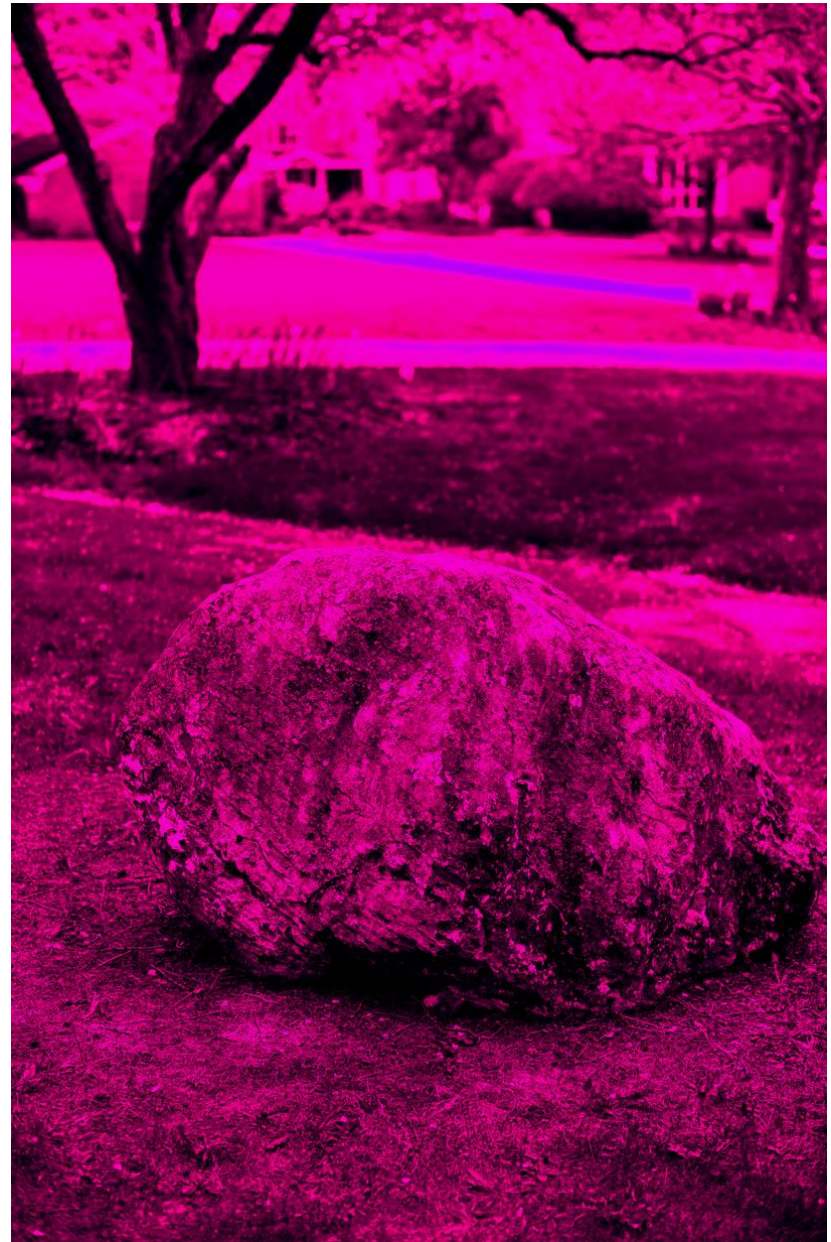


Finally awakened by the improbable  
~~finale~~, Red leaves. Vanishing into a turquoise  
sky as the startled village starlings  
begin to squeak.  
Squawk.  
Speak.



Here blank slates spring free.  
They stumble and rumble, learn  
and churn. Churchy at first. All women  
next. Prodded and protected by geography  
and good intentions. Warm bricks, peeling paint.  
Cracks, of course. Historical. Allegorical.  
Two fires at least. The boys came later.

Nearby Rock sighs pink  
to think of all she's heard.





*Joy.Joy.Joy.Joy – it hurts  
they chirp. We're wilted.  
Jilted. Closed? We oppose.  
How much? Too much.  
Joy.Joy.Joy.Joy. – just wait  
they wail. What about us?  
Not just. How much?  
Joy.Joy.Joy.Joy – but why  
they cry. Too much. Need  
Joy. Joy. Joy. Oh, boy.  
No joy.*

Nearby Rock sighs pink  
to think of all she knows.





Sad, silly silly birds. Frightened herds.

Green will sprout again she proposes,  
supposes over their din. Purpled perhaps  
and bruised yet still and vaguely verdant.

Returned. Anew. Renewed.



*And You?* Sighs Rock to no one.

