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# My Asianness

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I painted this self-portrait in response to the targeted killings of Asian women during the Atlanta shooting spree in March 2021. My Asianness has brought confusion, embarrassment, frustration, shame, and fear into my life, but it has also given me joy, pride, gratitude, love, and hope. While it is still difficult to find my place in this world, I made this painting to embrace my Japanese identity and the rich heritage I come from.