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*Life's Charms*

red coral from Tibet, turquoise from Arizona, Thorbus pray beads from the Himalayas, 18th Century "Nyoli Beads" worn in Nigeria for purity, ostrich eggshell from Kenya, a feather from New Zealand, shells from the coastlines of Mexico, pearls from Hawaii, pewter from London, gold filled chain from New York

“The necklace ‘Life’s Charms’ is made up of one feather that floats on one’s chest by a delicate gold chain. The feather is heavily embellished with treasures I’ve picked up through life’s journey, which I feel can translate to anyone’s. Of course all these stones, gems, treasures, jewels have meaning and are symbolic. I feel the true symbolism comes from one’s personal connection to these jewels. The pearls and seashells remind me of my childhood home and the turquoise and red coral remind of Tibet.



The gems are much heavier than the feather, however the feather seems to wear all these jewels proudly even strongly. It looks as if it’s defeating the laws of gravity. One would expect the feather to break. Instead it chooses to lend itself to be the backbone of the piece. The feather weaves itself in and out of treasures and gems that have been carried back from cultures all over the world. Creating a piece to inspire adventure in the here and now and to aspire others to reach out and branch out. Whether it’s getting to know the person next to you through story of adventurous tales, dreams or if it’s traveling across seas and continents trying to communicate with another through hand gestures and smiles.

My hope is for the ‘Life’s Charms’ to inspire keeping a healthy mind therefore a healthy body and ultimately soul. I hope we can all be like the strong feather from New Zealand and that we can all wear the pearls of our lives on our neck’s to be forever reminded of our richness and inspired for adventures and friends.”