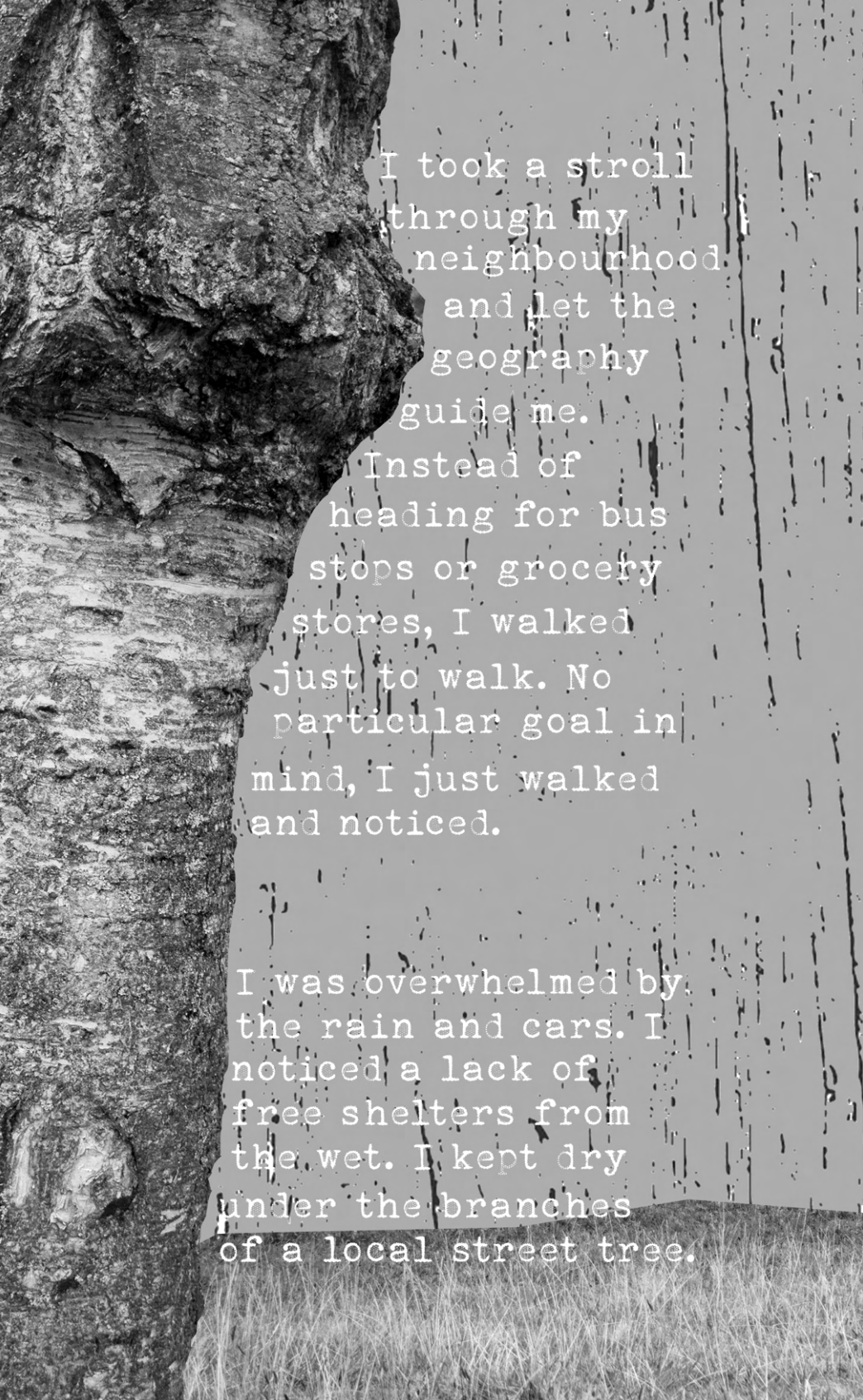


who is
this city
for?





I took a stroll
through my
neighbourhood
and let the
geography
guide me.

Instead of
heading for bus
stops or grocery
stores, I walked
just to walk. No
particular goal in
mind, I just walked
and noticed.

I was overwhelmed by
the rain and cars. I
noticed a lack of
free shelters from
the wet. I kept dry
under the branches
of a local street tree.

Dear neighbour:

I prompt you, upon
reading this, to
start walking.

See where the
alleys and streets
guide you. The ocean?

The buildings?

The people? Where
do your feet want to
take you?

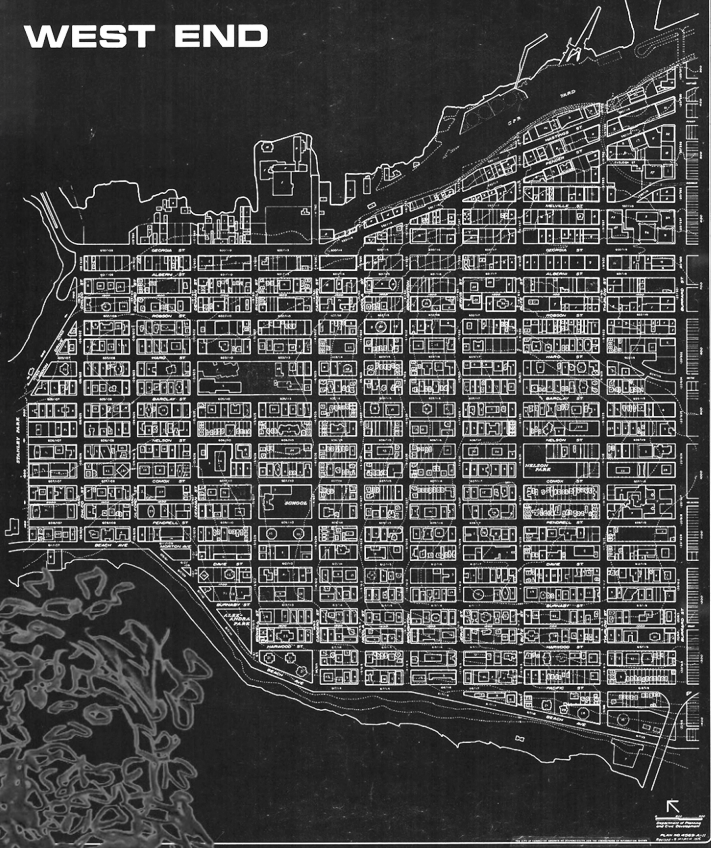
Walk until you
find a calming
street tree.

Notice her bark,
or smell,
or maybe her roots.

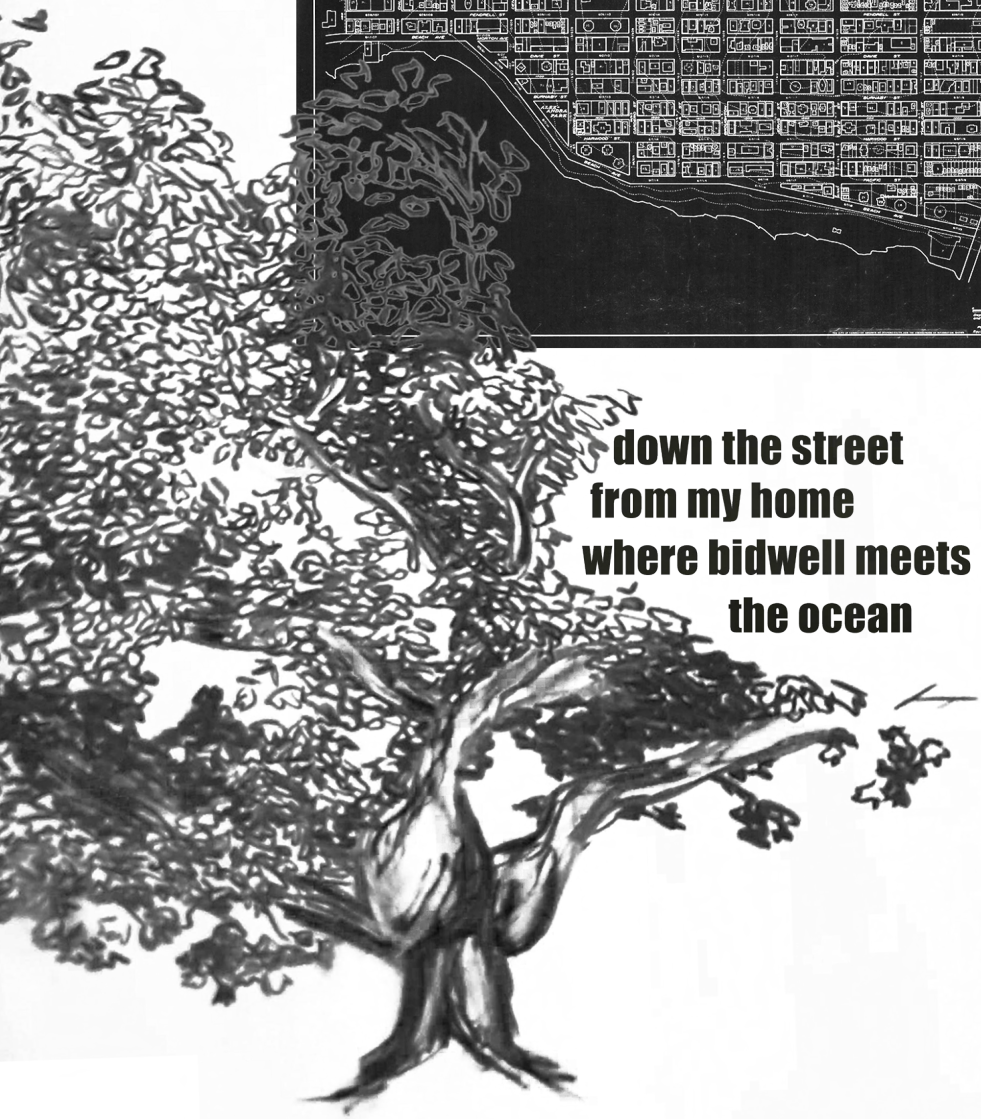
Maybe give her a name,
or note where she is
on a map for future
visits, or give her a hug.



WEST END



**my walk led
me to my
favourite
West End
tree**



**down the street
from my home
where bidwell meets
the ocean**



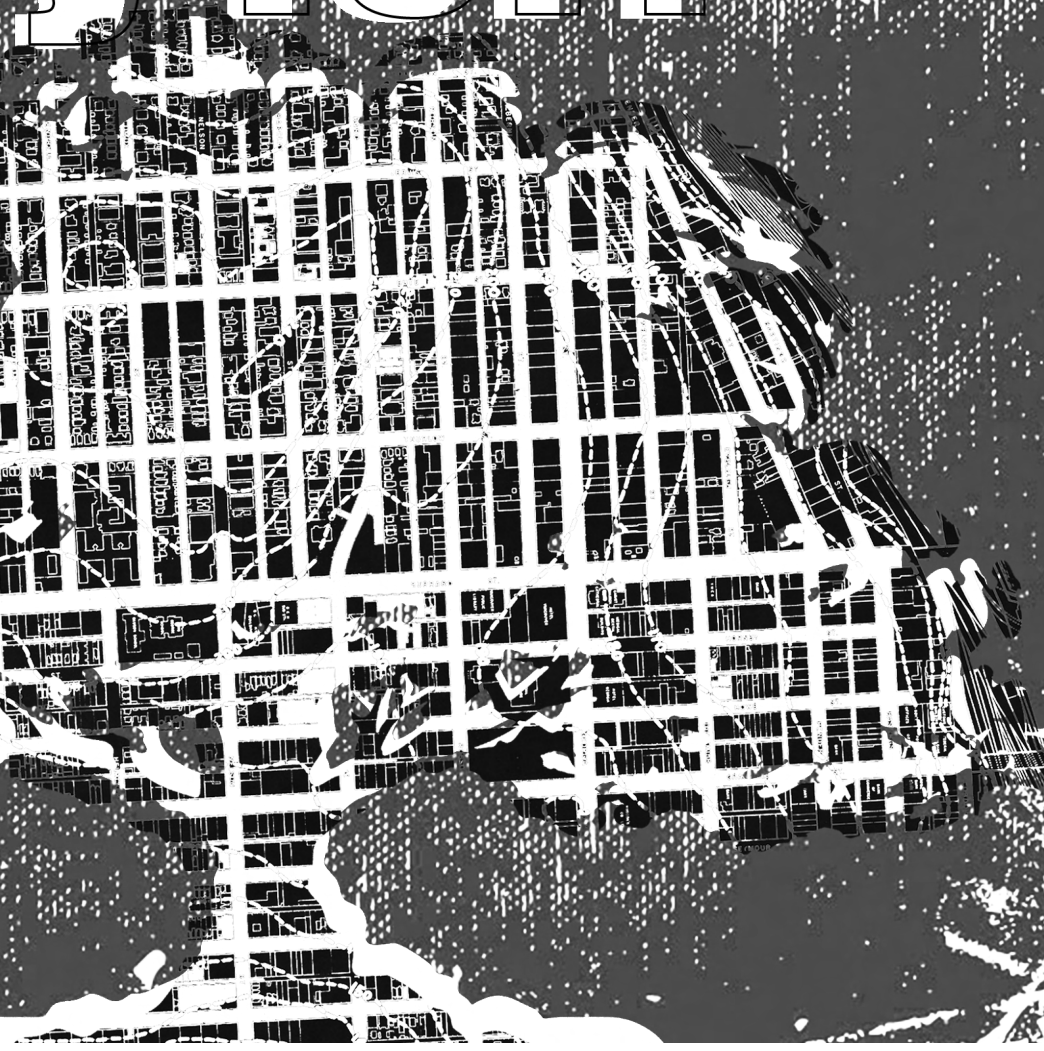
"How can I map a future I want to see? I want to see a West End that is still trees."

who is this city

"Neither of us feel like we truly can afford to live in this city. It is so hard to buy something in the West End, and you really only can rent. And even then you and I feel like we can't move because we won't be able to find a home at the price we have now."

transcripts from a neighbourhood wander
september 27, 2021

How far?



fallen tree, nelson & gilford

september 30, 2021



Neighbour -- did you find a calming tree
yet? Was she a tall tree? Did her roots
push up the concrete at your feet?



**logging of Burrard Inlet
1890**

Dear neighbour,

if you want, you can keep wandering, or you can head home now.

When you get a spare minute, note how your walk went.

Maybe map where your tree is planted? a doodle of her leaves? maybe describe why you chose that tree?

Feel free to add any of your own notes to this page.

And when you can, return this booklet where you found it for someone else to discover. Take up as little or as much room as needed.

And if the page already has field notes, maybe try to find your neighbour's calming tree for yourself.





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