Intro text for Love, hope and leprosy, a film by Ross Velton

One day a few men and women caught a disease no one could understand. Abandoned by their families, they were sent to a leprosy hospital in Sri Lanka where they became artists and musicians, fell in love with one another, and tried to build the community they couldn't find in the outside world. Now, their stories are inspiring others to carry on the fight to end the stigma of leprosy.