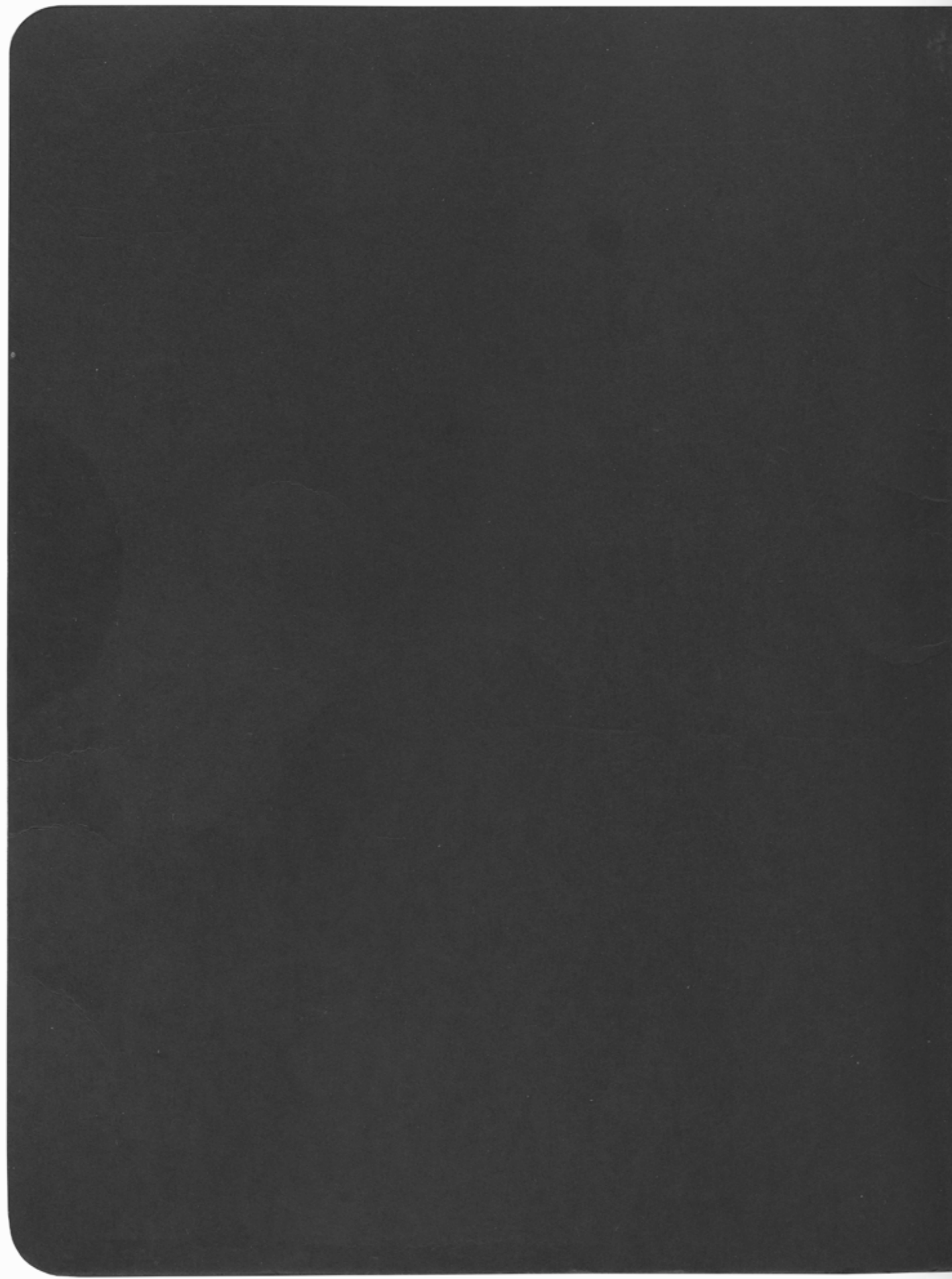


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by

Emma Waltraud Howes

at the Künstlerhaus Bethanien October 9–November 2, 2014

with

B	Mickaël Marchand	Kai Wido Meyer
Malte Niedringhaus	Patricia Reed	Gregor Runge
Lorenzo Sandoval	Anna-Sophie Springer	Maxwell Stephens
Emma Waltraud Howes	Franziska Morlok	

The approximate running time of the program is one hour 26 minutes ▶²

interlude #1: Parts of a Body / A Body of Parts
A Choreographic Insert in the Shape of Text (Lorenzo Sandoval)

1. Quad A Base, Foot, Fold, Stack
"Between the two parts there is an intermission of 100'000 years." S.B. ▶³
2. Quad B Pile, Curl, Shake, Free

interlude #2: Score: Ankyloglossia (n. tongue-tie)
Eight: Polymelias (n. multiple-limbs)

3. Murmuring a Trace Tracing a Thought
(Maxwell Stephens)

INTERMISSION

interlude #3: Stage Directions for a Mouth (Emma Waltraud Howes) ▶⁴

4. Act Ram-tam-tam! Rat-a-tat-tat!

interludes #4: Collective Journals

#5: Silence (6 minutes)

#6: Cacerolazo (You are a Stew Pot)

#7: The Grammar of Barbarians (Patricia Reed)

5. Clang Children Against the Destruction of Birds
6. Disoriented Spoons Transitional Objects (B, She Fugues I, II, III)

interlude #8: Organs without a Body. The whole Extent (B, She Fugues IV, V)

7. Parts Group

Foot (A succession of feet on the heath.) by Anna-Sophie Springer

Hand (Verstreute Hände) by Gregor Runge

8. Lecture Being to Leap ▶⁵

interlude #9: Call and Response (B, She Fugues VI)

10. Endnotes Call and Response (Reprise)

The Difficulty of Thinking Oneself Within a Broader Whole

interlude #10: A Return (Another)

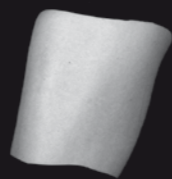
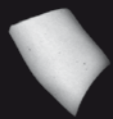


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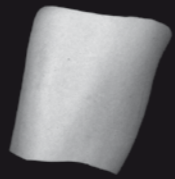
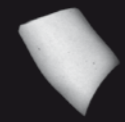
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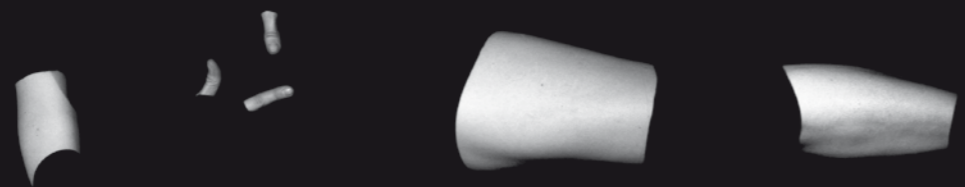
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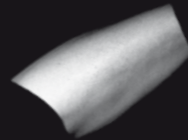
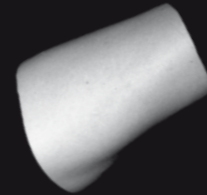
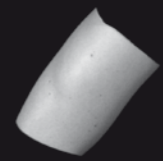




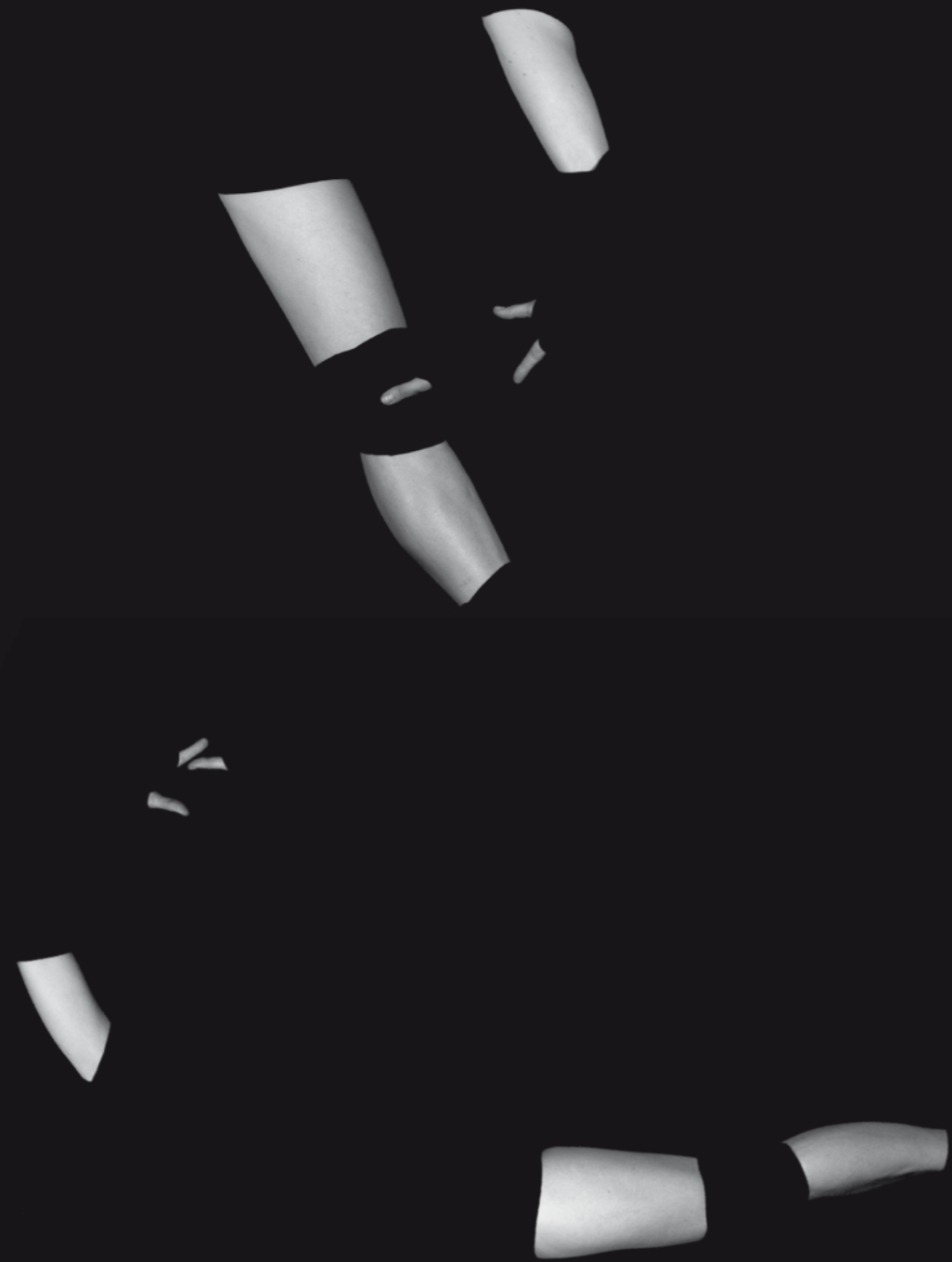


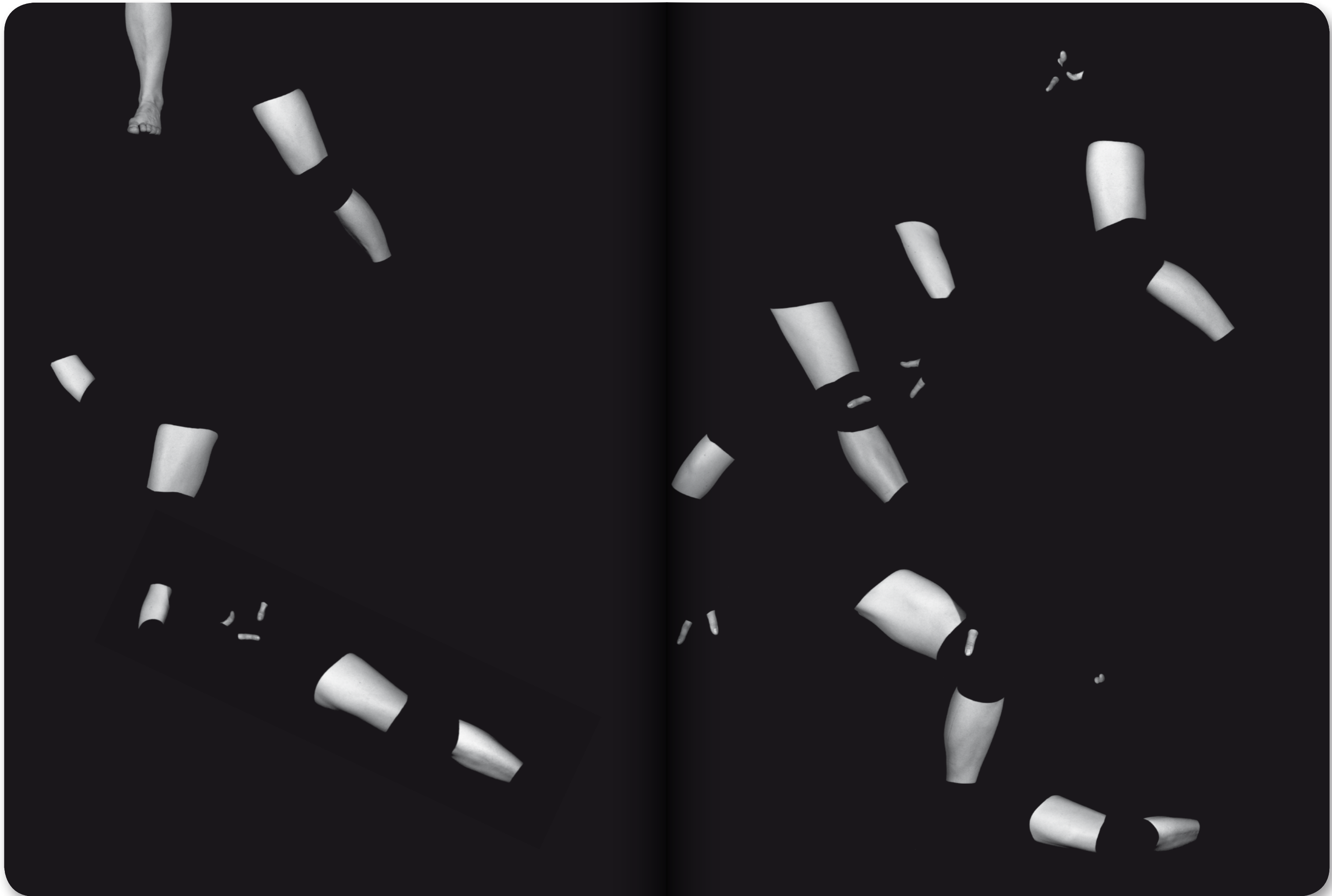












Whose voice, no one's, there is no one, there's a voice without a mouth, and somewhere a kind of hearing, something compelled to hear, and somewhere a hand, it calls that a hand, it wants to make a hand, or if not a hand something somewhere that can leave a trace, of what is made, of what is said, you can't do with less, no, that's romancing, more romancing, there is nothing but a voice murmuring a trace.
Samuel Beckett, *Texts for Nothing*

I am thinking about Emma's work on my way to the gym. In the change room, I feel an archaic impulse to step on every second tile, measure the space in strides, half the distance and half it again.

I am transported to a work I encountered of hers not so long ago:

To draw a line over the crumbly and pebbled pavement of the plaza, she is squatting, moving herself along legs bent, butt resting on her heels, rotating the hips to place the next foot down, all the while pressing the chalk firmly down. This is not the line Gilles de la Tourette drew to study the human gait. This line lies on the textured earth and will remain there until the elements take it away. This line is no inhuman measure: it is fuzzy geometry it is the idea of a cut it is a suspended decision in progress. She is suspended drawing the line, in the line, along the line, not yet on either side of the line by being on both sides, or swinging from one side to the other as her hips her legs her back grow tired and she needs to change her means. The creation of the line is the organizing principle, all her movements bear its drawing.⁶

The line turns a corner and the whole character of the work expands. The stage is shrinking now. The chalk meets the leg of a picnic table, climbs up the leg negotiating the table top and crosses over it and down the other side ...

A fall-back to earth again the maker of the line still drawing, the geometry starts to baffle us, we who look on. Another corner appears just beyond the plaza where pavement meets sidewalk. Now the movement is parallel to the outset line. And closing the space—there is already an inside now. The artist is still along the line, but you can feel a new tension as she orients herself to what she has recently demarcated.

We are changing too, we are slowly being shut out. Even though we are very much inside a public square, the drawn square rests inside it, and so we are outside one and inside the other. We are alongside her. It is now apparent that she is an artist, and she is in a dizzying space alongside inside outside our own. Container contained to contain that which makes containment possible: the freedom to continually evade either way, flipping inside and out as two polar forces that engender one another.

She rests for a moment from inside her drawing. We are awaiting the next transformative evasion outward and/or into. We watch her every move, she is on a stage of sorts. She surveys the new site. She stretches a bit. We are waiting. I think to myself: what are the ethics of choreography and of being a choreographer? There is a person selling flowers, a busker, and passersby with shopping bags. They form part of the scenario of Emma's activities. By what means do we come to understand something about the way we live in the world, in the body, in the mind?

I slide backward in time. I'm watching a static image of a kitchen, hovering at the doorway. The light is soft; it feels like morning and the smell of coffee still lingers in the air. I'm kinda short, it seems, or maybe I'm seated. The frame of the video is tight, a little claustrophobic. In my memory, a toe floats magically down from outside the image, followed by a foot and a panted leg, oozing down the screen. It stops just shy of the floor while a second leg descends alongside. They retreat again, and disappear. Free of the body forever! Now her whole body pours down the right side, past the cupboards onto the counter, arms braced, back arching, toes reach again toward the floor and hover a moment. Her butt clears the counter and she gracefully sinks to the kitchen floor. She performs the frame, tracing its edge while I witness an alchemical and morphological series of transformations work through her body in this domestic and ritualistic space. The image is wet, is warmly baking, is cooling and settling, then something stirs ... I am so quietly watching.⁷

Leap forward in time. We are relocated to an abstract yet historically inflected space, a phantasmal and interior space where geometry seems less encumbered by the quotidian. We are presented a different set of nestling squares: Samuel Beckett's *Quad*. Beckett's work offers

It's more like trying to walk when your foot is asleep or you're wearing one sock. What is elided, or concealed, reveals the phenomenal character of what is allowed to appear.

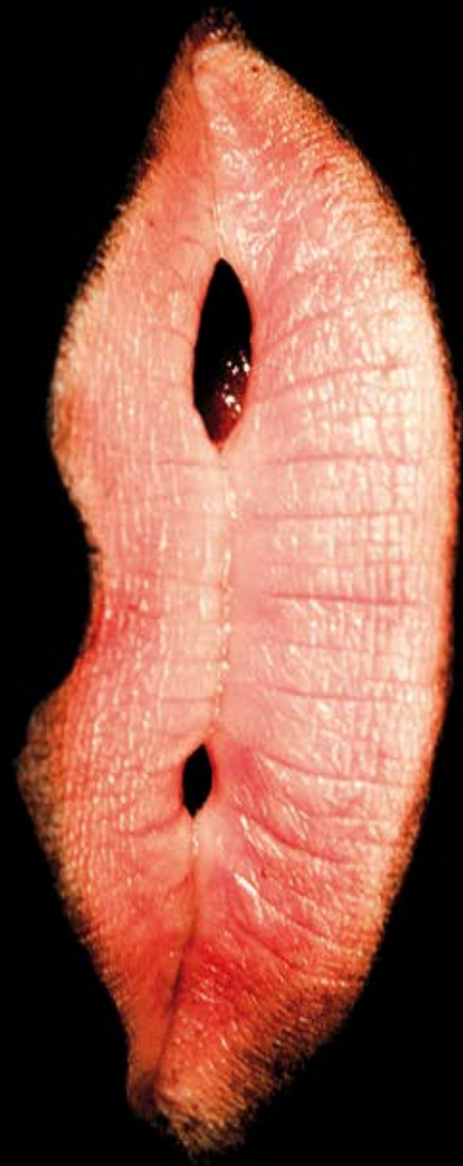
We develop a new fascination for what is evidenced and available. Gravity loses its orientation, breath only ripples across a torso in odd moments, muscles tense up, release, quiver. She embodies the rigorous submission of the original choreography in a carefully reworked sequence carried forward from *Quad*.

Her body bears its own load, the container once again is contained—only to flee again! Emma's use of materials at hand, including the use of her own body, are driven by the idea of movement, or what makes movement itself possible. Something rests, is arrested, interrupted, cut away, obscured, taken off the scene and examined in the same gesture as something acts, is set free, carried on, set in relation, revealed, set on stage and put to new use. She drifts from one pole to the other and yet remains within this play of forces. This is an ongoing engagement with all of Emma's work I have encountered.

Curiously, what she *wills* to do comes face to face with what she *can* do. Dance is most beautifully animated on such a shifting foundation. Skill and technique are simply other means at Emma's disposal. She uses the body as medium, as interpretive tool, as site of interlocution, saying something that is difficult to say. Where we let words go so we can take them up again. Even if we have to pin down a word here, and cut off a foot or leg there and send it away, flying across the mountains, or quivering undead in a video monitor. I learn something about myself in these extensions of a human capacity to sense ourselves anew, scattered about in existence. Just so. Inessentially so, when we choose to follow Emma's example.









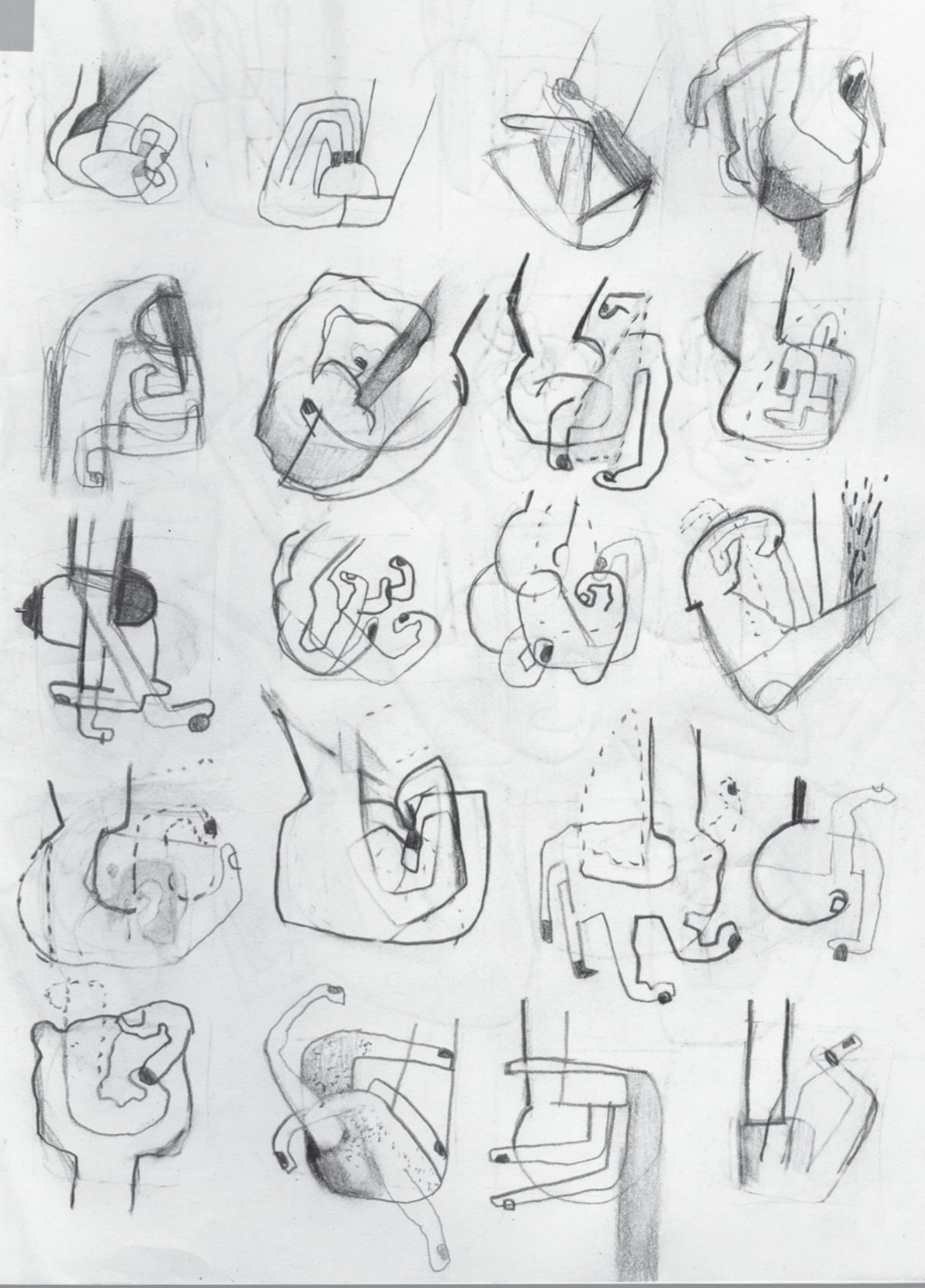


Note: Movement

MOUTH

MOUTH: ... mouth ... with no body ... without no body ... nobody to cling to ... cling ... too ... with tongue ... teeth ... lips ... speech ... speechless ... sprachlos ... stumm ... communicates ... solely ... communicates ... a variety of mouth organ gestures ... tongue-tied ... gesticulates ... no words ... but ... pots and pans ... *clang ... bang ... ram-tam-tam! rat-a-tat-tat!* ... protest ... [Silence.] ... loss of body ... lost no body ... lost ... body ... protesting ... loss of ability ... to wrestle ... this world ... out into dis world ... no hands ... no hands to do so ... hanging ... mid-air ... nothing beneath ... no support ... has ... nothing ... no ... thing ... to prop up ... *ba-dumm, bumm bum!* ... no heart ... to speak of ... simply ... there ... floating ... attempting ... [Pause and Movement 1.] ... pronounce ... displeasure ... *bang, clang ... rums, bums, bauz, krach* ... singular ... form ... multiplies ... sound ... disproportionately ... gesticulating ... madly ... *klopf, klopf ... knock, knock* ... organ, body ... *tick, tock* ... tick, tack ... with ... out ... body ... [Pause and Movement 2.] ... order ... mouth ... manage ... fik ... fiction ... function ... dis ... order ... learn ... how to manage ... dat ... orderly mouth ... gap ... twisted teeth ... *Tatütata!* ... [Pause.] ... call for attention ... draw attention ... stew pot ... cacophony ... escapes ... lips: *bang, bang, clang, clang, rat-a-tat-tat!* ... [Screams.] ... enough ... noise ... [Screams Again.] ... perceived ... band of protestors ... a city claims a home ... upon a tongue ... stick ... stuck ... reveals ... support ... participates ... instruments ... participants ... too many ... sha-t-t-er-ing ... dis ... content ... debacle of pans ... clamber their way amidst the taste buds ... the plaque ... *wäh-wäh* ... teeth ... spaces between ... proclaim ... Freedom! ... [Pause and Movement 3.] ... stuttering ... *klang, kling, klirr, klimper, klingel, bimmel* ... rr rr rr rr rr ... Ha! ... a start: ... start ... *zzzzzzzip!* 'Prêt' ... simply ... stand ... reveal an interior ... world ... slowly ... small dip ... rise ... a rising peak ... peak? ... little peek ... tiny little thing ... [Brief Laugh.] ... grand ... gaping ... [Good Laugh.] ... hole ... whole ... of a mouth ... determine ... assert ... determined ... assertive ... dark ... deep ... reveals ... integrity ... grace ... a mess of grace ... mad mouth ... angry mouth ... absurd ... exhausted ... da ... mouth ... der ... mund ... *pst, pscht ... hush, shhhhhh!!!* ... [Pause and Movement 4.] ... **KLANG!**

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#5: Silence (6 minutes)













I. Dusty Esperanto

As an orifice of nourishment, an outlet of love, a spout for malady, and a chamber of expression, the mouth conjoins us with the animal kingdom like other creatures that feast, lick their pups, purge infection and howl in pain. The mouth, however, is also the organ that most separates us from those creatures as we humans stand alone in our capacity for speech. According to the Ancients, it is this capacity for speech that defines us as political beasts bound to the *logos*, with abilities above and beyond those of expressing mere agony, hunger or pleasure. As definitive and generous such a definition may seem, one need only look back at the political practices of the Ancients to see how this capacity in and of itself was insufficient. Those strangers, those who did not speak Greek, those whose speech was unintelligible, those who spoke undecipherable utterances, those were the barbarians. Before signalling a savage way of living, or a mode of vulgar behaviour, *barbaros* is the onomatopoeic sound of babbling to non-Greek ears; the barbarian is first and foremost a designation of a gauge of perceptible vocalization labelled as noise. The barbarian delineates yet a further separation within the human family: she is human, but one whose capacity for the perceptibility of sense-making or logic is inexistent (the inexistent marks a degree of minimal being, it is not absolutely devoid of existence).⁹ The barbarian is the antonym of the citizen, for she is a being with no part in the logical order as *it is*—she is a being, not a subject. In her sequence of contorted calisthenics, Howes' mouth, at once sensuous and grotesque, tests out the muscular, somatic capacities of this organ adjacent to speech—an adjacency of speech inhering to the 'non-semantic' utterances of the barbarian. As her lips gesticulate unreadable manoeuvres, as her saliva collects between gums, tongue and teeth, the resonate sound of banging pots and pans emanates. A *concert des casseroles* is exhaled from her anonymous mouth, a solitary mouth, yet one containing a clamouring, vociferous orchestra of uncountable masses whose grammar overflows localisation. Unlike language, noise travels without the burden of semantic rigidity, accumulating like particles of dust into morphological amalgams of signification with every situation it permeates. As a yearned for, universal communicator, cacophony has become the Esperanto of disagreement, sonically promiscuous and untethered to division between the public or private spheres, it is a sheer ululation

of solidarity in being governed not quite so much and not quite like that.¹⁰

II. The Subtracted Citizen

“The horizon is neither a boundary marker that prohibits or solicits transgression, nor a barrier drawn in a dotted line across the sky. Once it has been decided, one always carries one's horizon away with one. This is the exasperating side of the horizon: corrosive like the visible, tenacious like a smell, compromising like touch, it does not dress things up with appearances, but impregnates everything that we are resolved to grasp.”¹¹

The trans-mission of *cacerolazo* (the banging of pots and pans as protest) into a gymnastics of karaoke ventriloquism indexes an exhaustion of words. In Québec, on May 18, 2012 the capacity to publicly assemble with and around speech was legally exhausted with the passing of Bill 78. The citizen-contract granting the space to create, embody and articulate demands was nullified, muting public *logos* and juridically amputating the very organ constitutive of the citizen—her capacity to speak comprehensible words to and within a civic sphere (it ought to also be noted that the abolishment of public *logos* marks the inability of asserting any distinction between good and bad). By statutorily severing this essential capacity of a citizen, by obstructing the explicit and implicit ties binding her to the *nomos*, a type of heretical citizenship manifests, as one is no longer buttressed by the promises of civic belonging. *Cacerolazo* is the raucous articulation of this heresy of the citizen; it is an intensification of her subtraction from the *nomos* where linguistic demands simply cannot be performed. Without the vehicle of speech, subtracted-citizens possess the vehicle of cacophony, the means of becoming barbarian when the prerequisites for demanding anything are situationally unrequited. The act of articulating language-bound demands presupposes a certain logic: that there is a legitimate authority figure who will listen and comprehend the demand; and a(n) (infra)structure in place that can possibly fulfil said demand. When these core assumptions are not met, when the capacity for public speech is denied as such, no procedure of demanding anything at all can take place. The prohibition of the performance for demanding is an apparatus of civic subtraction,

a civic subtraction whose primordial cipher is that of the barbarian. That figure denied an (overtly) semantic presence in the polis, whose speech (ac)counts for none at all. The citizen whose foundational properties of politico-humaness have been denied, is announced by a barbarian enunciation of brouhaha, where clanging sounds forcefully replace (known) speech as the articulation of subtracted citizens. The subtracted citizen is not a destructive movement, but the marking of a separation from existing laws, an (imposed) indifference to the legislation governing modes of speech and spheres of appearance. *Cacerolazo* is a tactic awaiting strategy; it indicates a moment of rupture to the logic of *what is* as a suspension of normality. Such a tear in the fabric of common sense is generative of a productive uncertainty caught in a state of limbo: will this moment desist as a carnivalesque blip only to return to the self-same order, or will this moment provoke a faithful collective endeavour towards the reengineering of the *nomos*? The latter marks the fabulative labour for the construction of horizon(s), an operational perspective for reorientation in spatial, affective, epistemic, semantic and geometric terms. Undermining the parameters of existing referential norms that serve as navigational tools in the world and with each other, the horizon for what *could be* begins with a scar of the subtracted citizen, its infinite constructability is the plotting of the inexistent.

III. Translating Polyphony

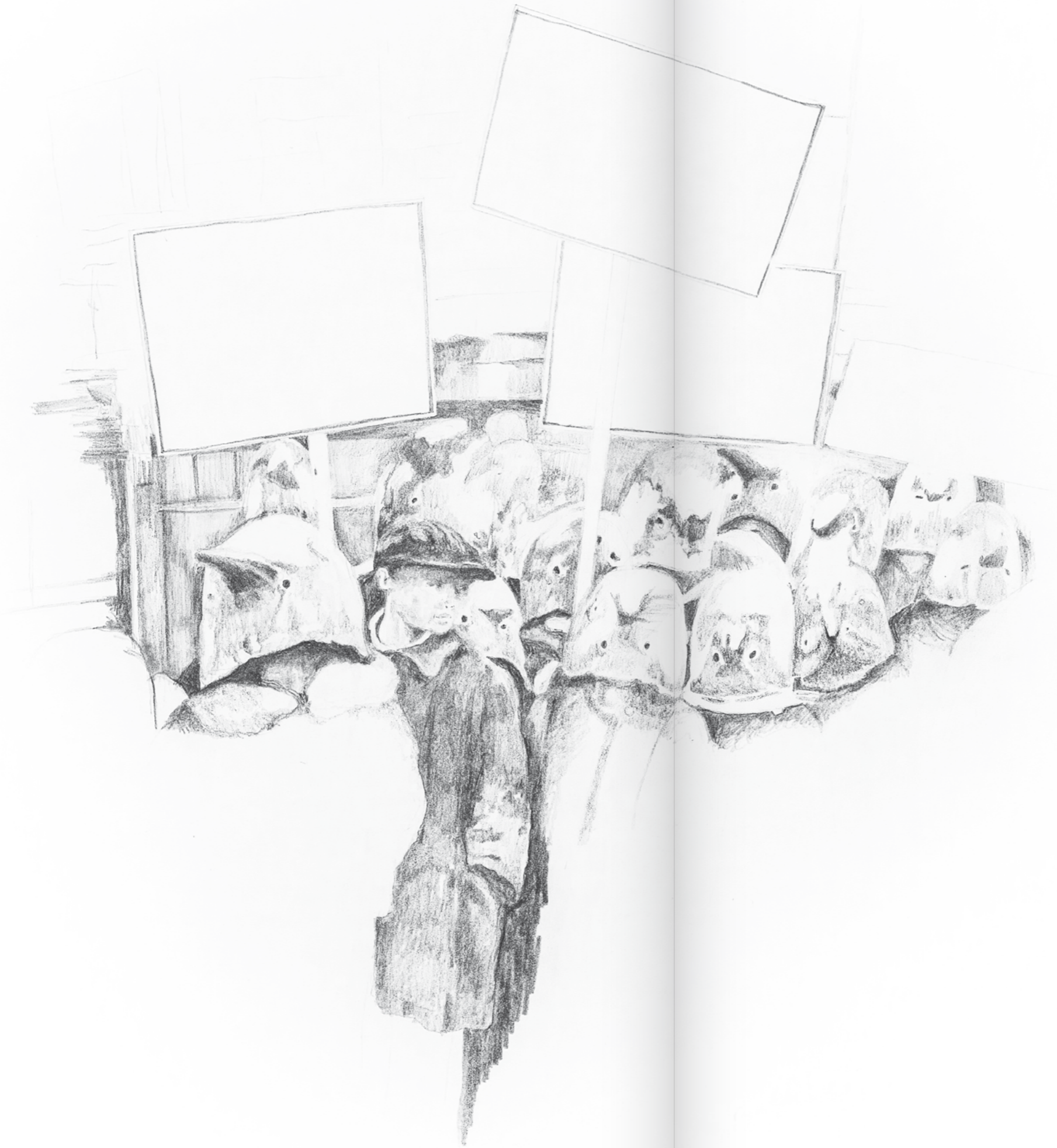
It has been asserted that there be a public obligation of translation to avoid the monolinguistic pitfalls of Ancient assembly and all those non-Greek speakers identified as *de jure* barbarian.¹² The suggested obligation towards a multilingual public sphere certainly takes us a step further, affording alien tongues and foreign grammars, but remains bound to language presuming conditions for speech exist. When such multilingual conditions are not, or no longer met, the obligation becomes bound not to the domain of polyvocalisation, but to polyphony itself and the inference of signals peppering a noisy field. The signal located in the roaring non-demand is the insistence for translation, the emphatic appeal for a labour of translation to work upon the embryonic capacity of non-sense. The labour of translation is a migratory one: it is the transposition of signs across thresholds of syntax and frontiers

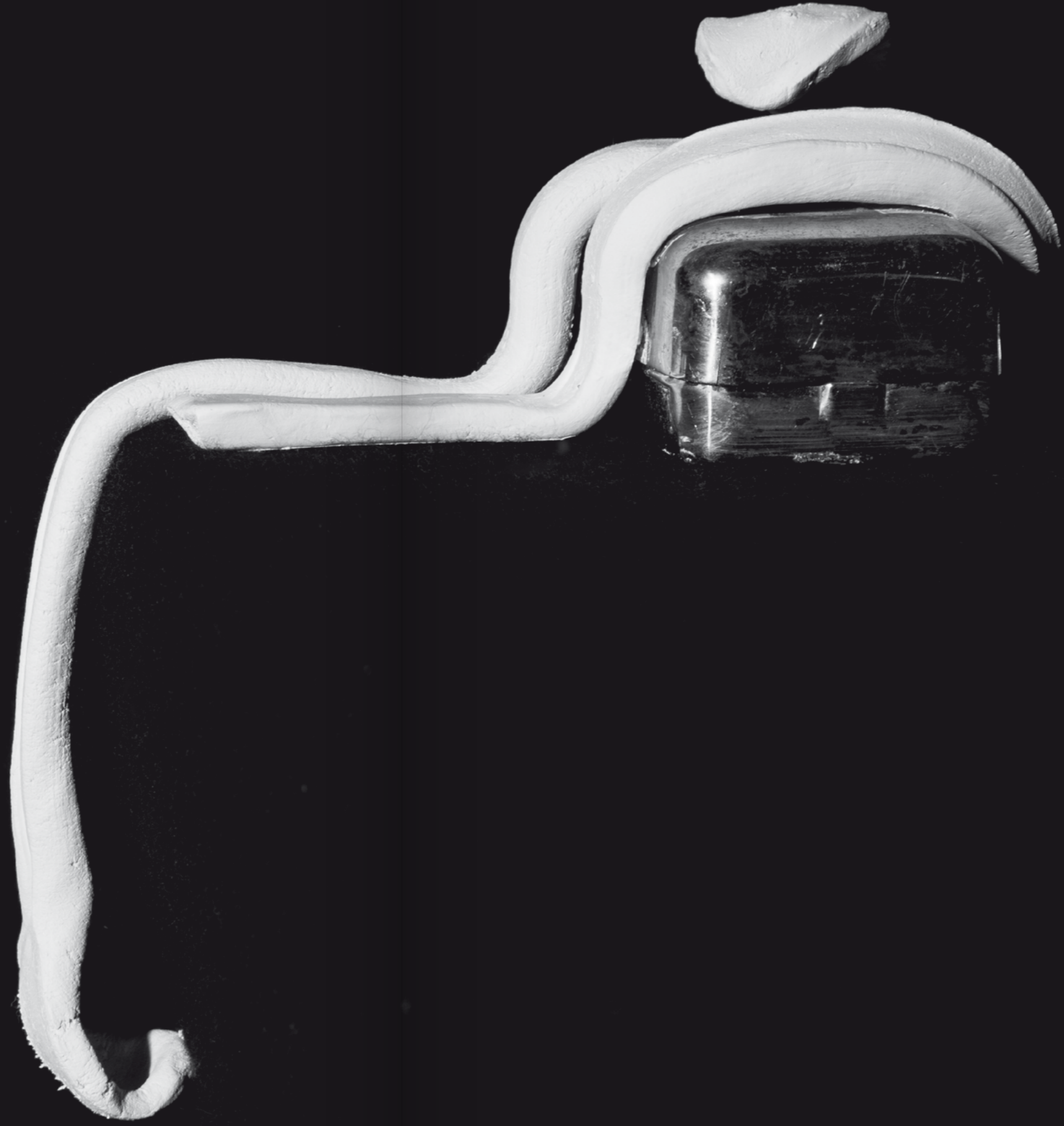
of grammar. Through the sensorial displacement of mismatched sound and image (the mouthing of metallic clanging) Howes articulates this demand for translation. The extra-diegetic sound pantomimed as an exercise of verbalization situates object-generated noise as a performance of speech, her mouth no more a site for enunciation, but a cavernous host for alien signals. In lip-syncing the polyphony of banging pots and pans Howes enacts this obligation towards the subtracted citizen, ushering in a new lingual-ethico-horizon constituted by a commitment to translation. Her anonymous, subtracted mouth alludes to the becoming-minority of speech acts under increasingly authoritarian conditions (the outright obliteration of assembly in so-called Western Democracies, to the enforcement of designated 'protest zones' where disagreement is contained). Becoming minority is not a condition of sheer numbers (the numeric majority may indeed comprise the minority, as in the 99% of wealth distribution); it is rather a question of minority logic and the form that minority logic must take. This is the duty for translation, the translation of the unspeakable (under increasing conditions of unspeakable-ness) towards the semantic territorialisation of barbarian grammars.









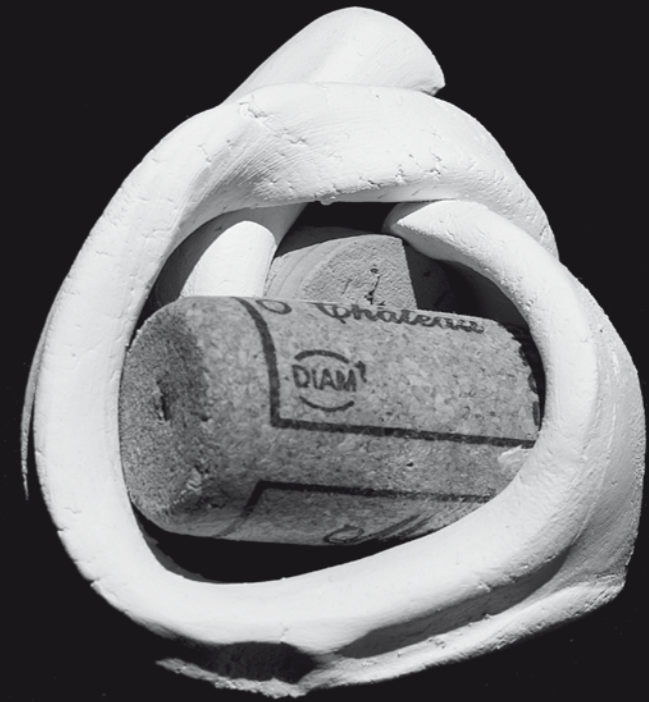


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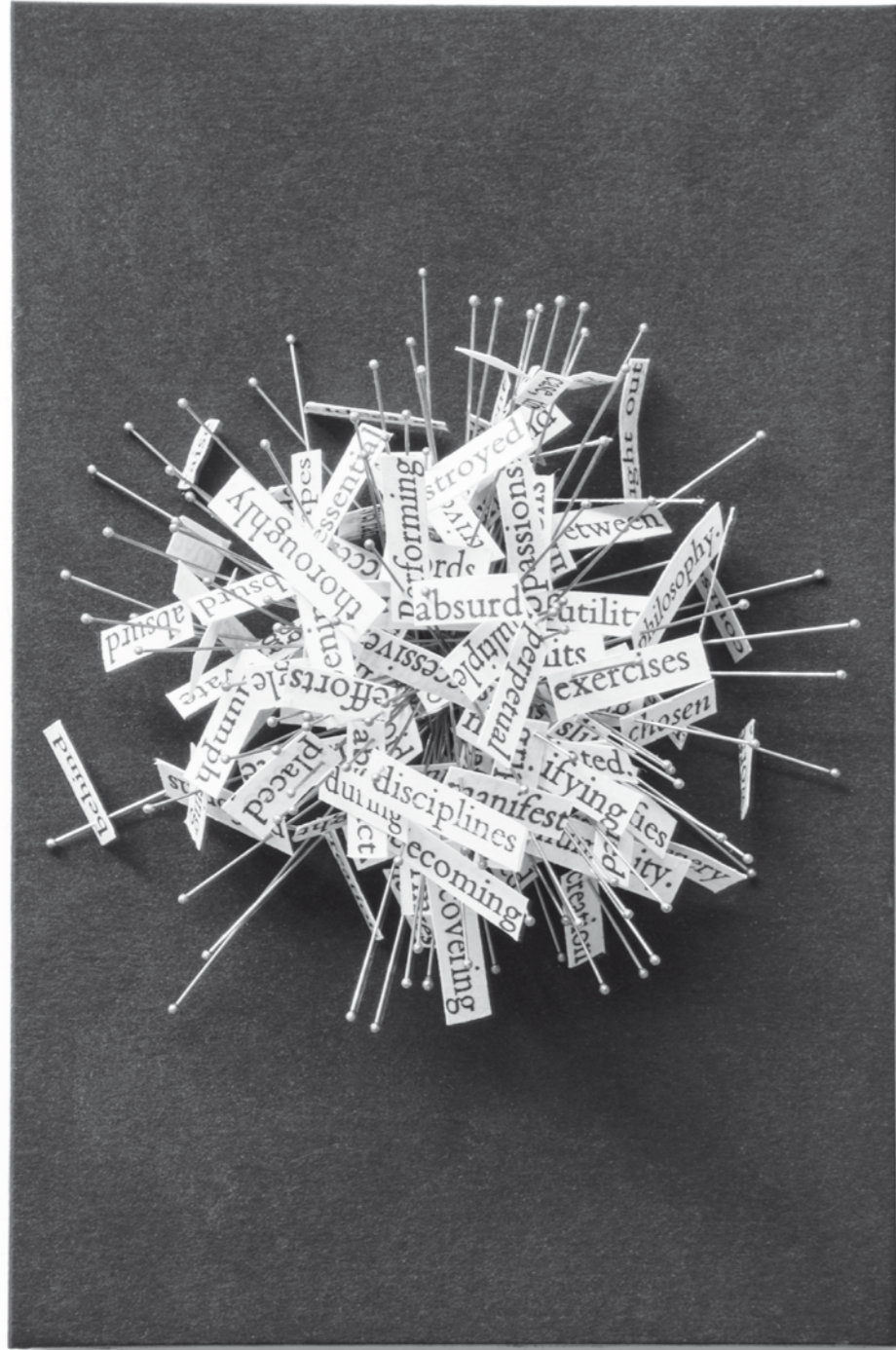


Speechless lies a mouth
speaks to hear U
ninterrupted
(tied unknotted tongue)





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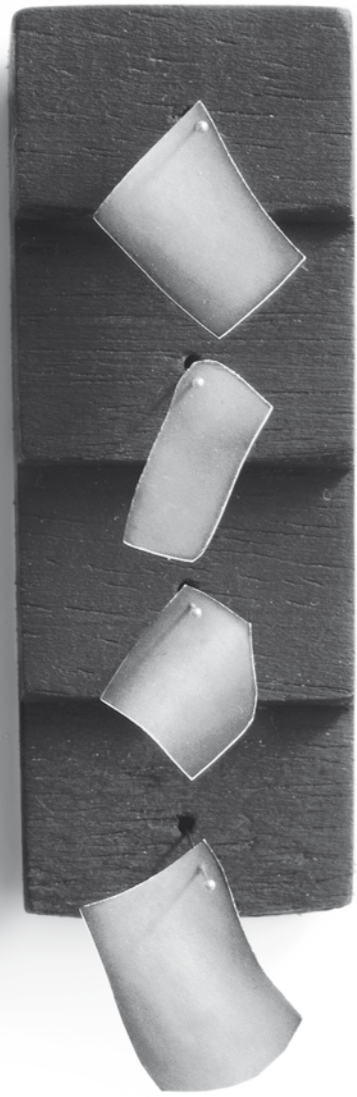
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Long periods of time are elided into a sentence sometimes I'm
she
he's
Who's the one the two the third
There're more than
two (there'll be time)
for this 'n' that subject
to bare 't'all bear down on
fk fk fk
like a force draws a magnet from a hand: toward it's
when a moment hovering w/o ground when
a moment speeding it's certain
There's no question 'bout its desti
nation it's destined as
a magnet's distance between hand and
force is w/o gravity
srsly [idk what if:
i reflected back the distance if
I'd hold you while you'd wake a lock
on force if force
becomes hand pull become
a palm letting go gravity in the
hold that]
is a missing vowel a consonant's bad rep as gravity
is elided entire syllables
are replaced by time
contracted a duration without weight a body's volume
lifted
leaves a mark on hand 'n' force the
distance between remembers lightness
on it on a shoulder a shouldn't 've
as long as one let(')s go c'mon then
an object in proximity is bound by force
to fly



Fuguese of nothing
her soul's complexion does not suit
the world
pirouettes with her the world would go round
the world with
and I should not know how to walk.

Asuccessionoffeetonthearth. On a Sunday in April 2006, 4–5pm

WALKING.

flip-flops. feet pointing inward; knees turned in; slightly cross-legged. impulse for the legs seemingly coming from the hip, which pushes forward together with the leg that is making a step. upper body sagging forward, head first; arms swing wide away from torso with each new step; whole body visibly in vibration.

WAVING.

girl's right arm stretched away from shoulder, forty-five degrees up; hand draws quarter circle above right shoulder and head; upper body resonates with a slighter swing.

STRIDE.

energy seems to be drawn from the feet kicking forward; upper body erect, neck straight; overtakes others in speed.

WALKING.

thighs rubbing against each other.

RUNNING.

energy from the feet up; knees thrown up high in front; arms appear flexed, held down parallel to upper body which seems awkwardly stiff compared to legs engaged in such vigorous movement.

WALKING.

feet turned out; legs forming the sides of a triangle between the hip and the floor; with each step the shoulders rudder forward and back, forward and back.

WALKING.

feet turned out; legs slightly o-shaped; elasticity in the knees, like springs.

WALKING DOG.

shoulders pulled back; back and head straight; small quick steps; hips swinging; in contrast to a certain elasticity, apparently also a tension from arm to shoulder, to back and so on to counter the dog's pull.

WALKING WITH LUGGAGE.

a big bag in right hand; weight pulling up the shoulder; other shoulder thus lower; steps irregular from leg to leg: right thigh pushing luggage weight forward.

WALKING.

hip sagging forward; shoulder blades backwards; arms and legs swinging rather loosely.

WALKING. BIKINI TOP.

stomach pulled in; respiration into the chest, not lower stomach, which lifts up the chest in an unusual manner; shoulders both falling a little forward and upper back thus roundish; steps made as if done consciously, like on stilts or over glass.

WALKING. BIG BOOTS. BIG PANTS.

when the leg steps forward the upper body follows forward very much so that then, for the next step, he has to draw the other leg forward from very much behind; as if the legs form triangles parallel to the front of his body and like a play between hip and feet while the knees do not seem so much involved.

VERY TALL. WITH GIRLFRIEND.

neck drawn a little in, yet shoulders relaxed; legs very long. he steps as if vertically by bending the knees quite high, but without moving them forward all that much: up, yes, and then makes tiny steps. to keep pace with the much shorter girlfriend? how would he be walking if he were alone?

HIGH HEELS.

thighs seem to be the source of force to lift her legs. when foot returns to the ground the resonant movement in the leg muscles seems to end abruptly, as if the foot was back on the ground too early for the movement cycle to be really finished.

STROLLING.

stomach bulky; broad figure; shoulders seem drawn up. he lifts his leg seemingly by pushing forward with the hip; the knee points to the side when the foot is in the air; arms swinging accordingly and appear so relaxed that the hands, which are loose fists, make small circular movements that are peculiar and strangely independent.

BEAT WALKER.

hollow back; bum sticking out; seems to maintain his whole upper body stiff; feet touching the ground with a knock that resonates up through the entire body causing little twitches in the triceps.

DANCE.

says Merce Cunningham, "is movement, and its opposite, in time and space. It is this continuously changing fact that gives its structure — its permanence in fluidity. ... It is its own necessity, not so much as a representation of the moving world, rather as a part of it, with inherent springs."

Ohne Finger wäre die Hand
ein Löffel.

In Moskau sieht Walter Benjamin
eine Marienikone mit drei Händen.
Sie ist halbnackt, schreibt er,
und aus ihrem Nabel steigt eine
kräftige, wohlgebildete Hand.

Der Geist der Vernunft verbietet
der Hand den Mund.

Wächst mir ein Kornfeld in
der flachen Hand, lässt Schiller
fragen.

Goethe sieht Bäume mit händegleich
verschlungenen Ästen.

Aus heiterem Himmel ohrfeigt
die Mutter das Kind. Das Kind
denkt: Diese Hand stottert.

Walter Benjamin schreibt
von einer Hand, die wie ein
Derwisch der Wollust
ihres Taumels unterliegt.

Dieselbe Hand gibt Heilung
mir und Wunden. Petrarca
hat Laura erblickt.

Dürers *Betende Hände* über
dem Bett, kreisend im hellwachen
Sinn des schlaflosen Kindes, das
die eigenen Hände vor Augen
nicht sehen kann.

Dürers *Betende Hände* sich
hebend und senkend auf einer
blassen Männerbrust, umflattert
von irisierenden Schmetterlingen.

Hand in Hand, im Tempo der
Schnecken, löffeln die einander
gegenübersitzenden Alten ihre
Suppe. Dem Mann fällt der Löffel
aus der Hand. Einmal, zweimal,
dreimal.

Hugo Ball lässt Laute fallen,
Wörter tauchen auf, Schultern
von Wörtern, Beine, Arme, Hände
von Wörtern.

Selbstständige, kleine Hände, die,
ohne zu irgendeinem Körper zu
gehören, lebendig sind, sieht Rilke
bei Renoir.

Von einer Hand ergriffen, die
einen Weg weiß in der Dunkelheit.

Von einer Hand weggestoßen,
die sich nicht verirrt hat, aber
auch nicht mehr umkehren kann.

Ohne Hände bleibt noch das
sprechendste Gesicht stumm,
schreibt Lessing über Hände in
der Malerei. Die Beobachtung
verlässt den Rahmen des Bilds.

Hand an sich legen ist zweierlei.

Jetzt ist es mir so eng, so eng,
sehnen Sie, es ist mir manchmal,
als stieß' ich mit den Händen an
den Himmel, sagt Büchners Lenz.

Goulds Hände in Großaufnahme
und Zeitlupe, zwei Wesen,
unabhängig voneinander.

Kahnbein, Mondbein, Dreiecks-
bein, Erbsenbein, Großes Vieleck-
bein, Kleines Vieleckbein, Kopf-
bein, Hakenbein.

Eilig von der Mutter fortgezogen
dreht sie sich um und erkennt
im Dämmer die erhobene, weiß
leuchtende Hand.

Starke, sterbende Hände,
Schraubstockhände, kommt
es ihm in den Sinn.

Die Hand kann diesen Griff noch
träumen, aber nie mehr erwachen,
um ihn wirklich zu vollziehen,
schreibt Walter Benjamin.

Die kräftige Hand der Säuglings-
krankenschwester hat den
Feind erlegt, hält ein mit Alkohol
gefülltes Reagenzglas ins Licht,
in dem eine Hornisse schwimmt.

Wolken, aus denen Hände wachsen.

Im Spalt des kaum geöffneten
Speiseschranks drang meine Hand
wie ein Liebender durch die Nacht
vor, schreibt Walter Benjamin.

Nichts geht ohne Handlung
von der Hand in den Mund.

In der Hand der Mutter rieselten
Geschichten, schreibt Walter
Benjamin.

Immer beugen die zehn Finger
nach innen.

MYTH

condemned
 ceaselessly rolling
 weight. thought
 punishment
 believes
 futile was
 hopeless labour.
 disposed practise
 contradiction differ reasons
 futile labourer
 levity
 carried stole
 disappearance
 thunderbolts
 benediction water. punished
 endure sight deserted,
 dispatched liberated
 being rashly
 test ordered
 contrary
 chastise
 enjoyed
 darkness.
 facing curve sparkling sea,

seized impudent
 lead forcibly
 snatching
 grasped
 through passions through absurd
 death, passion life
 unspeakable being exerted
 passions told
 breathe sees
 effort straining raise roll
 push up,
 screwed tight against
 bracing wedging
 outstretched,
 effort measured
 space time
 watches down purpose
 toward moments
 toward during return push
 toils back down
 breathing-space
 leaves consciousness. suffering,
 moments
 gradually sinks
 stronger
 torture
 upheld step hope
 works
 moments becomes conscious.
 rebellious,
 whole during descent. lucidity

surmounted

toward

beginning

becomes

melancholy

desperate

tremendous

discover

inseparable

teaches

drives

futile suffering

suddenly restored

rise up.

wondering
invitations

reverse

shadow,

efforts

absurd

unceasing

inevitable

glances

backward

returning

pivoting, contemplates

become

rolling.

leave

raises

futile.

forms

struggle

toward

fill

imagine

suicide answering
games; answer.
ample, precede
act. study
become urgent
die ontological
endangered
revolves around
living
reason living
run risk leading death
passion living
method balance between
point view
point view virile behaviour,
make smile.

ABSURDITY SUICIDE
philosophical living
philosophy.
dimensions,
comes afterwards.
preach ex-will
actions
die ontological
endangered
revolves around
futile question.
judge life
paradoxically
give reason living
reason living dying
life urgent
run risk leading death
passion living
method balance between
point view
point view virile behaviour,
make smile.

Living, habit. Dying
agitation
suddenly divested
memory between
thought
longing death.
absurd suicide, absurd.
action. Belief
conduct.
speaking, rapidly
continue
reversing kill
questioning.

REASONING
return
confessing
continue making gestures
implies
living habit, daily
explained
hope
absurdity.
suicide, connection between further
divorce between suicide
cheat
absurdity
questions involve implies
made indulging irony.

Propositional gestures have uncoiled like conditioned reflexes so bolt

And I dont know what I'm saying saying
you with
language's equivocality contorts love's features
and that's another one
so when will you appear to you you
searched I
found Nothing
like I ran the undisturbed neighbourhood further must be than the object of her fugue to all
the places she had ever pulled and I chased a voice from the periphery when I couldn't
see in and I shouted her name into tangled just messed obscure nature and
impassable I couldn't outrun my inadequate stranger
to her instinct our tangent species never axial

or coincident
unless she's sleeping in my bed
and sleep dreams us
unless she mouths the muscles of her ears and listens
and I hear
feed her, open a door, clasp the leash.

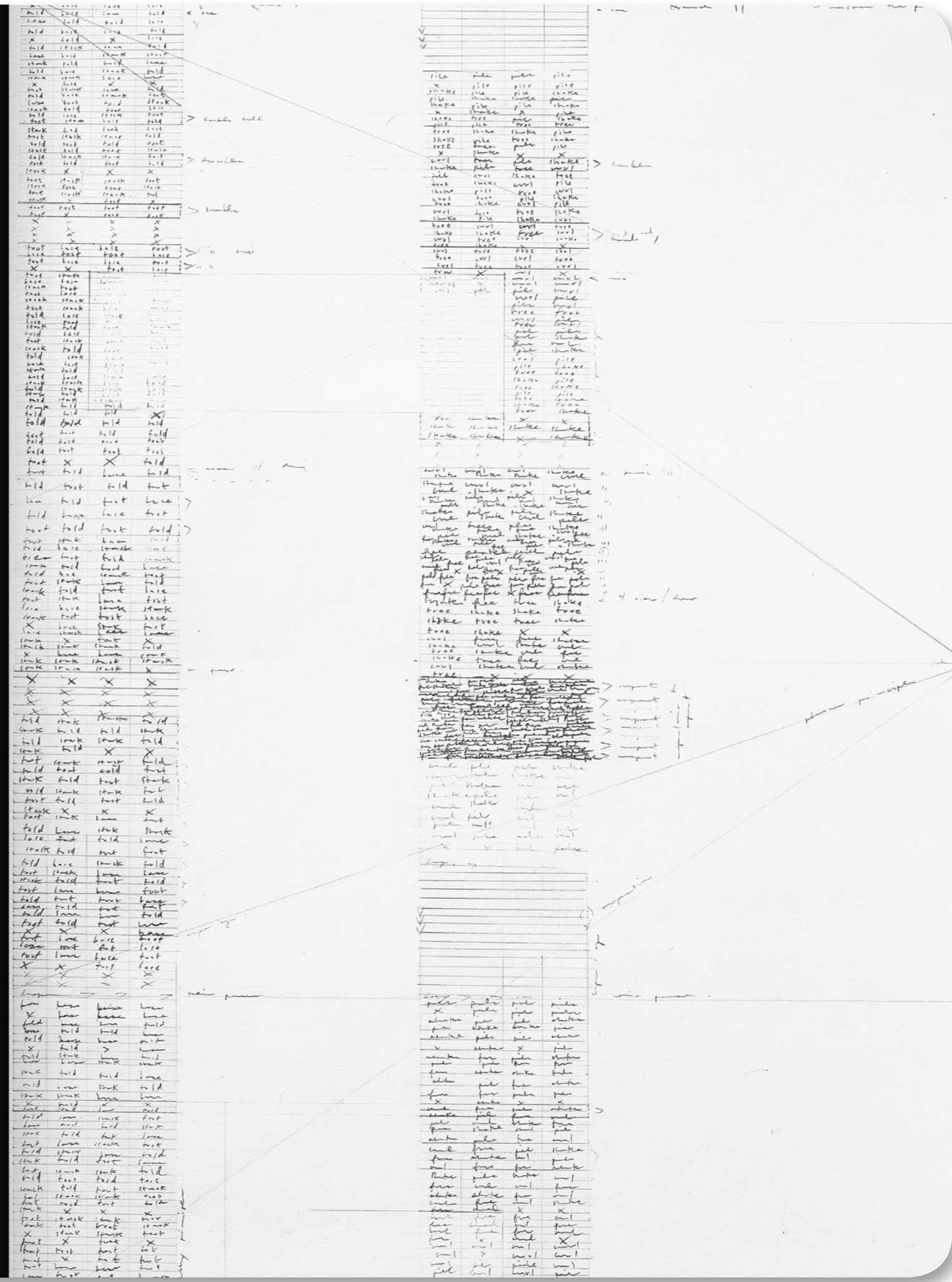
As many muscles as around your eyes.

And when I go home defeated
I open the door she walks in,
thirsty.

I heard myself once she
came obscene and loudly throaty gravel pit in a field of sunflowers from rough unchiseled
geometry a horizon just blasted

funny
it hears an accident.

I hide what you reflex by looking.
Try me
confounded pretend I'm Nothing until it's
and
bite me cause you know
I'm home.



Score (Content)

- ¹ ... insect, multiple, trunk, word, form, tongue, worm, wood, maggot, repeat, negate, monstrous, branch, causation, compress, shape, shift, site, sense, will, agency, society, adapt, cellular, function, fear, pile, sort, cold, cold, configure, join, test, abstract, formulate, reconfigure, disrupt, perspective, darkness, convergence, connect, relation, articulate, mechanism, define, categorize, topple, no matter, twig, repeat, stone, sand, whistle, wind, drop, dribble, pour, maker, bridge, instruct, set, upon, inside, diagram, gesticulate, perspective, forgotten, certainty, undoing ...
- ² *The Mind is a Muscle* [1968] by Yvonne Rainer
"It is my overall concern to reveal people as they are engaged in various kinds of activities —alone, with each other, with objects—and to weight the quality of the human body towards that of objects and away from the super-stylization of the dancer."
- ³ *Quad* [1982] by Samuel Beckett
"Indeed *Quad* may be regarded as the fulfilment onstage of the goal he had set himself in 1937 in the letter to Axel Kaun, the achieving of an entirely new means of expression through the elimination of language."
Pountney, R., *Theatre of Shadows: Samuel Beckett's Drama 1956–1976* (Gerrards Cross: Colin Smythe, 1988), 10.
- ⁴ *Not I* [1972] by Samuel Beckett
- ⁵ *The Myth of Sisyphus* [1942] by Albert Camus

Murmuring a Trace

- ⁶ *Subtle Architectures, 2007–2009: Dare-Dare*, Montreal (2009), 3e impérial, Granby (2008), Festival Bauhaus Year, Jena (2008), Latitude 53, Edmonton (2007)
- ⁷ *Kitchen Dances*, 2001: Video Distribution: Video Out, Vancouver, BC
Groupe Intervention Vidéo, Montreal, QC
- ⁸ *Ankyloglossia* (n. tongue-tie), 2014: Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin

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- ⁹ The in-existent, as described in *Logics of Worlds (Being and Event II)* by Alain Badiou, does not indicate absolute inexistence, but something that has a minimal degree of existence approaching zero within a given system. For example, women's suffrage in pre-1918 Quebec; women of course really existed since the dawn of the human species, yet prior to 1918 in Quebec at least, they in-existent in relation to the civic right to vote. Existence is bound to the common-sense logic of a system, whereas inexistence is without a part in the logical ordering, or the distribution of reasons. Alain Badiou, *Logics of Worlds (Being and Event II)*, trans. Alberto Toscano (London: Bloomsbury, 2009).
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- ¹² Judith Butler, "Can One Lead a Good Life in a Bad Life?," *Radical Philosophy* 176 (2012): 13.

A	B	C	D		E	F	G	H	
base	base	base	base	◀ one	x	x	x	x	
x	base	base	base		x	x	x	x	
fold	base	base	fold	Outer Circle	x	x	x	x	
base	fold	fold	base	A Base (W1)	x	x	x	x	
fold	base	base	fold	B Foot (W2)	x	x	x	x	
x	fold	x	base	C Fold (W3)	x	x	x	x	
fold	stack	base	fold	D Stack (W4)	x	x	x	x	
base	base	base	stack		x	x	x	x	
stack	fold	fold	base	W1–4	x	x	x	x	
fold	base	stack	fold	Soft Steps	pile	pile	pile	pile	◀ one
stack	stack	base	base		x	pile	pile	pile	Inner Circle
x	fold	x	x		shake	pile	pile	shake	E Pile (W5)
foot	stack	base	fold		pile	shake	shake	pile	F Curl (W6)
fold	base	stack	foot		shake	pile	pile	shake	G Shake (W7)
base	foot	fold	stack		x	shake	x	pile	H Free (W8)
stack	fold	foot	base		shake	free	pile	shake	
Fold	Base	Stack	Foot	Call	pile	pile	free	free	
Foot	Stack	Base	Fold	× 1	x	x	x	x	
stack	fold	foot	base		free	shake	shake	pile	W5–8
foot	stack	stack	fold		shake	pile	free	shake	Strong Steps
fold	foot	fold	foot		free	free	pile	pile	
stack	fold	foot	stack		x	shake	x	x	
Fold	Stack	Stack	Foot	Mirror	Curl	Free	Pile	Shake	Mirror
Foot	Fold	Foot	Fold	× 1	Shake	Pile	Free	Curl	× 1
stack	x	x	x		pile	curl	shake	free	
foot	stack	foot	foot		free	shake	curl	pile	
stack	foot	foot	stack		shake	pile	free	curl	
foot	stack	stack	foot		curl	free	pile	shake	
stack	x	foot	x		free	shake	curl	pile	
Foot	Foot	Foot	Foot	Call	Curl	Free	Free	Shake	Response
Foot	x	Foot	Foot		Shake	Pile	Shake	Curl	
x	x	x	x	▶ one	free	curl	curl	free	Delayed
					shake	shake	free	curl	
					curl	free	curl	shake	
					free	shake	x	x	
Foot	Base	Base	Foot	◀ two	Curl	Free	Free	Curl	
Base	Foot	Foot	Base		Free	Curl	Curl	Free	
Foot	Base	Base	Foot		Curl	Free	Free	Curl	
x	x	Foot	Base		Free	x	Curl	x	▶ one
Foot	Stack	base	foot		curl	x	Curl	Curl	◀ two
Base	Base	stack	stack		curl	pile	Pile	Curl	
Stack	Foot	foot	base		pile	curl	Curl	Pile	
Foot	Base	stack	foot		curl	pile	Pile	Curl	
Stack	Stack	base	base		x	x	Curl	Pile	
Foot	Stack	base	fold		curl	free	Pile	Curl	
Fold	Base	stack	foot		pile	pile	Free	Free	
Base	Foot	fold	stack		free	curl	Curl	Pile	
Stack	Fold	foot	base		curl	pile	Free	Curl	
Fold	Base	stack	foot		free	free	Pile	Pile	
Foot	Stack	base	fold		curl	free	Pile	Shake	
Stack	Fold	foot	base		shake	pile	Free	Curl	
Fold	Stack	base	fold		pile	curl	Shake	Free	
Base	Base	stack	stack		free	shake	Curl	Pile	
Stack	Fold	fold	base		shake	pile	Free	Curl	
Fold	Base	stack	fold		curl	free	Pile	Shake	
Stack	Stack	base	base		free	shake	Curl	Pile	
Fold	Stack	stack	fold		shake	free	Pile	Shake	
Sack	Fold	fold	stack		pile	pile	Free	Free	

x = 45 sec X 101 + 2, 1.5, 1, 0.5 sec transitions: run time approx. 1:26:25

Fold Stack *stack* *fold*
 Stack Fold x x
 Fold Fold Fold Fold
 Foot Foot Fold Fold
 Fold Fold Foot Foot
 Fold Foot Foot Foot
 Foot x x Fold
 Foot Base Base Fold
 Fold Foot Fold Foot
base *fold* *foot* *base*
fold *base* *base* *foot*
 Foot Fold Foot Fold

▶ two
 ◀ three
 Double
 double

foot *stack* *base* *fold*
 Fold Base Stack Foot

base *foot* *fold* *stack*

Stack **Fold** **Foot** **Base**
fold *base* *stack* *foot*

Foot Stack Base Fold

stack *fold* *foot* *base*

Foot Stack Base Foot

base *base* *stack* *stack*

Stack Foot Foot Base

foot *base* *stack* *foot*

Stack Stack Base Base

x x *foot* x
base *stack* *base* *fold*
stack *base* *stack* *stack*
stack *base* *stack* *base*
x *stack* *base* *base*
stack *stack* *stack* *stack*
stack *stack* *stack* x
x **x** **x** **x**

x x x x

free *shake* Shake Pile
shake *pile* Free Shake
 Free Free Pile Pile
 Shake Free Free Shake
 Free Shake Shake Free
 x x x x
 x x x x
 x x x x
 Shake Free Free Shake
 Free Shake x x
shake *shake* *shake* *shake*
shake *shake* *shake* *shake* double
 Curl Curl Shake Shake
 Shake Shake Curl Curl
 Shake Curl Curl Curl
 curl *shake* x *shake* Tripple
 curl *pile* *pile* *shake* double
 Shake Curl Shake Curl
 Pile Shake Curl Curl
 Shake Pile Pile Shake Tripple
 curl *shake* curl *pile*
 curl *free* *pile* *shake*
shake *pile* *free* curl tripple
Pile **Curl** **Shake** **Free** **Single**
free *shake* curl *pile*
shake *pile* *free* curl
 curl *free* *pile* *shake* tripple
 Free Shake Curl Pile
 Curl Free Pile Curl Double
pile *pile* *free* *free*
free curl curl *pile* double
 Curl Pile Free Curl
 Free Free Pile Pile
x **x** **Curl** **x** **Tripple**
pile *free* *pile* *free*
free *pile* *free* *pile* double
 Free Pile Free Free
 x Free Pile Pile Double
free *free* *free* *free*
free *free* x *free* ▶ three
 Shake Free Free Shake ◀ four
 Free Shake Shake Free
 Shake Free Free Shake Tripple
 free *shake* x x
 curl *free* *free* *shake*
 shake curl *shake* curl
 free *shake* curl *free*
 shake *free* *free* curl
 curl *shake* curl *shake*
 free x x x
Curl **Free** **Pile** **Shake** 1
Shake **Pile** **Free** **Curl**
Pile **Curl** **Shake** **Free**
Free **Shake** **Curl** **Pile**
Shake **Pile** **Free** **Curl**
Curl **Free** **Pile** **Shake**
Free **Shake** **Curl** **Pile**
 Curl Free Pile Shake 2
 Shake Pile Free Curl

x x x x

x **x** **x** **x** ▶ three

Fold Stack Stack Fold ◀ four

Stack Fold Fold Stack

Fold **Stack** **Stack** **Fold**
Stack **Fold** **x** **x** **Double**
 Foot Stack Stack Fold
 Fold Foot Fold Foot double
 Stack Fold Foot Stack
 Fold Stack Stack Foot Double
 Foot Fold Foot Fold
 Stack x x x double
 Foot Stack Base Fold
 Fold Base Stack Foot Double
 Base Foot Fold Stack
 Stack Fold Foot Base double
 Fold Base Stack Foot
 Foot Stack Base Fold Double
 Stack Fold Foot Base
 Foot Base Base Fold double
 Fold Foot Fold Foot
 Base Fold Foot Base Double
 Fold Base Base Foot
 Foot Fold Foot Foot double
 x x x Base
 Foot Base Base Foot Double
 Base Foot Foot Base
 Foot Base Base Foot

LOOP

Pile Curl Shake Free
 Free Shake Curl Pile
 Shake Pile Free Curl
 Curl Free Pile Shake
 Free Shake Curl Pile
 Curl Free Pile Shake 3
 Shake Pile Free Curl
 Pile Curl Shake Free
 Free Shake Curl Pile
 Shake Pile Free Curl
 Curl Free Pile Shake
 Free Shake Curl Pile
Curl **Free** **Pile** **Shake** 4
Shake **Pile** **Free** **Curl**
Pile **Curl** **Shake** **Free**
Free **Shake** **Curl** **Pile**
Shake **Pile** **Free** **Curl**
Curl **Free** **Pile** **Shake**
Free **Shake** **Curl** **Pile**
 Curl Free Pile Shake 5
 Shake Pile Free Curl
 Pile Curl Shake Free
 Free Shake Curl Pile
 Shake Pile Free Curl
 Curl Free Pile Shake 6
 Shake Pile Free Curl
 Pile Curl Shake Free
 Free Shake Curl Pile
 Curl Free Pile Shake
 Free Shake Curl Pile
 Curl Free Pile Shake
 Free Shake Curl Pile
curl **Pile** **Pile** **Shake**
 Shake Curl Shake Curl
 Pile Shake Curl Pile
 Shake Pile Pile Curl
 Curl Shake Curl Shake
 Curl Pile Pile Curl
 Pile Curl Curl Pile
 Curl Pile Pile Curl
 x x Curl Pile
 x x x x
 x x x x
 x x x x

LOOP



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