# On Stage

#### denial:

i don't mind the gap in your stare your bruised coil neck the sweet teeth of your sweet lies you kiss me okay and i poke my own eyes out

#### anger:

the smash that slap if we are just as bad as eachother that's fine by me, hit me shit i scratched you in the night, all up your lovely neck i won't do it again, unless i do hit me, no, lick me clean kettle smog rise and clog my brain up

#### bargaining:

yes yes yez of course we can still have sex i do not feel anything, promise the push and pull of the upward chew swing the force of you i do not feel a thing i am eraser shavings yes i am not even here, just carry on please

#### depression:

[seven months of it]

#### acceptance:

this is the value of self-affirmation:

i am cold

i am bare

i am glue on your shoe

i am alone

i am bere

i am loved

(not by you)

i am sniff and sneeze and suck

i am the red swollen apple

that bites the snake back

i am unstuck

i am trying

(bad lies)

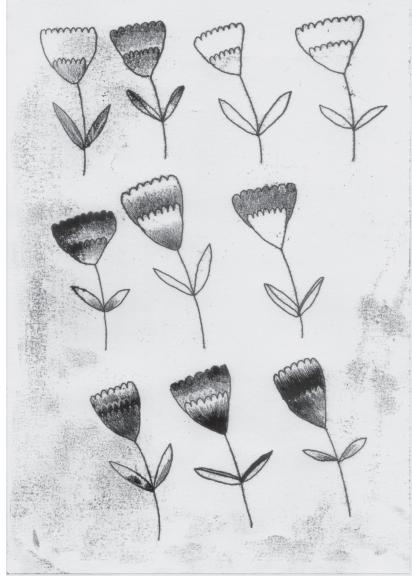
i am glass

i am newly gutter sunk and at last,

i am forgiven.







### **HOME**

Sunrays endlessly trapped, mirrored on polished glass windows. Road's black pavement radiating day and night. Oven-like heating the city,Äôs streets.

A tall oak growing in-between brick walls, surrounded in a ten-by-ten rectangle of a neighbourhood,Äôs dark patio.

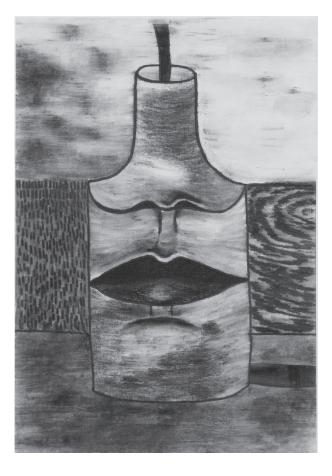
Pale faces
restlessly wandering in concrete canyons.
Like dry leaves mixed with roadside trash,
tumbling around.
Pushed by the cold strong winds,
whipping through narrow gaps.

Umbrellas unfold.
The mechanical, drum-like sound.
A loud rattle.
Raindrops - forcefully shot
hitting the rough synthetic surface.
Incomparable to the smooth and comforting murmur
of a trees dense crown.
Small streams running down leaves,
meandering along that bark's rugged valleys.
Continuously carving new paths.

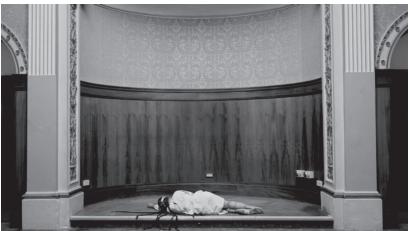
Steel claws reaching out.
Unable to escape the city's orbit.
Short moments only
until I succumb its gravitational pull.
Turning myself back in
to the voluntarily chosen prison.

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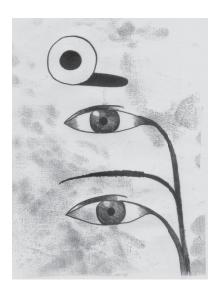
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Rite of Return [still], Ayla Dmyterko, Digital video, 11 minutes, 52 seconds, 2021



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## The Snack

A Lunchtime Bulletin october mmxxi

Hello! This last Weds saw the opening of Ayla Dmyterko's exhibition Pour the Fear: Solastalgic Synchronicities! Very glad to get that show on the road with slight delay due to t.h.e. l.e.a.k. Ayla presents beautiful new paintings with wax and wooden frames, two ceramic works in the windows and several ceramic flowers dotted around the bookshelves along with exercise books containing letters written to influential writers such as Georges Bataille and Svetlana Boym. The exhibition text has been written by Lauren Fournier, author of Autotheory as Feminist Practice in Art, Writing, and Criticism published by MIT Press this year and available to purchase in Good Press ofc!

There are also long sleeve t-shirts made in collaboration with Ali Lotz! "Proverbial Devil is a project that revisits old-country aphorisms. You Can't Salt Your Kasha With Gold (Яюу кан'т салт яюйр каша биж гголд) reminds of basic survival in the face of neoliberal compromise and desire. In the UK that would translate to You Can't Salt Your Porridge with Pounds." Available to purchase for 40 golden pounds through Good Press and half the proceeds go to Ubuntu Women's Shelter!

And don't forget you can still catch Ayla's new film on the Lunchtime website! "Rite of Return is a moving image work that reflects on Marianne Hirsch's generational return and post-memory introduced in Rites of Return whilst extending The Rite of Spring – a riot-inducing ballet originally performed by the Ballet Russes." If you'd like to watch it in person and you live in Glasgow and are planning on visiting Glasgow on the 13th October well then you're in luck as it will be showing at the CCA. Ayla, Ali Lotz and Fionn Duffy aka Kill All Kings present Cowlick in a Devil's Field featuring films by Anika Ahuja, Ayla Dmyterko, Audie Murray, Ayam Yaldo, Fionn Duffy, Georgia Gendall, Heather Raquel Phillips, Hio Lam Lei, Maiko Jinushi, and Michelle Hannah. Get your tickets now, ok!

Other things to check out in Glasgow right now ----REFLECTIVE JESTER: IT'S JUST A FEELING, Christian
Noelle Charles also at CCA on till 16th Oct; Life Support:
Forms of Care in Art and Activism at Glasgow Women's Library
also till 16th Oct; and Armour, Valeria Herklotz, Rhett Leinster and Alexander Marstrand at Gallery Cento on till 17th Oct.
And upcoming: Ricerche, Sharon Hayes opens up 9th Oct at 5
Florence St c/o The Common Guild.

Well, see you anon and take care!

Lots of love!

Caitlin xoxo



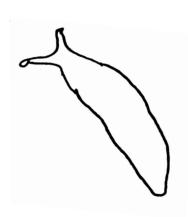
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