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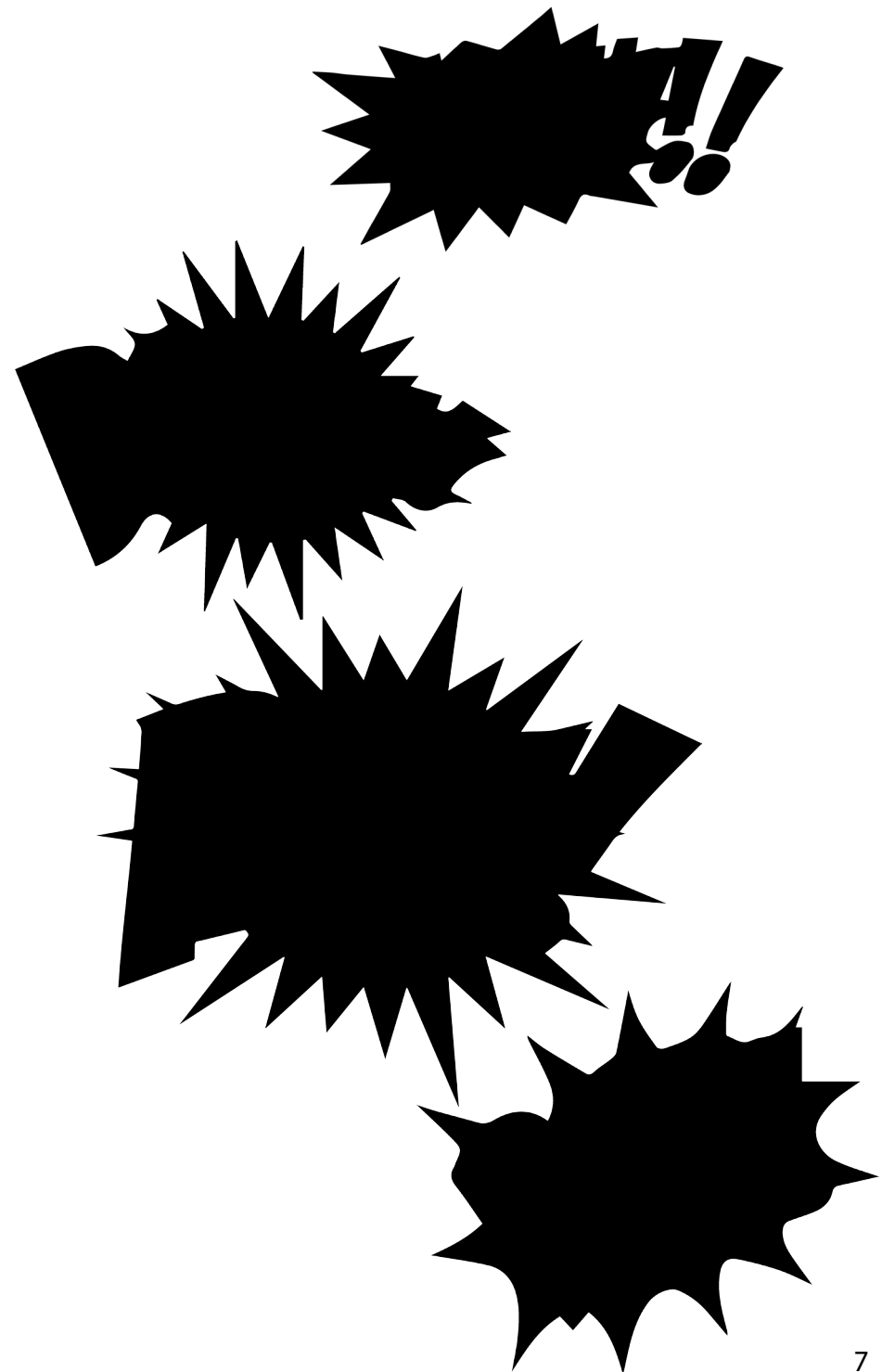
When I put my ear to the page, I hear nothing but the sound of my hair against the surface.

- Johanna Drucker

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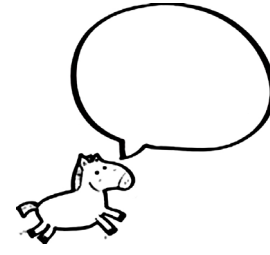
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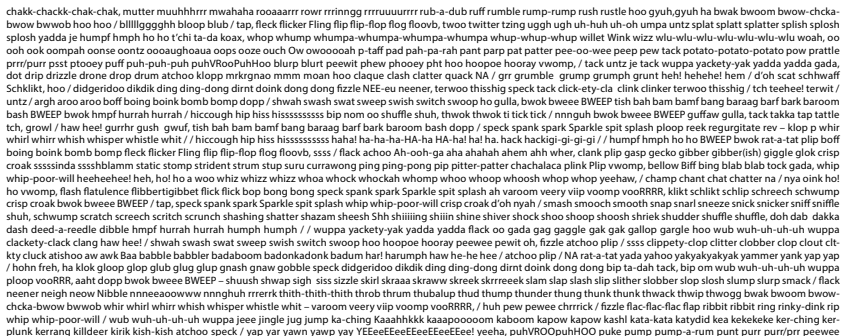
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The Sound of Silence
as sung by Alexandra Tatarsky

Hello darkness, my old friend.
I've come to talk with you again,
Because a vision softly creeping
Left its seeds while I was sleeping.
And the vision that was planted in my brain
Still remains
Within the sound of silence.

In restless dreams, I walked alone.
Narrow streets of cobblestone
'Neath the halo of a street lamp.
I turn my collar to the cold and damp.
When my eyes were stabbed
by the flash of a neon light
That split the night
And touched the sound of silence.

And in the naked light I saw
Ten thousand people maybe more.
People talking without speaking.
People hearing without listening.
People writing songs that voices never shared.
No one dared
Disturb the sound of silence.

"Fools," said I, "You do not know
Silence like a cancer grows.
Hear my words that I might teach you.
Take my arms that I might reach you."
But my words like silent raindrops fell
And echoed in the wells of silence.

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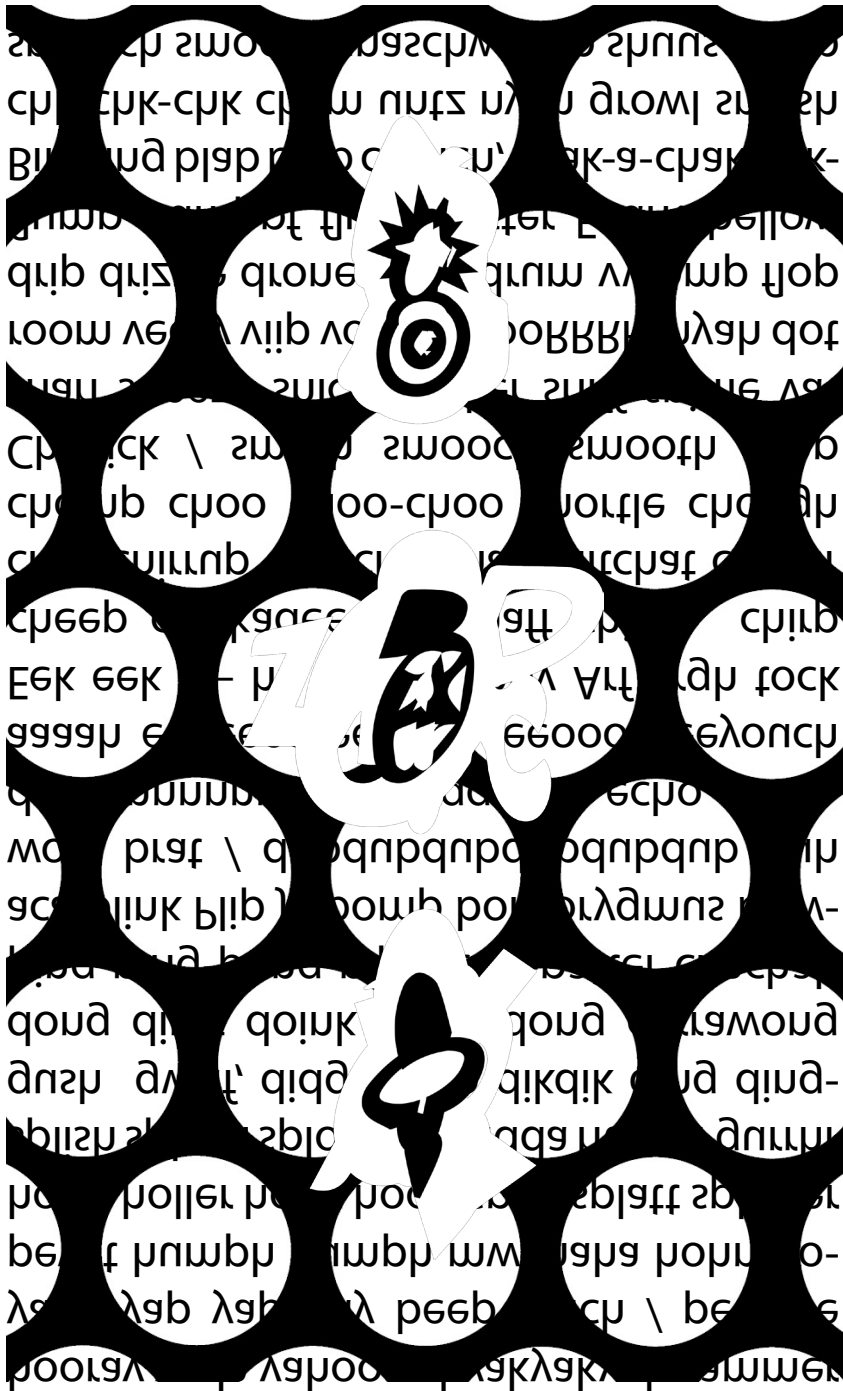
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my zap zchunk zigzag zing zip Zip! clippety-clop clitter clobber clop clout cltkty cluck speck
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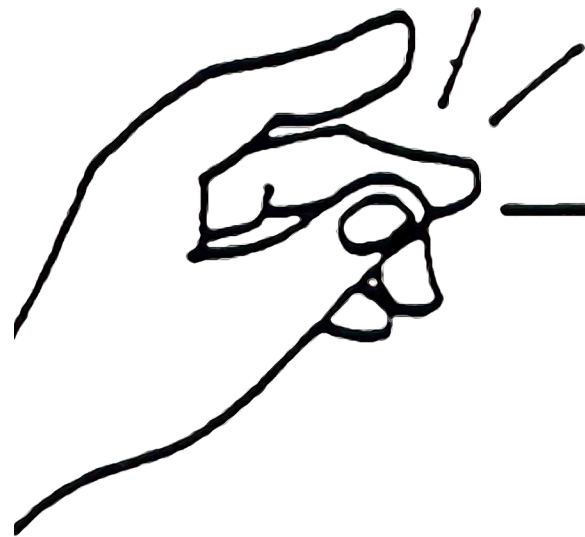
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WHAT A RELIEF IT IS!

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ha hark hackini-gi-ni-gi mrkrnag mmm moan oh glugluglugluglug gulo gunko tap takka

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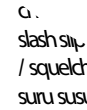


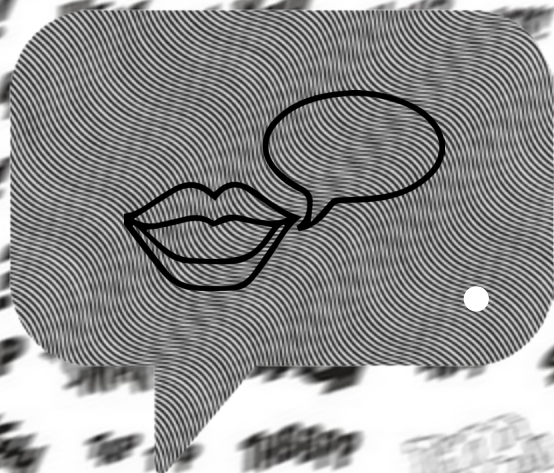
WORTH DYING FOR

WORTH KILLING FOR

WORTH GOING TO HELL FOR

Nothing wakes you up





Tom Comitta is the author of ○ (Ugly Duckling Presse, 2013) and *SENT* (Invisible Venue, 2014). From 2011-12, he co-wrote and co-conducted nine operas with The San Francisco Guerrilla Opera Company. In 2012, he staged National Novel Writing Night Month (NaNoWriNiMo), a futurist improvement on the write-a-novel-in-a-month contest, in which he wrote and published novels written in a night. The same year, Comitta began facilitating multimedia writing workshops at elementary schools around the Bay Area. Forthcoming work includes *The City of Nature* (Make Now Press, 2015) and *Collected Books: 2011-2014* (Gauss PDF, 2015).