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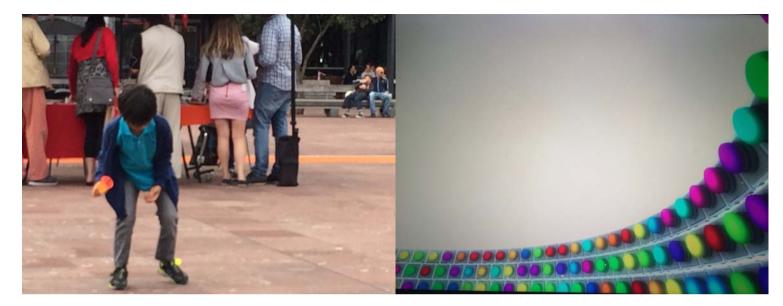


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Daily: the release of sugar into the earth's atmosphere for the purposes of lignum growth. Not strictly the growth of Lignum, Virginia, but of tree flesh more generally. Incidentally, there is a town in Canada called Medicine Hat. How bright the clothes on the line today. All made in China whose deserts are expanding. Glinty sun. China is banning coal imports from North Korea because that country has been a bit precocious lately with a. missile tests (generals in really big caps watching a screen, clapping each other's backs, rapt with boyish delight), and b. quite possibly the assassination of Kim Jong-un's half-brother Kim Jong-nam in Malaysia on 13 February 2017. Airport security cameras show a woman approaching Kim Jong-nam from behind then wiping a cloth across his face.2 He died shortly after. The woman was wearing a white top with LOL in black. According to The Sun, the LOL top was being advertised by an internet seller as "same Tee worn by North Korean female spy" for ¥6324 (NZ\$1280).3 Pollen coats cars

and shoes run through long grass. Some things you can't believe you watched. The CCTV death of a "play boy." While it was this alleged assassination that triggered China's ban on North Korean coal, there is still Australian coal. Everyone around a honey grained boardroom table is smiling because Adani's controversial Carmichael mega coal mine in central Queensland has been given the green light, despite opposition from environmental groups, and traditional Aboriginal land title communities the Wangan and Jagalingou.5 The miners will be digging up lignum and sunshine to make shiny things. Made in China. From one desert to another, ever expanding one. In the same year (2016) as business hands shook the Carmichael coal mine into being, Sydney synth duo Empire of the Sun found belated success with their song "Walking on a Dream" (2008).6 The song was featured in an ad for the new Honda Civic; the 10<sup>th</sup> generation Civic, which runs by either direct or multi-point fuel injection. It's shiny. But Afrofuturist Sun Ra is brighter.



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>>>> you ask me what I would do to stay in contact with you

I say I will be complicit in the mining of rare earth minerals

(Yttrium, Lanthanum, Cerium, Praseodynium, Neodymium, Europium, Gadolinium, Terbium, Dyspiosium)<sup>10</sup>



I sit in one bundled piece at a turquoise school desk with ice fields cracking around me in a supermarket of light. I miss the antiquarian disassembly of pre-pixel video.

Indium tin oxide enables me to touch you, Terbium and Dysprosium to see you in rich, heightened colour<sup>11</sup> as if you were here.



>>>> >>> you ask me for a metaphor of 'us'

I offer the fig and the wasp – precision biological mutualism – but no one dies

We must be together on the same earth island or king tide riding brow between 2020 – 2050 when Dysprosium runs out – with the hungry fishes of the beyond ocean.

To stay in contact with you I use approximately 62 different types of metals and 16 of the 17 rare earth minerals.<sup>12</sup>



- like life is a song we play to each other
  - 1 with varying degrees of resolution
    - 1 that these might be our fruits
      - 1 offered across bracken, silicon, gullies
        - 1 in rooms & open spaces, shadows
          - 1 our main sequence of days open & days closed
            - 1 even stars die
            - **l** I read that it took 12,000 shellfish to dye one toga purple<sup>13</sup>
              - 1 someone's at the sea fringe counting, raw knuckled, queuing for ice-cream
              - 1 we live half-way through the life of the sun, in open melt

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