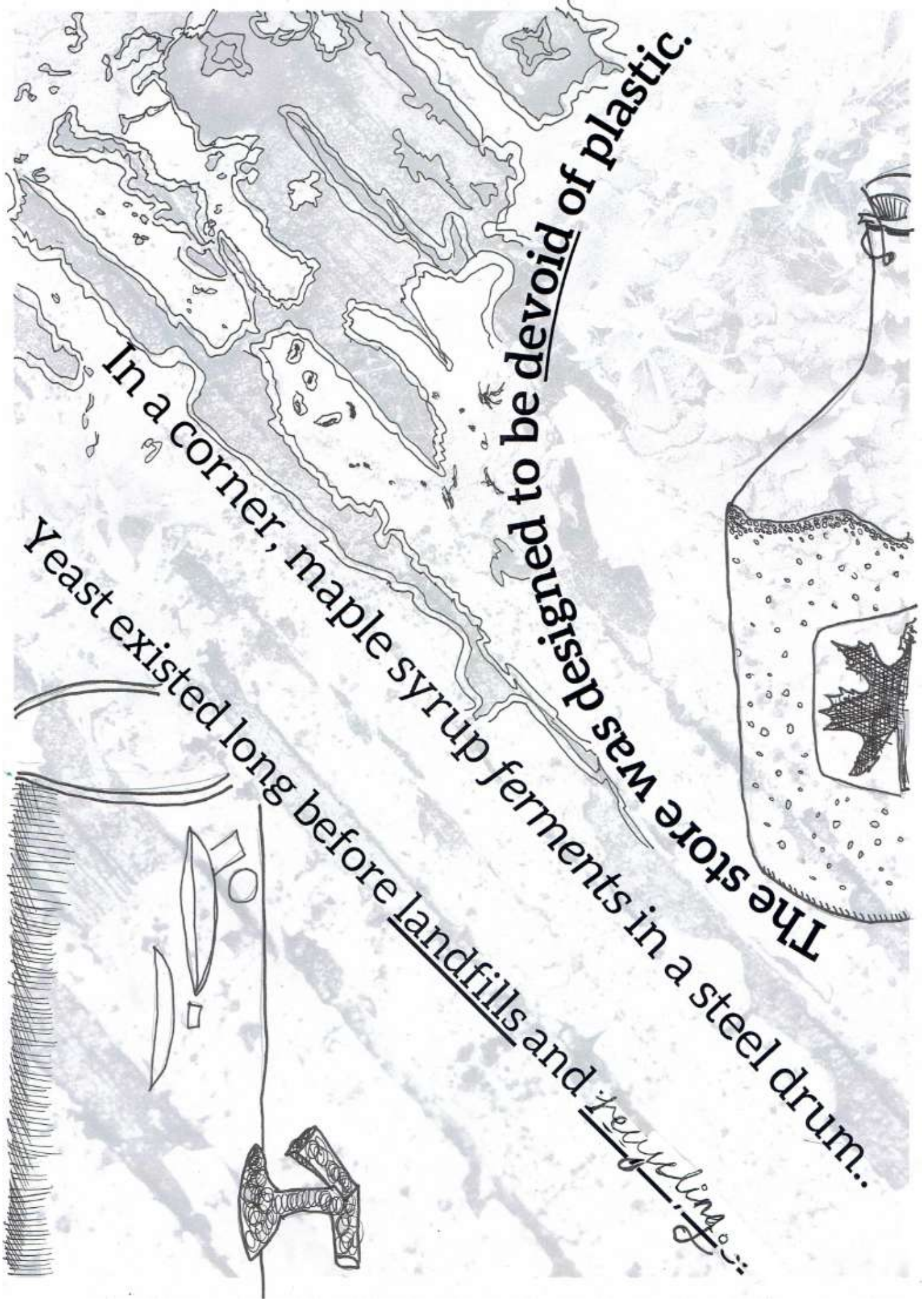




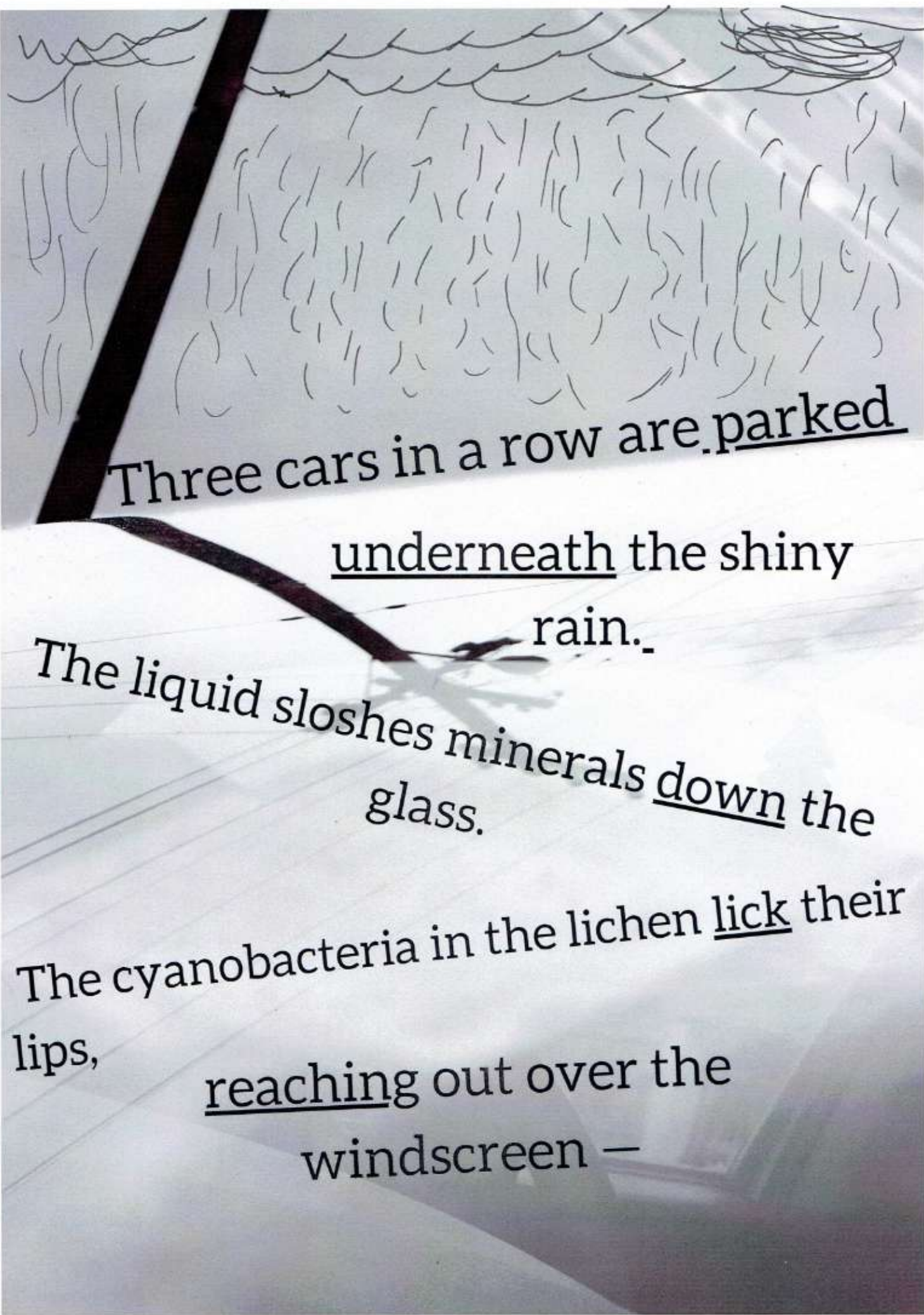
suburban portents



The store was designed to be devoid of plastic.

In a corner, maple syrup ferments in a steel drum..

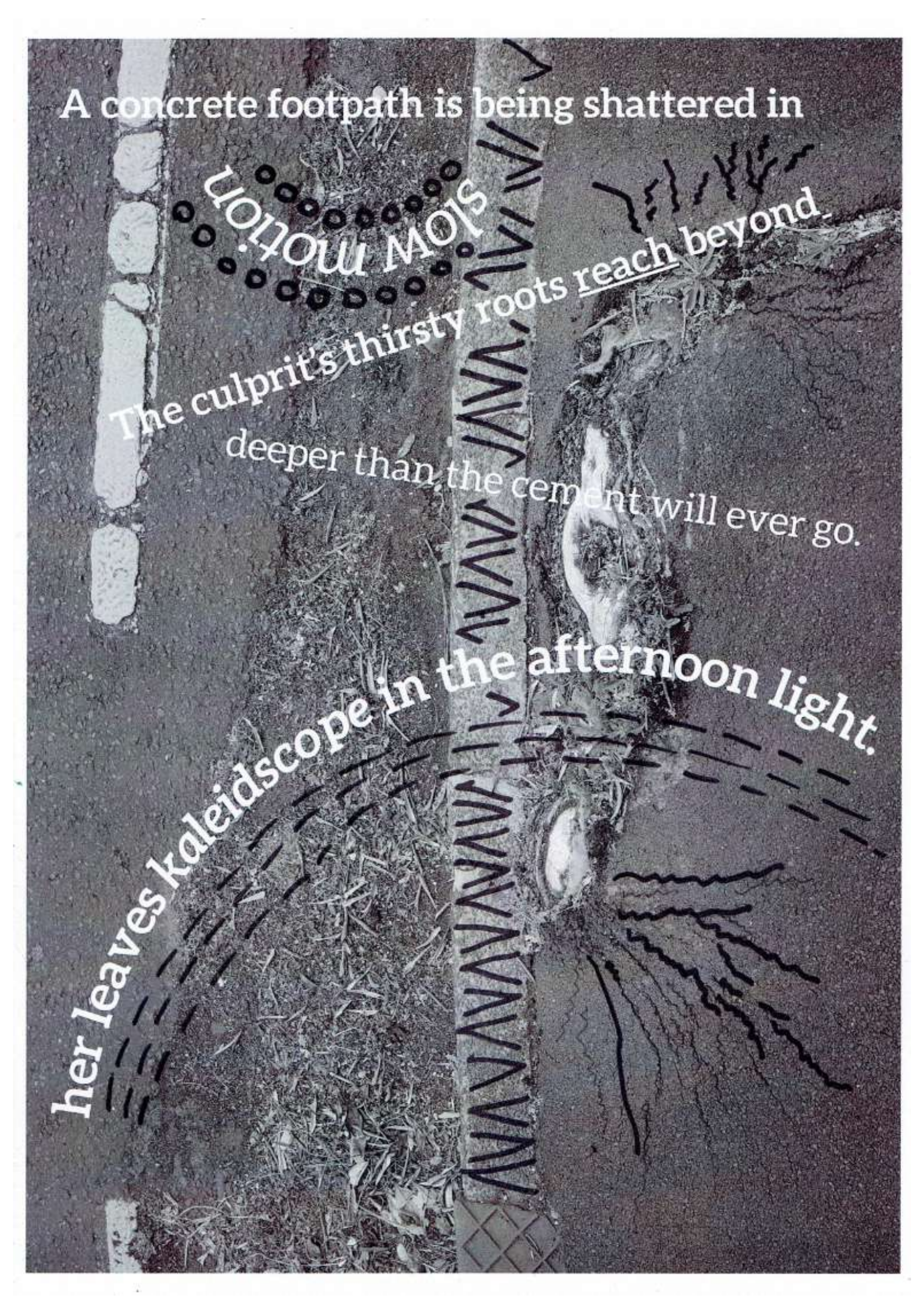
Yeast existed long before landfills and recycling.



Three cars in a row are parked
underneath the shiny
rain.

The liquid sloshes minerals down the
glass.

The cyanobacteria in the lichen lick their
lips,
reaching out over the
windscreen —

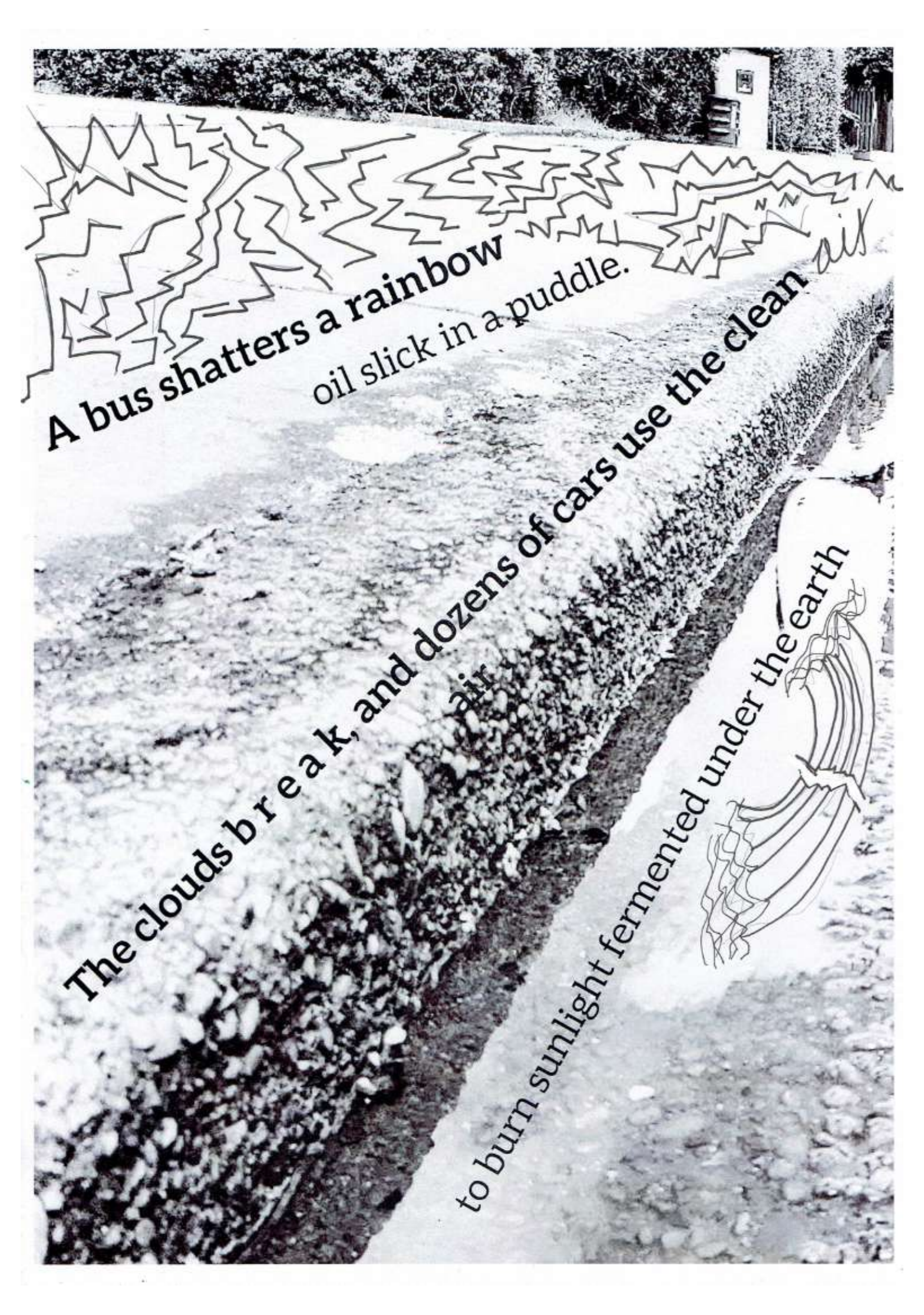


A concrete footpath is being shattered in

slow motion

The culprit's thirsty roots reach beyond
deeper than the cement will ever go.

her leaves kaleidoscope in the afternoon light.



A bus shatters a rainbow

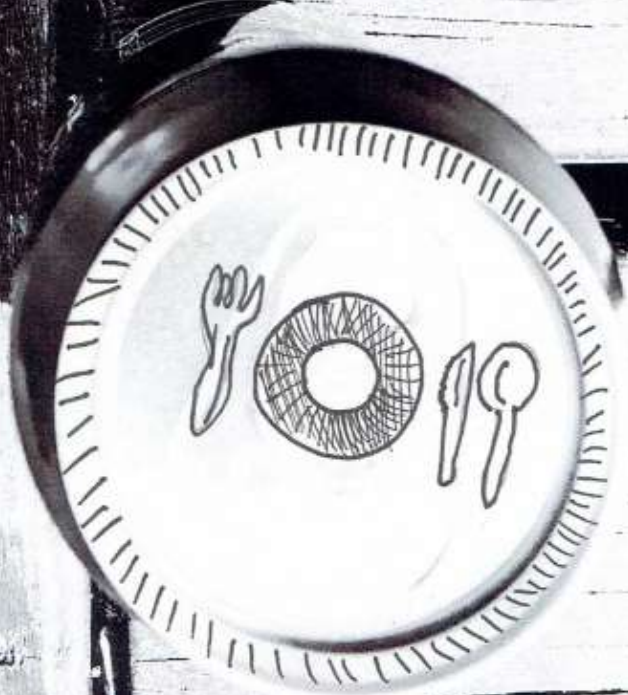
oil slick in a puddle.

The clouds break, and dozens of cars use the clean air
to burn sunlight fermented under the earth

At the beach,
a can of beer
on a picnic
table.

On the bus, a
tin of tuna on
a seat at the
back.

Should foraged
meals always be
encased in clean
metal?



Four pigeons. Three mynah. Two sparrows. One tui.

I count something beyond the storm clouds —
beyond than the rubbish bins —

beyond the
petrol station
with the broken
sign,
flickering.

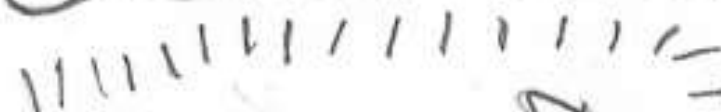


report

a portent.
go to:

mostlygoodideas.nz
forward slash zine.

be alert to cases
of portents in your
suburb.



a zine by
charlie
mathias

Watch carefully for
Portents of broken oil, ageing cars,
microbial resistance, Symbiosis, Repair,
public transport, local lions, storms to
weather, and utter nourishment. Portent
interpretation requires practice, attention
and courage.



available now: portents i
ignored. fans say 'like a poem'
and 'what does portent mean tho?'

0800-REPORT-A-PORTENT

get your copy of how to have
a low-carbon adventure today!
and look out for... a Sequel!

a mostly good ideas zine,
an imprint dedicated to writing
about delight, resisting oil economies
and the future.