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Black fills the trenches
under my eyes
learned the rough laugh
knees gone
shaky up to the curves cramped arms

4 days 4 years on
the Xth day of the XXth
close the circle
receive
what was stolen
though given in voluntary belief
you'd bleed
and I am whole

though you lost it
guided me vent away
double u cool air but GAVE
I do not depend

Discovered a rising star
to play only
on my stage

the tape was over

and the earth had turned
a step ahead
you forgot your jacket

dreamed your NAME in capital letters all
over my skin and your confession
open mouth
what?
Have I
done
to deserve this

Radio head at pastel sunrise
'wake from your dreams
in everlasting peace'
and
'let me blow your mind'
could not decipher the words in between

tremble and what I had dragged
with me to the present day is past
providing me unconsciously
with nonchalance
should I
be edited out side

and in still shaking
did you choose
did I -fall
-relieved smile
-bite my nails

ow e/n you

Biography

Franziska Ruprecht is a performance poet who lives in Munich, Germany. She holds a master's degree in Creative Writing from Wayne State University, Detroit. Franziska teaches at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich and offers workshops and individual lessons in performance poetry. Franziska has performed at events such as Roskilde Music Festival in Denmark and the Munich Literature Festival. Since 2001, she stepped on stage with her poetry in the USA, Germany, and other European countries, often with musical accompaniment. Franziska Ruprecht calls her style 'poetry that glitters'. Her first book *Meer-Maid* is a collection of poetry in German (Wolfbach Verlag, Switzerland 2015). In a review, it was recently called a 'literary guilty pleasure' (fixpoetry). Since 2002, her poems have appeared in German and American anthologies and magazines. She has received awards such as the Literature Prize '22.Haidhauser Werkstattpreis' in 2015 and scholarships for her studies in Detroit. www.franziskaruprecht.de