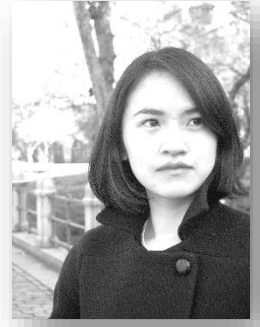


CHIA-LUN CHANG 張家綸



The Accent Floats

Please bear with me

I'm sorry that you're
forced to be surrounded by my voice

My lips aren't placed where they're supposed to be
5 The R sound eases its way out

Standing here, I annoy you,
drag you, punish you

I'm sorry

I was once your parent
10 who suffered escaping to the wonderland disorder

once your uncle-in-law
who died alone in an open closet

once your pet
who whined at a cryptic front door

15 twice your wallpaper
that peeled away through a silent,

early morning. Your mailbox has received
thousands of correctly spelled and typed news from the world

sometimes I was your blackboard
20 where a teeth-straightening system grew

once I was you
who sucked your mom's nipples

I'm sorry—I'm becoming a dishwasher right away

if one day you recall on a whim

25 please remember, we've only interacted in script

my tongue mixed too many oceans
maybe it will drown next time

my tonsil swallowed a bag of stones
on the muddy path

30 always flowing between terminals
my accent never takes off since

my throat has not applied for a passport
it is too thick to pass through your years

2021/2022



喜歡今天的活動嗎？請分享意見回饋吧！
Scan the QR Code & Share Your Feedback