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a work in five movements

in 2011, a major earthquake and 15 metre tsunami triggered a disaster at the fukushima daiichi nuclear power plant in okuma, fukushima prefecture, japan.

large amounts of contaminated, radioactive water was subsequently released into the pacific ocean.

part 1 humming along

for years the nuclear plant had efficiently hummed along with no indication of problems. computer patterns were consistent and predictable, as was the constant hum and field of sound.

part 2 glitching

sometime in 2011, the computer started glitching, indicating a worsening problem with the core, and panic set in.

part 3 meltdown

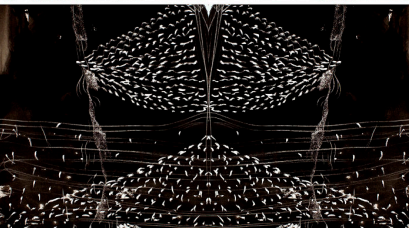
the core melted down, throwing radioactive material everywhere.

part 4 & 5 radiation leaks & spread

despite heroic efforts, the plant leaked radioactive water in increasing amounts, particularly into the pacific ocean.

radioactive water continues to leak into the ocean in 2021 with no sign of abatement, leaving death and silence wherever it touches.

the score is for any instrumentation, although part 5 would benefit from a voice singing single pitch notes into the ever increasing blackness. this is a suggestion, not a requirement.



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