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fukushima rising  
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## **fukushima rising**

a work in six 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.

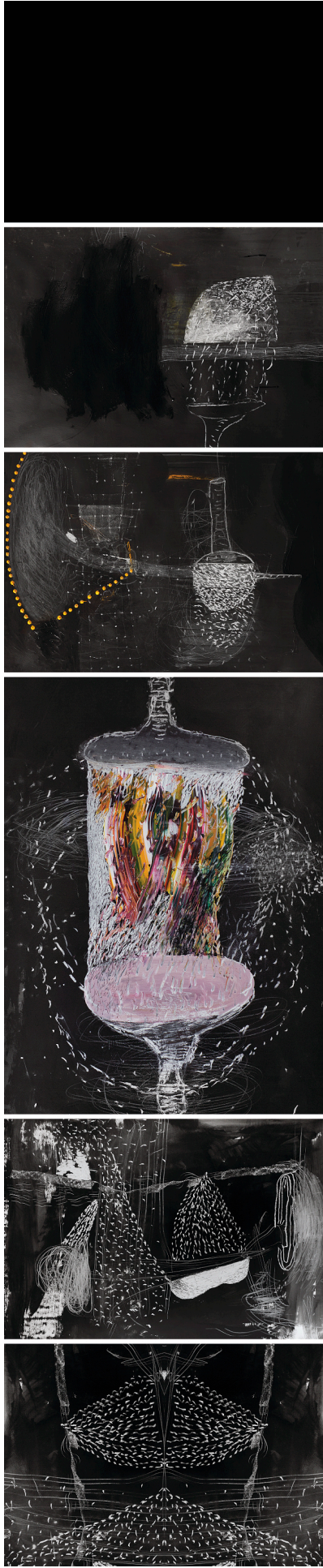
### **part 4 & 5 radiation leaks & spread**

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

### **part 6**

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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