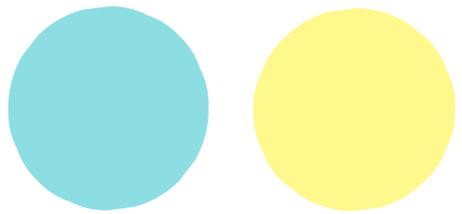




all
doors
flung
open



a Function Schmunction zine by Max Alexander

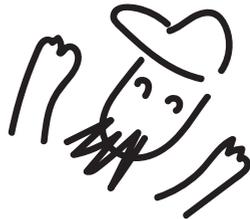


I wrote these poems whilst reflecting on the space I shared with four young people who took part in a series of one-to-one play sessions as part of Function Schmunction.

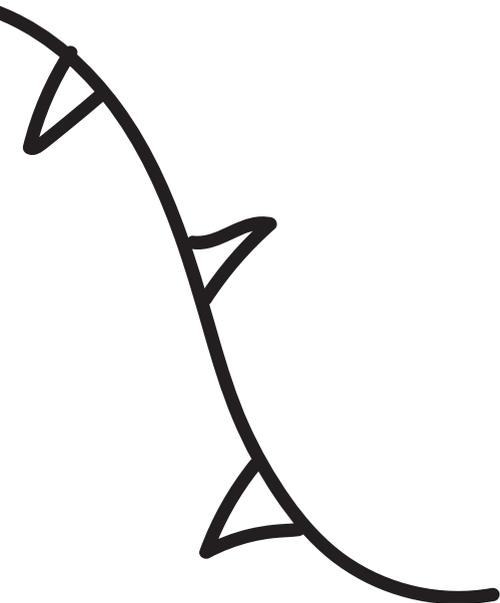
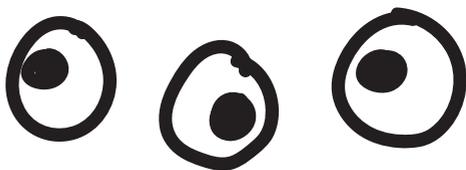
Each one offers a glimpse into the energy and feeling of a session.

Thank you to all the young people who played alongside and with me.

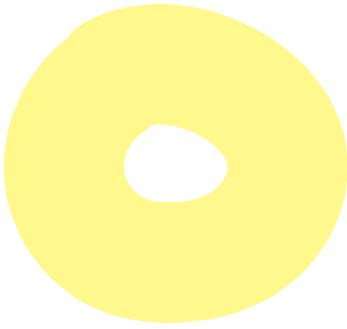
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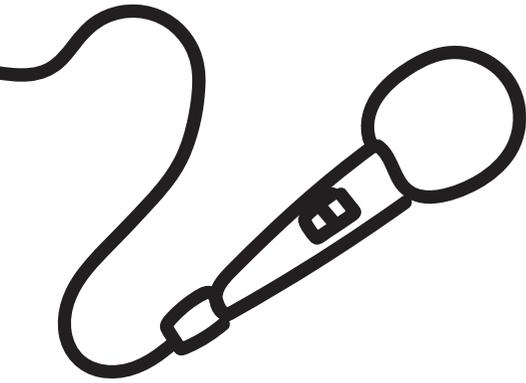
bounce drum eyes eyes eyes
repeatedly hung up on
by dextrous panda



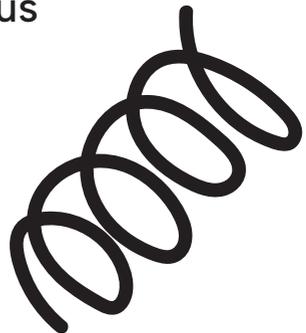
ten nine eight seven
are you ragin' or happy-
stubborn grazed giggler



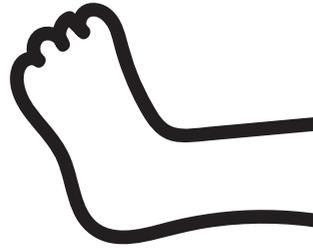
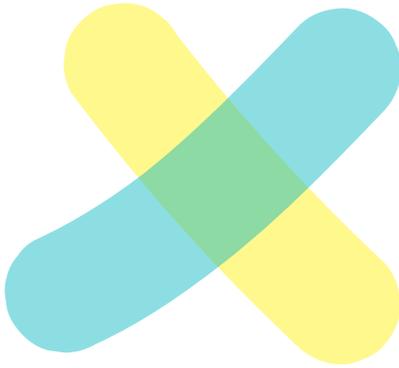
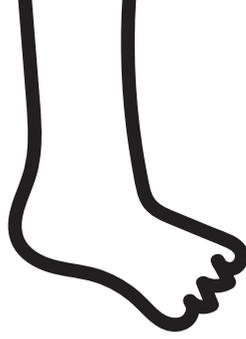
full trust in belly
kid whose seen all takes the mic
each angle considered



airborne tangled pink
percussive raspberry chorus
spring kneed absorption



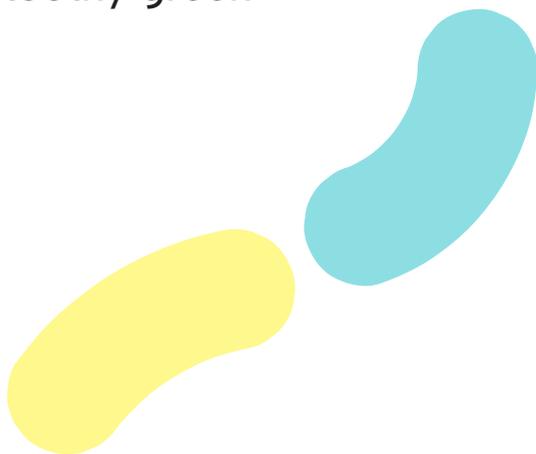
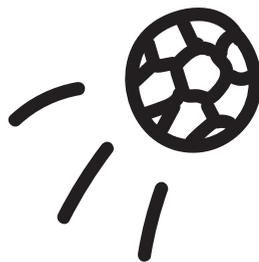
my forehead canvas
feet feelers feeling it out
stream weaver must mess



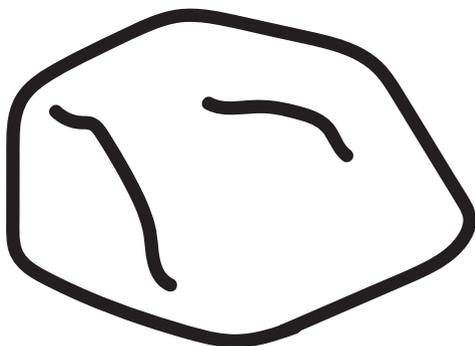
louder higher hi!
courting tin-full of bounty
it's hard i'll do it



bootin' it over
and over to rescue from
bee watched toothy green



singing to car line
keen eyed tuning – enters
goat mode me his rock



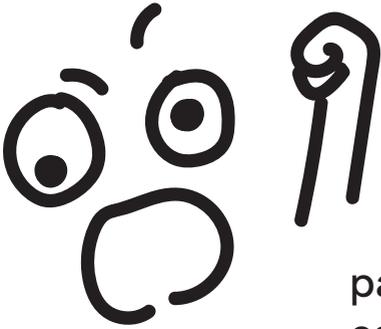


quiet smile spreading
treading air-vibrating-bathed
in shredded cosmos

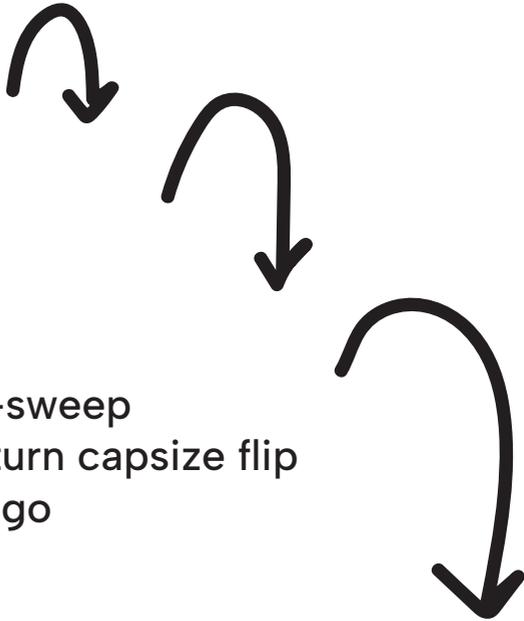
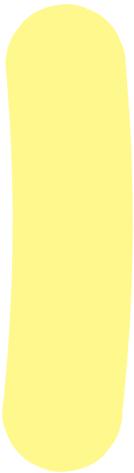


scatter and gather
tidal energy anchored
to home where we snore





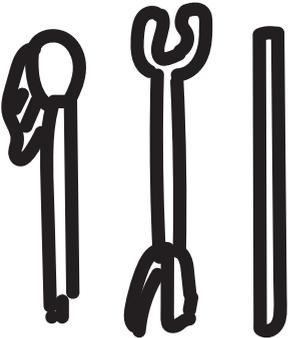
pantomimed outrage
escapologist growing
bolder with each sting



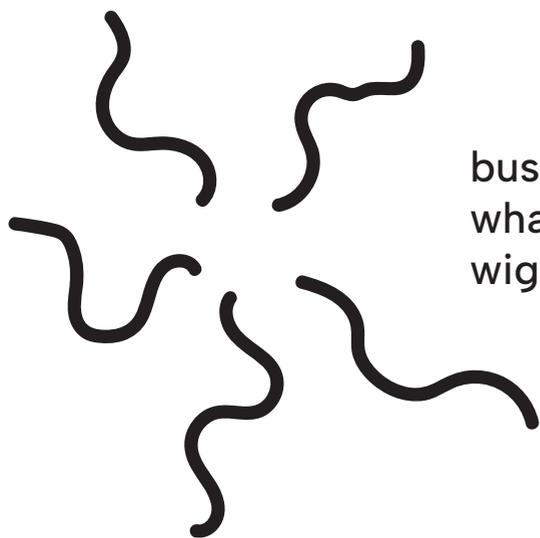
hello wee on-sweep
the room-upturn capsize flip
ready steady go



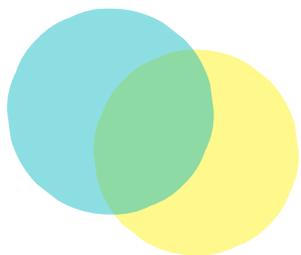
all doors flung open
neon bubble osmosis
harness wind for joy



abandon all tools
be doctor be robber be
ready for trickster



busy busy wait-
what if i did it backwards
wiggle in carnage



testing teetering
small creature meets big creature
melts into humming

About Function Schmunction

Function Schmunction is a project all about celebrating and creating opportunities for authentic autistic play, joy and connection.

The project seeks to include autistic individuals and their communities of all ages, life experiences, interests and needs. The project is devised and led by autistic artist and playworker **Max Alexander** (also known as Play Radical) in collaboration with/produced by **Independent Arts Projects**.

The sessions which sparked these poems were delivered in collaboration with **North Edinburgh Arts**.

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