I'M GLAD YOU SAID THAT

I want the viewer to see herself

in my pale fields of painted colour,

readers to read about themselves.

How to operate between the impossible

and the salvaged space of my studio?

I synchronise devotion and spare time,

form shapes from dust, have given up

any idea of being content. If the car

is a write-off we can write about that

or buy it back and repair it ourselves.

If you know better please tell me:

I only have one plan of action.

What to do? Although there's a lot

to take in and digest, a quotation

should be with you within five days.

I have been out all night searching

the neighbour's back garden without

permission, hoping to find you soon.

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UNTITLED ABSTRACT

smudge of charcoal on the photograph covered her eye.

right-angle wire held up the painted strut. pink and brown

smeared into each other. several dots in several colours

gridded across the small canvas. a simple representation

of leaves. many greys. scribbled lines over a loose yellow

ground. mostly black with a few blue patches. untitled.

white over grey over black over canvas. thin lines of colour.

sprayed red and spattered with pale cream drips. outline

of an imaginary country. charcoal, graphite and pastel

on cream paper. all kinds of blue. several suns and many

squares. careful overlays and the idea of a circle. reds and

purple against the strangest green. ink and pencil. inversed

and dribbling monochrome rainbow. this grey, that grey

and several other greys. orange fire and erased charcoal.

sharp edge of hard colours meeting. soft puddled stains.

primitive figures on graph paper. untitled abstract. trace

elements. I tell myself secrets, offer you painted words.

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PATTERNS OF THE EARTH

(a found poem)

Bands

Stripes

Ripples

Circles

Spots

Grains

Forks

Branches

Webs

Curves

Ribbons

Swirls

Spikes

Grids

Cracks

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