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Fires on Furka

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We see a worm of stars in the sky.
The shooting ones are comforting.
We wait for another, and go to bed.
Dark water and the milky way.

At night, the cars wind around the pass road,
lightning up the mountains ahead.
So what are you actually doing here?
What is it that you want to leave behind?
We feed the fire until it is dark,
until the cover is dense and steaming.
While extinguishing it with a bucket of water,
ashes flood our mouths.

Nighttime Low on Furka: 2 degree Celsius
Daytime High in Zurich: 28 degree Celsius
Nighttime Sauna High: 80 degree Celsius
Daytime Water Low: 10 degree Celsius

From afar, the landscape looks as if it's melting.
What are you burning?
Pieces of wood that used to be part of the house.
Our ears are burnt.

We gather around the steam, deep diving for heat.
Our cold bodies start to burn from the inside.
We no longer smell of sweat and garlic, only of fire.
We can hear the glaciers move.

In the Canton of Uri you can make a fire again.
Were you attracted by the fire?
Yes, it always calls.

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A A red kiosk was built, exhibiting trans magazin 1–40. Furka, 2022. Image: trans magazin