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The writing grows from his background as an artist and is in a tradition of painter-poets like Hans Arp, Kurt Schwitters and Paul Klee. Peake says that 'there is an unavoidable parallel between how I build a poem and the way I construct a painting.'

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Jeremy Akerman is an artist and writer, **Eileen Daly** is an editor and writer. They have a shared interest in artists' writing, which they see as a distinct area of visual arts practice that has a character of its own. In response they have made space for artists' writing to be commissioned, read and performed. This means publishing books, online publishing, performative readings, interviews and more.

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