

## **Eduard Schmidt-Zorner**

### **Time void**

A rock as outpost  
of a person in seclusion.  
Summer without people.  
Months of loneliness,  
without conversation.  
A boat bobbing on a lake  
in its own indivisible time,  
on a Sunday without end.  
A lonely seagull his companion.  
Both keep distance, eying each other.  
He hears voices, but discards them,  
the whisper of faces,  
he cannot see.  
Vague sound memories  
of the last carefree year.  
Not a soul is here.  
A bookmark in a book,  
which he reads again and again,  
an expired train ticket.  
For a train he never took,  
a journey he never made.

Time as a band  
that ties in with the past.

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