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xxx, Ping Zheng, 2021, Oil stick on paper, 19.75 x 25.75 in.

## *THE BURNING KITE*

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The poem speaks with a kind of ironic toughness, distrustful of consoling illusions. The works in this group explore uplifting feelings and the freedom to create, while at the same time acknowledge the difficulty of letting go; a mood of the times. Ouyang's poem offers a way to process this moment of living during the pandemic; to reflect not only on what has been lost, but also on what has been given and transformed during this past year.

Ouyang Jianghe  
*The Burning Kite*  
Translated from Chinese by Austin Woerner

What a thing it would be, if we all could fly.  
But to rise on air does not make you a bird.

I'm sick of the hiss of champagne bubbles.  
It's spring, and everyone's got something to puke.

The things we puke: flights of stairs,  
a skyscraper soaring from the gut,

the bills blow by on the April breeze  
followed by flurries of razor blades in May.

It's true, a free life is made of words.  
You can crumple it, toss it in the trash,

or fold it between the bodies of angels, attaining  
a permanent address in the sky.

The postman hands you your flight of birds  
persisting in the original shape of wind.

Whether they're winging toward the scissors' V  
or printed and plastered on every wall

or bound and trussed, bamboo frames wound with wire  
or sentenced to death by fire

you are, first  
and always, ash.

Broken wire, a hurricane at each end.  
Fire trucks scream across the earth.

But this blaze is a thing of the air.  
Raise your glass higher, toss it up and away.

Few know this kind of dizzy glee:  
an empty sky, a pair of burning wings.

*On view at Kristen Lorello (NYC), June 17 - July 23:*  
Noa Charuvi, Cui Fei, Francesca Gabbiani, Goldschmied &  
Chiari, Jacob El Hanani, Mahmoud Hamadani, Nancy  
Lorenz, Alan Prazniak, Katy Schimert, Sun You