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Video 6:28 min

This video is a compilation of footage (imagery and sound) that I took on my iPhone during the lockdown in Tbilisi, where I'm currently (still) grounded.

During this time I often felt some sort of void. The nothing, or all there is if you break our existence down. There was, or still is, no future to picture, just the present 'timeless' moment to deal with. No cars, no people on the streets for weeks, my senses more hypersensitive than usual.

In this video, I combine two sounds, a pervasive birdsong and a religious service broadcasted via speakers, outside, in the churchyard. The video footage shows four-day-old kittens, eyes still closed, feeding off their mother's teats. The two sounds and the fascinating sight left a profound impact on me. The short video is accompanied by words/thoughts that I've written down in my sketchbook.

The final video is dedicated to my miniature Dachshund Daisy, that never leaves my side and keeps up my spirit.

The introductory quote is by Mark Alizart, his recent book 'Dogs. A philosophical guide to our best friends' (Polity Press, 2020).

Birdsong, Giorgi Atoneli Street, Tbilisi, 25. April 2020

Church mass, Revaz Tabukashvili Street, 20. April 2020

Newborn kitten, Brothers Zubalashvili Street, 22. April 2020

Video link: <https://youtu.be/tUF4U5ufUEo>