Introduction

Marked by a recrudescence of the covid-19 pandemic, the first six months of 2021 were an introspective time. We worked and studied online; we created and wrote from home. We stayed home. Meetings were virtual and we adapted to a different lifestyle. We have learned endurance and how to be alone. We have learned a lot.

As I write, we are hoping for a summer that will clean us of our anxieties and take us outdoors where we will meet again.

This issue of *ti*< is shorter than usual because priorities have been different so far this year. We have had to take care of ourselves.

But, please, enjoy this 10th issue. It tells us about softness (an exhibition at City Hall), bitterness (imagined letters to nineteenth-century characters), and effort (a short short story on how to persevere).

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