

The Art of NinGen

A few years ago an artist friend of mine, Yoko Shinozaki, told me about NinGen,
a Gen artist she met on a remote island in the south of Japan.

Yoko, who is no longer with us, had at the time
been travelling, trying to find Her Art.

NinGen didn't believe in Art.

NinGen simply lived

observing

smiling



'Gen' denotes the *place* between beings



NinGen was not strictly an artist – but was considered as such.

Two years ago I finally had the opportunity to visit the island.
I searched for NinGen for days on end, infatuated.

It was on the last day of my visit that I found
the place where Yoko met NinGen.

Seeing NinGen's smile I perished.

We sat. And smiled in silence.

At my silly humanness.

At my desperation

to find NinGen

– the place in between.