Once upon a Time...

Untold stories from better days - Photos by Ute Kuschnereit

The vanishing traces of a time that's gone, fading memories of a liveliness that only remains to live in our imagination, pictures of destruction and collapse, evidence of the elements taking over and trying to regain abandoned territory, occupied by humans only temporarily yet intended to stay forever, vague daydreams of future amidst the overwhelming presence of the past...

In all its patina and sometimes even rotteness, to me there is a returning aesthetic element in the passing of time. A quiet beauty and melancholy, hints of unknown individual fates and dreams, stories that remain untold but not unnoticed.

The poetry of transience as a topic has drawn my photography for a long time. I am happy to show a series of older and more recent images, taken on Mare Island and Alameda, California as well as in Leipzig, Germany.

Not meant to stay forever, just like their subject...

