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Above: *London Bridge* (detail)  
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*Tower Bridge*  
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*London Bridge*  
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The dramatic panoramic views of London bridges offered by Martin Urmson's photographic lightboxes, elevate his subject matter to iconic status. For Urmson, the river is the city's most important artery and its bridges are landmarks of significant meetings and farewells, where dreams can be fulfilled or broken. Despite being a constant witness to flows of people, traffic and water, London's bridges are also places of great stillness and contemplation. Urmson reinforces his emotional response to these sites through the combination of a limited but heightened palette and his use of decorative manipulation in the foregrounds. Flower motifs repeat across the surface altering our perception of familiar landmarks, abstracting them, while his choice of medium, with its inherent reliance on backlit light, achieves an almost religious connotation. Martin Urmson is a freelance photographer and journalist specialising in architectural photography.