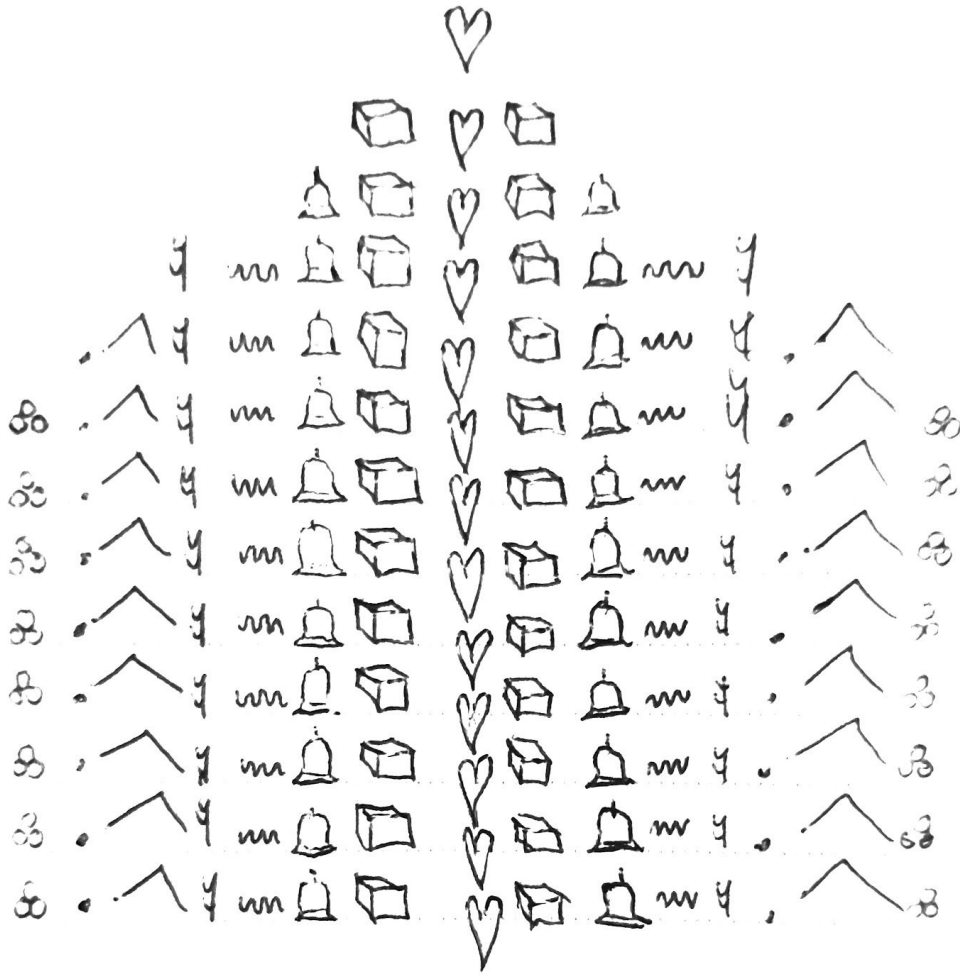


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*too scary*

*collected writings from 2016-17*

# Reflections

**Friday, Feb. 03, 2017, [Philadelphia]**

little bridges gradient from void to point  
a line between void and negative void. Little  
rubber squeaks synchronized with this gesture  
around five repetitions, enough to live as  
comedy. Exit soon after. Canon in music and  
gesture simultaneously. Full bodies clearly lit  
Void of light (darkness) as silence: scene change.

Scene 1:      ~~Two Lovers facing each other, lips parted  
together, a deep inhalation.~~

Scene 2:      ~~Patriarch silently pontificating with hand  
gestures, sitting in chair.~~

**~~Journal Entry, February 07, 2017, [Philadelphia]~~**

~~I feel absolutely terrible right now. It seems something triggered  
a really intense emotional reaction in me. Storyline  
On the surface, there is a disconnection with how I would like to  
interact with interpersonal intimacy (selflessness, without  
expectation, pure empathy), and my need for emotional  
intimacy, emotional support, validation. Is it rejection  
that I am pained by? But it is so irrational to become consumed  
by rejection (even [in the] form of a partner needing space  
and feeling the need to respect that space). Is my pain  
simply a product of not being able to respect the need for  
space by others? Then why trigger so intensely??????  
Is there something I forgot? Maybe I forgot  
to speak my needs for emotional support to  
others? Then the problem is having explain my fear of rejection  
without fearing while facing the possibility of being  
rejected for having a need for~~

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~~(To me,~~  
~~Be other Be abyss Be material Be real~~  
~~Be sound, smell, touch, heat,~~  
~~I am other, Abyss, material, real~~  
~~I am sound, smell, touch, heat,)~~  
We are bodies our bodies are us  
Are the world shaping space ||<sup>1</sup>  
around us ~~In the whole hole~~  
~~world space~~ Everything without ||<sup>2</sup>  
is our flesh every void of this  
world space shapes or keeps  
space for our bodies as the  
silence of Earthly noise  
The in-between breaths the  
Waking Dream The exact moment before  
the piano string decays.

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~~(I feel the most secure not having a need to talk to you daily)~~  
In my dream what your dream too scary ~~fantasy~~ fantasy  
Nightmare too strong back to reality You are real Let's know  
the material, touch, smell, taste, only these truths  
Yes the dream is valid Yes it is equal the current, image, illusion,  
But it is all too alien to "Me" Please be real (In your eyes I  
see the Abyss. No scarcity of us).

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I lived in the far upstairs. Before  
Heather came to visit, I put away the  
clutter, into drawers, into chests,  
almost all of my belongings were put away.

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1., world shaping space around us around space shaping world.

2., [All] without is flesh void world space shapes, space world void flesh is without [All]

**Dream, March 4th, [2017]**

Some vague ~~brow~~ clay-brown institution, I enter with masses of students. I'm in a large greenhouse filling my plate with great food. This was the first stage in the program -- the food's not for me so I don't take the best items. An Authority woman leads a young student and tells him what the food is for. There is someone next to me holding a large blind to protect me from exposure to too much light. I dismiss my assistant because the walls of the greenhouse (glass) make the powerful light bearable. | ~~Earlier part of I~~ Recalled Pokemon. | Earlier dream part: With Franklin returning from Canada; Border Patrol Agent's son finds our pot and pipe so we kidnap the Agent's son and drive off into darkness

**May 12th, 2017 [Leipzig]**

Warmth, ~~the~~ piano out of view  
possibilities: eyes closed, familiarity,  
 longing/reconstituted reality, time without (tolerance),  
 harmony/function;

[F]antasy: restorative affect, reward by  
 performing this service,,,,,,,,,[,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,  
 only a single ~~key~~ pitch, clarity -----  
 principle a group, power. Unification by common action.  
~~principle~~(possibility): ~~reduction~~ letting go, begin by observing the body,  
 then listening to it. But first of all accept that  
 the mind is not the ruler of the body -----  
 having faith in this body to know the Way.

*zum Beispiel*: study the breath, the shoulders (who speak of fear).

Sam's piece: "as quiet as possible" or "as silent as possible"  
 press the key, listen to the feeling of the mechanism,  
 through the length of the body, observe the action,  
 possibility: coordinate with exhalation.

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Where does it come from?, this voice  
~~which~~ my body channels with diligence.  
~~This voice~~ I am unable to ~~tell~~ say whether it is  
born from the material of my body, (the sound  
of it), ~~or~~ has a cosmological origin, or  
someplace in between. ~~It might~~ Does it come  
from the Great Emptiness [the God of Utmost Emptiness], ~~the void~~  
in between material and metaphor,  
between waking and dreaming, inhalation  
and exhalation,

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DO NOT FORGET: the tone of her  
voice when she spoke “I love you” from the  
depths of her heart. ~~The way I spoke~~ The tone of my voice  
when I spoke those words to her.  
The way she looked away out of [embarrassment]  
when our eyes locked, that smile.

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~~Now~~ death is my ~~role~~ (the ~~one~~ you ~~have~~ given ~~me~~)  
Please ~~let~~ me ~~know~~ I’m ~~not~~ dead  
I need ~~to~~ be ~~alive~~ at ~~this~~ moment  
~~This~~ is ~~not~~ my ~~part~~, not ~~yet~~

*(don’t tell me what to feel I’m a ghost,  
don’t throw that fucking oyster shell at me).*

~~Your music is vacuous~~

I make no music. my ideas move like golden-green  
watersnakes swimming without our ship’s shadow ~~and~~ there  
within eager to break death’s curse.

**Play 1: synopsis**

A couple [two people], X and Y. Very close friends.  
X is cursed by the death of a lover long ago, her ancestor's  
curse. As an ill-conceived plan to remove the  
curse, ~~X pressures Y into a reenactment of the death.~~  
Y agrees out of a misconceived act of affection.  
The reenactment is so sincere that Y begins to  
doubt whether he is ~~alive~~ still alive.



The wish to experience a deep love [stands] in conflict with the  
defenses against this feeling, against the pain  
that [it] might necessitate.

**Angry Letter [to myself]**

~~You've really hurt me. This week has been one of  
the most painful of my ENTIRE LIFE. You are one  
of my closest friends in the whole earth and you  
are treating me as if I was dead. I'm doubting  
whether I'm even alive right now and have to ask  
all my other friends to remind me. Are you going  
to continue to do this to people? To hurt deeply  
those who are closest to you? How many more  
people are you going to hurt until you stop this  
cycle? I have so much hope that you heal in this  
lifetime -- understand that you are not guilty for  
what happened to you -- You aren't to blame --  
I care so deeply about your pain. I hope you get better.~~

# Texts on Music

I want a system in which each LOCAL disruptor is permitted its own variable duration, autonomous along a curve. ~~Would I have to trade~~

Moving at different speeds along a modulated curve...

How to decide: which local disruptor moves at which speed? CHANCE OPERATIONS.

Self criticism of this particular structure: that it feels like play? as i'm inventing "too many rules", or arbitrary ones at the least, that could be far too removed from the essence of the work; or, that I haven't made clear enough to myself how each unit relates to the whole, "what's going on", or how ~~/why~~ I arrived at these models (sources?), and ~~defend~~ why they're necessary, or even of use -- to defend [or] justify their use.

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It is not primarily the music or the ideas Klaus has but the reflexive relationship between -- how the composer's 'function' provides a means to sounds and the sounds... don't allow, they act and interact. They may be 'tested' against ~~their function~~, the function of the composer; that is, whether they affect the listener in the manner chosen. ~~Described negatively~~, whether they correlate with the functional impetus that is means for their properties. ~~Negatively, if one's function~~ What The manner and work are two-directional, that they inform one another and produce one another.

(Contrast a "one-directional" relationship).

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Klaus asked, "why compose?". Not the tools, nor the methods, nor the negative reasons (to not do otherwise). Neither am I certain whether he was asking purpose; only, simple reason, since 'composers no longer have a socially [prescribed] function as they had in the Baroque Era--- That we need now

at this time to give  
ourselves function. Klaus described his  
reason (or function) ~~as a~~ to communicate the  
sensuality of music ~~to others~~. To filter the  
‘white noise’ of excess information. Bring  
life (Body) to disembodied rationality---  
to me it is union with heaven and earth -- spirit  
and material / body. Klaus remarked that  
I was moving from one extreme to the  
other, subjectivity of  
graphic score to objectivity  
of total serialism.  
When asked why compose with graphs and obsessive  
ordering, after a long pause, I answered,  
‘to make sense!’ ~~But what is~~  
Still, what is my function as a composer?

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Consonance ~~must~~ is ‘Free’,  
it can be jumped to---  
dissonance needs  
to be properly  
stepped in ~~and~~  
and out of---  
this limit defines  
dissonance.

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So when a composer has [the] function to ~~write provide~~ create a  
medium ~~in~~ from which knowledge about ~~conscious and~~ un/consciousness  
can be gained -- this doesn’t ~~really say~~ make clear the ~~steps~~  
movement from composer to creation; the function  
only ~~describes the~~ proposes an interaction of the  
music with audience after ~~the~~ it is created. The  
question is still open as to what the composer ~~is to~~  
will create and how it contrasts to other ~~may~~ would  
offer access to knowledge. ~~Put in other~~ Said differently,



why the exact work rather than another work?  
Would all work pass for this function ~~and~~ or must it  
be particular?

## CONCORDIA

Is a study in ~~two~~ three areas. ~~The first is of~~  
The first ~~shows the deals~~ has to do with  
rhythmic expression, and in this case, I  
~~mean to~~ show the interaction of rhythms  
that expand at different rates as well as  
with ~~static rhythms~~: those that ~~are~~  
are static.<sup>1</sup>

The second area has to do with unity,  
~~continuity through through the various sections of the form, I create unity~~  
unity, how the parts relate to the whole.  
Instead of using pitch or rhythmic  
motifs, I create unity here keeping  
consistent sound categories. The ~~individual~~  
individual sounding parts ~~transitioning~~  
~~at~~ change at each ~~new~~ section, yet  
according to their respective categories.  
For example, [a] percussive glissando ~~from~~  
on the black keys shares with a glissando  
on the bass buttons the gradient quality.

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1., ~~I would call this~~ since the rhythmic structure ~~since determines~~ has more influence on the content than  
does harmony, I would call this a kind of structuralism

The third area is of creating contrast that

is independent of pitch activity. ~~For this,~~  
~~I used variation in~~ I create contrast here  
 by having change in dynamics, density, and  
 regularity. The ~~whole~~ work begins quiet, with  
 high density and ~~regular~~ high regularity, and the contrasting section inverts  
 these values.

### No Diagnosable Fear & If The Arms

These ~~two pieces~~ works both use a  
 self-limiting form ~~that expands on~~  
~~“both sides” ++ +++ borrowed from~~  
~~taken~~ learned from some of the  
 “Recitations” by Georges Aperghis.  
~~Written for solo performer, a full~~  
~~phrase is reached a single short~~  
~~motif gets added onto it~~  
~~After the first entrance, short parts~~  
~~are added before and after the~~

The work begins with a ~~single~~ short motif.  
~~After~~ On its the consecutive entrance,  
 short parts are added before and after  
 the initial motif. ~~This expanded~~  
~~phrase enters short parts are~~  
~~again added to the expanded phrase~~

This expanded motif enters again  
 and the process of adding short parts  
 before and after the preceding  
 motif is repeated until the final,  
 complete, phrase is heard in totality.  
 Though ~~condensed for~~ graphically  
 condensed for publishing, I composed it  
 using a pyramidal layout.