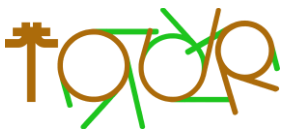


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"Eigen" is redone as an underscored monologue by Atom. The following page are the edited two first pages. The instrumentation will still exclusively be a tambourine.

<https://www.tourmusical.com/music/1-eigen.mp3>



## 1. EIGEN

### SCENE i

*[University]*

*(ATOM arrives, irregularly playing a tambourine. They quantum tango.)*

#### **ATOM**

Oscillations. Know what? What is *what* made of? *Who*? I make up things as usual. I am just filled with protons! Electrons...

*(Depressing.)*

Neutrons.

*(Shrugging. Demonstrating the tambourine.)*

You're on an electromagnetic field trip. Who's ecstatic for the atom smasher?! That'll be halfway, after we grab our subs.

*(Holding a zill of the tambourine.)*

First, we are going to review some scientific principles.

*(Twirling their finger around the tambourine.)*

*We'll circle around.* To you, it'll be a blink of an eye. To us, a lifetime of our wave? I'll make up all things along the way. All human stories...

*(LEPTON rushes in, carrying the scantrons. She orbits ATOM. She wildly roams around.)*

*[The space brightens.]*

*(BOSON restlessly strolls in.)*



*(STUDENTS run in and orbit AUDIENCE MEMBERS.  
They bring in a desk and a particle board,  
which displays a schedule and holds a box  
of tacks. They conceal the desk behind the  
particle board.)*

**ATOM** (cont.)

Full of...

<u>2. SYMMETRY</u>
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*(STUDENTS disorderedly orbit ATOM.)*

**ATOM**

PARTICLES.  
YOU ARE NOT  
SYMMETRICAL  
PARTLY DUE  
TO ME,  
ATOMIC DISORGANIZATION.

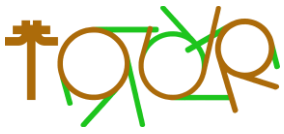
*(LEPTON hands some scantrons to STUDENTS.)*

*(STUDENTS increasingly grow orderly.)*

**LEPTON**

THESE SCHOLARS.  
ALL WILL SPARK  
WELL-ROUNDEDNESS IN  
PART FROM  
SUBJECTS,  
UNCOVERED WITHIN THE SCATTERING.

*(Dumping the scantrons into ATOM's arms.)*



## **BOSON**

ENLIGHTEN.  
I HEAR NEWS.  
AN EXCHANGE STUDENT.  
BRIGHTER  
THAN ME.  
BE READY FOR A DIFFERENT WAVELENGTH.

*(STUDENTs try to synchronize but are asynchronous.)*

## **STUDENTs**

SYMMETRY...  
SYMMETRY.  
WE DREAM TO BE WELL-ROUNDED.  
WE'LL BE A PERFECT SPHERE.

*(Barely spinning.)*

## **ATOM**

PARTICLES.  
STABLE WORLD.  
OSCILLATIONS!

*(Greeting the world by waving their arm.)*

PARTLY DUE  
TO ME,  
I MADE YOU, EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.

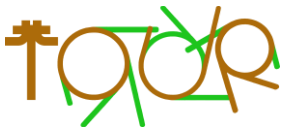
*[A colourful presence spills into the space.]*

*(STUDENTs grow synchronous.)*

## **STUDENTs**

SYMMETRY.  
WE'LL COME AROUND FULL CIRCLE.  
LET US BEGIN THE TOUR.

*(Scattering around.)*



*(LEPTON takes the scantrons from ATOM. She scatters away.)*

*(BOSON intriguingly observes. He departs.)*

*(ATOM, speechlessly, mouths along the strange and sudden rings of the xylophone.)*

*(STUDENTs scatter away.)*

*(ATOM trip over invisible strings and lose their footing. They run themselves into the particle board to keep balance.)*

### 3. EXCHANGE PARTICLE

*(QUARK wanders in.)*

#### **QUARK**

ENDED UP IN UNIVERS-TY? ESTABLISH. MEANT  
MAY I JOIN A TOURING CIRCUIT? ELECTRIC- THE  
LABS, DO THEY BEHOLD AND FORESEE? ESCAPED IONS.

*(ATOM sees through QUARK. They dismiss her.)*

WHAT AM I, PART OF? COURSES FULL?

*(Humbling herself.)*

EXCHANGE.  
IT'S NOT WHO I AM.  
THE REAL ME.  
NOT BEST IN SCIENCE.  
I FORCED MYSELF.  
GIVE MY ALL TO PHYSICS.  
MY PARTING GOALS.