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A work for mixed septet and three actors

Forces

Instrumentation:

Flute (doubles Ukulele and eight ping pong balls)
Horn (doubles Ukulele)
Violin (doubles Trombone and Ukulele)
Violoncello (doubles Ukulele)
Trumpet (Blindfolded)
Piano
Percussion (one player)

Percussion:

Glockenspiel
Cowbell
Spoons
Cymbals
Nokia 3310 or similar
Sampler loaded with Countdown theme
Vibraslap

(toy lightsaber and three or more small bouncy balls required for percussionist)

Actors:

One actor (or two actors) dressed in black cloak, required to flip a coin on stage at beginning of performance and to read from a copy of Wuthering Heights as indicated in score.

Two actors dressed as teletubbies, required to walk on and off stage in manner indicated in score.

Composer:

The composer (or an imposter) is required to make a speech at the beginning of the piece, which must continue for at least three bars of the score but for no more than five bars.

CrowdScoreSing is a piece based on suggestions which were made via Facebook comments over a forty-eight hour period in early 2013. The concept required that I would incorporate all practical suggestions into the piece. And I have.

To Josh Reichental for sparking the idea

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Thanks also to everyone who contributed ideas to the piece:

Josh (again): Someone involved must be blindfolded, there must be a pun in the title of the piece, any lyrics must be in Pig-Latin, Sebastian must give an introductory speech about the piece, before it starts, but it must ramble on and the rest of the piece should start behind him before he finishes.

He must stay on stage till his speech is over.

Ronan Dikker: Vibraslap, lightsaber, Cymbals played by juggling balls into them, someone reading Wuthering Heights during the piece.

Joan Somers Donnelly: A musical interpretation of the fabulous plant.

Alex McLaughlin Callan: no matter how insane or varied, the piece must stick to the four chords

Nicole Campbell: Cowbell, Extract from Kate Bush's Wuthering Heights. Ping pong ball as musical instrument Colm: Trombone improv while sitting in a chair in as many positions as possible.

Composer: If trombonist fails to sit in 11 positions in 30 seconds they must get naked.

Ciarán Doyle: Tellytubbies come on stage and say "again, again", after which the preceding passage is repeated.

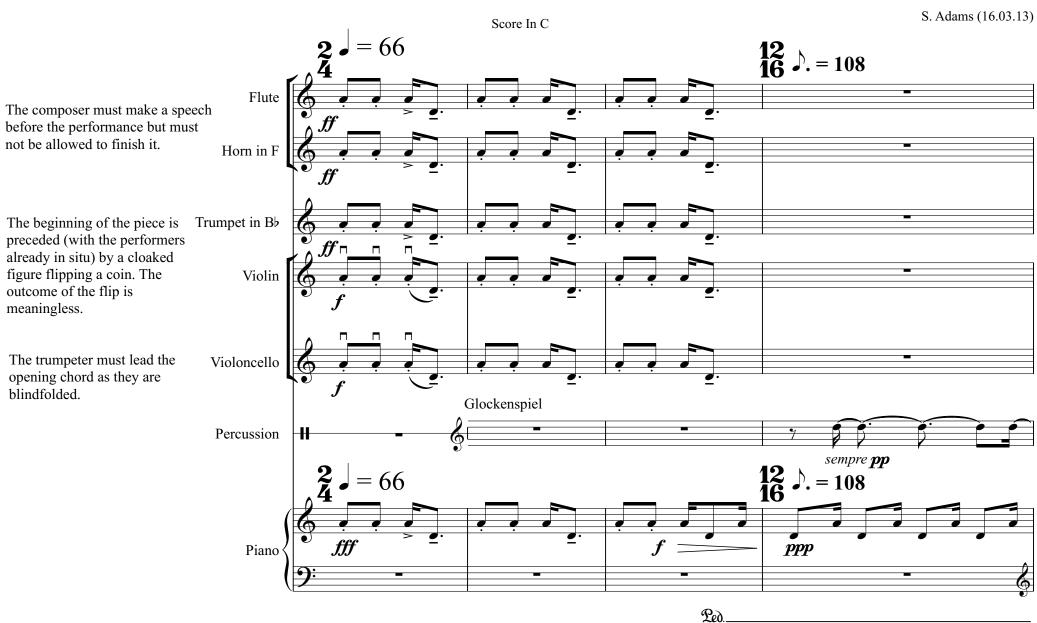
Eoghan Cooke: The dirty big trumpet cadenza Mahler never wrote but surely would have.

Dylan Gray: the words "phlogiston, gee-eyed and dick-moose"

Andrew Robinson: Dm - Bb7 - E7 on ukelele in the rhythm crotchet quaver crotchet quaver crotchet Guy Prendergast: use the spoons.

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To Josh Reichental





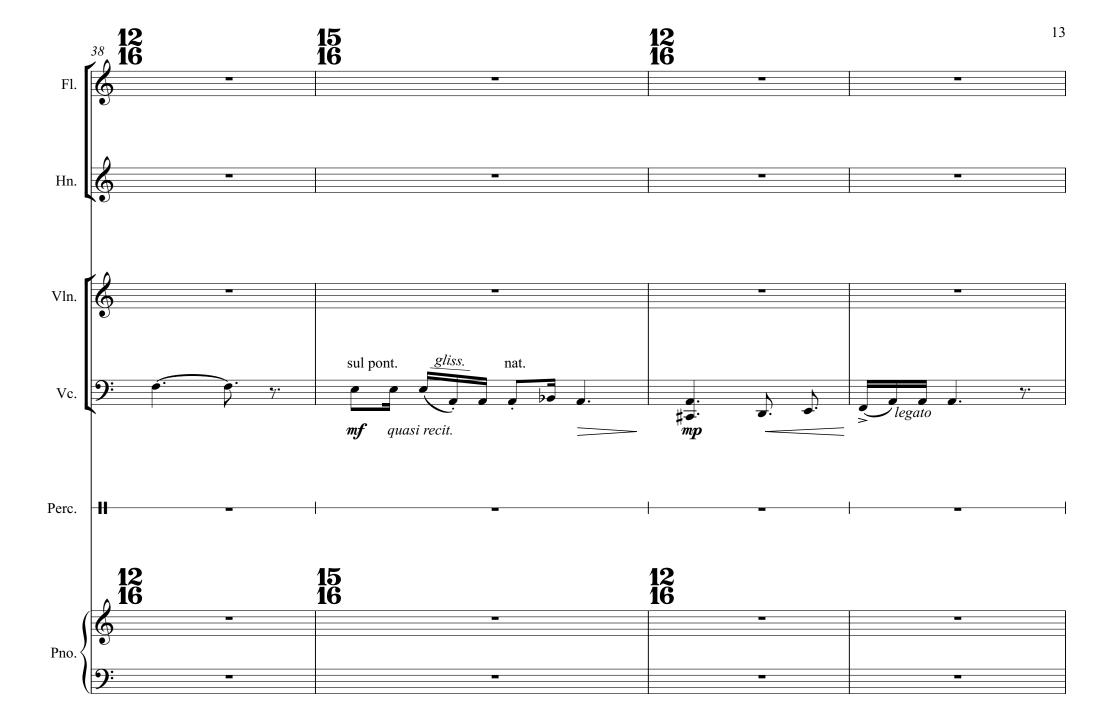






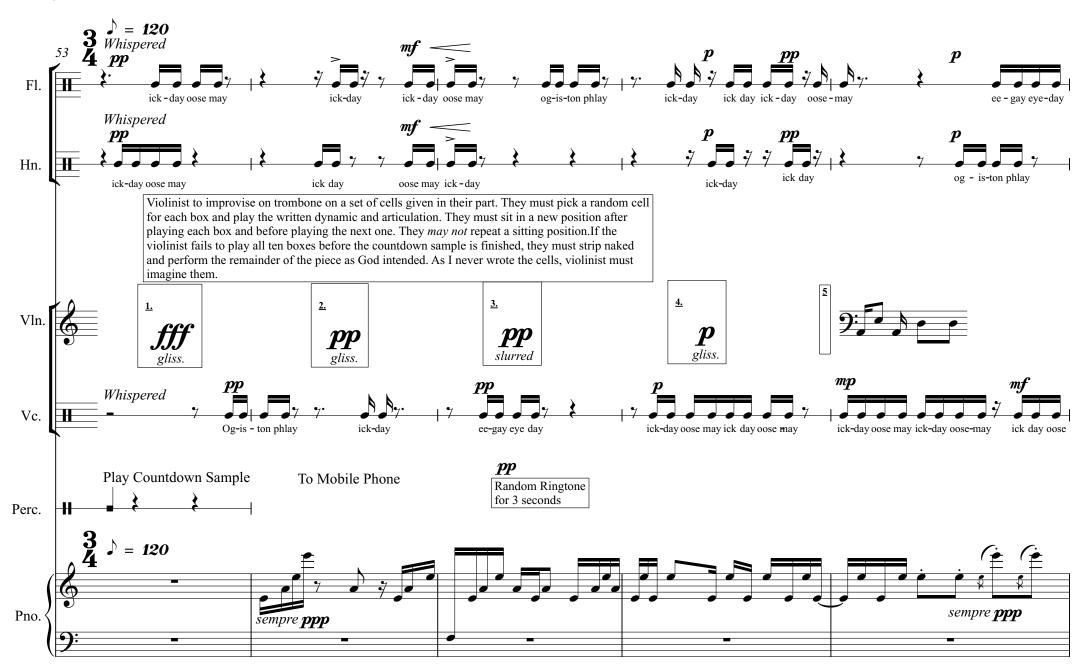




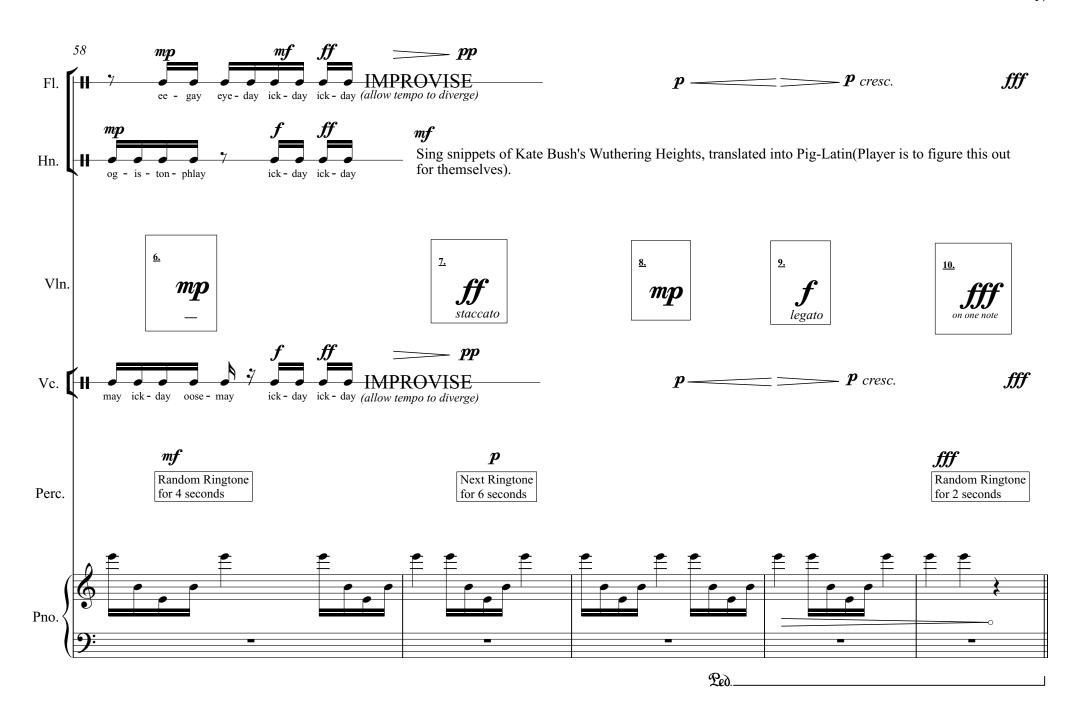




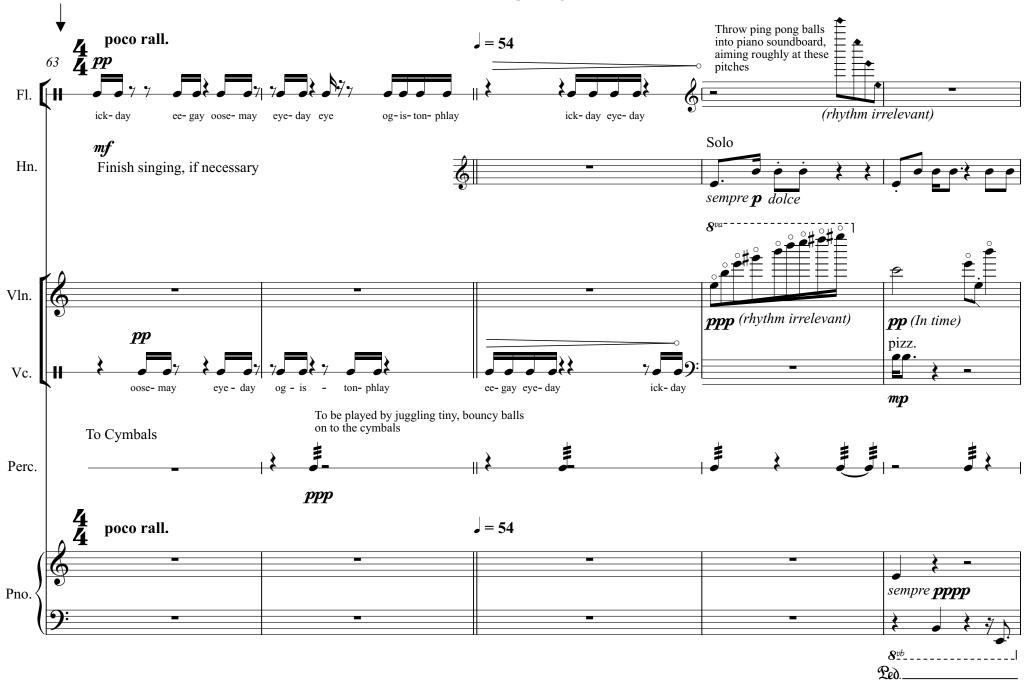




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At this point an actor, preferably located on a balcony at the back of the performance space, begins to read from a randomly opened passage of Wuthering Heights, translating the text (without preparation) into Pig Latin. They are to dress in a dark cloak and read in a voice no louder than a normal speaking voice.









Reader stops reading, and disappears from view.

