

# whisper house

for four guests and one empty house

come il tempo è un oceano

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each measure lasts around 30 seconds each

	1	2	3	4	
guest 1	[30 sec] <i>p</i> whisper to each other		walk quietly towards a window, to the door, and back to the window	stare at the door of the room	tap on the window while staring at the door
guest 2	[30 sec] <i>p</i> whisper to each other		whisper to each other		turn on the faucet slightly, turn it off, then on
guest 3	[30 sec] <i>p</i> whisper to each other		whisper to each other	whisper to yourself	go to the radio and turn it on at a low volume
guest 4	[30 sec]	-	-	-	-

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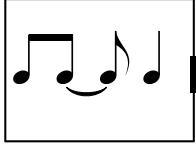
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guest 1	take deep breaths and sway		walk towards the kitchen	open the drawers with cutlery	assemble the vegetables for chopping at the table. As if you are not sure which is first and last
guest 2	run your hands through the water then turn off the faucet		tap on the mirror while staring at the door	take deep breaths, and sway. Blow on the wind	Gather clothes and put them in the laundry basket
guest 3	listen to the radio, and be unsure about what it says		Clap softly to yourself	walk in a circle around the room, slowly	stare outside the window
guest 4		-	-	-	-

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guest 1	fill the pitcher with water, if it is empty	turn on the electric fan listen to its wind	move through the settings of the electric fan. Leave it on	find the encyclopedia and place it on the floor
guest 2	hum a tune	clap softly to yourself	walk towards the ktichen	stare at the vegetables
guest 3	stare outside the window	go to the laundry basket, and hold the clothes in your arms	dance with the clothes in your arms, softly humming, put them in the laundry basin	fill the laundry basin with water
guest 4	■■■	■■■	■■■	■■■

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guest 1	connect to the wi-fi	realize you don't know the password. It is not in the encyclopedia	arrange the tsinelas near the entrance	walk towards the table
guest 2	pour some water, slowly	take small sips of water	place glasses on the table	 walk towards the room
guest 3	walk to the kitchen and select plates	place the plates on the tables	watch the glasses being placed on the table and move towards the encyclopedia	turn the pages of the encyclopedia  <i>ppp</i>
guest 4	■■■	■■■	■■■	■■■

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guest 1	rotate the plates on the table	place the forks near the plates	continue rotating the plates then the forks	step towards the room
guest 2	nervously rub hands together	open the door and slide gently	coo quietly into the room as if cooing to something small and just awoken	continue as if cooing to something small and just fallen asleep
guest 3	think about this motive 5 this encyclopedia is from 1991	continue to turn the pages at your own rhythm USSR would still be here, Chernobyl just happened. It is still covered in ash.	turn the pages knowing now that this encyclopedia is not of this earth	close the book
guest 4		-	-	-

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guest 1	walk to the laundry basin	plunge your hands into the still water	wash one piece of clothing	sing a low note into the water
guest 2	move away from the Room, leave the door ajar to allow the pollen in	find a novel	open a book to a random page	trace the gaps between the words
guest 3	walk to the kitchen	open a kitchen cabinet	uncap a spice and smell it	tap a small amount of spice on the counter. you may mix spices
guest 4		-	-	-

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guest 1	lift the wet cloth, wringing it slowly and letting the water drip	leave the laundry and walk to the table	pick up the forks and set them down on the table in reverse	pick up the spoons and set them down beside the fork as if magnetized
guest 2	whisper-speak a passage from the book	close the book, then close it again. leave it on the floor	stand near the phone, as if waiting	let the phone ring in your mind
guest 3	draw waves on the spice piles with your finger	walk towards the front door	pick up the envelope use it to fan yourself	scratch the envelope gently. It has no address
guest 4	■■■	■■■	■■■	■■■

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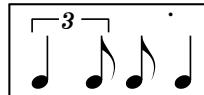
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guest 1	■■■ pick them up again and change your mind	set the knives on the table	there are more knives than either spoons or forks	walk towards the bathroom, but don't interrupt guest 3
guest 2	■■■ pick up the receiver	whisper back to the silence on the line	hang up the phone and tap on it	dial any years you remember on the phone
guest 3	■■■ hold the envelope to your ear, and listen	walk towards the bathroom, stop at the door	Tap on the door but not with your nails	Listen to the door
guest 4	■■■	■■■	■■■	■■■

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around 15 seconds each

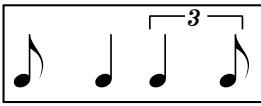
guest 1	II stand in front of the bathroom sink and let the faucet trickle	stand in front of the bathroom sink and let the faucet trickle	<b>15 sec</b>	-
	II sit at the table and try to perceive guest 1 and guest 3	tap on the table	<b>15 sec</b>	
	II walk away from the bathroom and stand in the middle of any room of your choice	walk away from the bathroom and stand in the middle of any room of your choice	<b>15 sec</b>	tap repeatedly 2-3 times then freely improvise
	II -	-	<b>15 sec</b>	

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guest 1	II 	splash the water in the rhythm of the phrase "house without wheels" repeatedly	-	-
	II -	"house without wheels" repeatedly	-	-
	II -	listen to guest 1	listen to guest 3	tap on the table what guest 1 and guest 3 have played repeatedly, without concerning yourself of your own memory or what you've heard
	II -	-	translate the phrase "house without wheels" to a language of your choice, and stomp and clap the rhythm of this new phrase	-

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<sup>41</sup> each measure from here<sup>41</sup> lasts around 30 seconds<sup>43</sup> each<sup>44</sup>

guest 1	<b>II</b> [30 sec] turn off the faucet and walk slowly out of the bathroom	pace across the house before moving to the door of the room	gently knock on the door of the room as if it were lucky to do so	mutter facing away from the room. realize there is no internet. this house is not connected to anything
guest 2	<b>II</b> [30 sec] rearrange a few items on the table randomly	rotate the plates as if spinning vinyls	Hum a low note, maintain it through breaths <i>p</i>	stop humming and rub your face and arms and body as if a violin
guest 3	<b>II</b> [30 sec] go to the nearest source of glass	breath into the surface of the glass, and slide your finger on it	find some medicine, and gently let the pills flow inside like a rainmaker	walk towards the the bathroom
guest 4	<b>II</b> [30 sec] —	a —	—	—

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guest 1	<b>II</b> mutter facing away from the room. realize there is no internet. this house is not connected to anything	leave the door of the room ajar and walk away	walk towards the shell	hold the shell and tap on it
guest 2	<b>II</b> walk away from the room	walk towards the laundry	fold the clothes as loudly as you can <i>f</i>	place the folded clothes in the laundry basin filled with water <i>p</i>
guest 3	<b>II</b> walk in circles inside the bathroom	turn on the shower	turn the shower on and off	Wash your face
guest 4	<b>II</b> —	—	—	—

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guest 1	Listen to the shell this sound is part of the music	pretend to whisper a story into the shell about the way clouds pass	walk towards the table and place the shell on it to act as a centerpiece	Go to the floor and pick up the dictionary
guest 2	gently lift the folded clothes from the basin letting water drip	find a place to hang the clothes and hang them	take a broom and sweep the floor	sweep in small circles as if stirring small hurricanes
guest 3	Take a toothbrush and brush your hair with it	Brush the mirror where your hair is.	Brush the walls going in small circles	leave the brush and turn the faucet on and off
guest 4		-	-	-

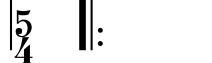
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for the next four measures  
repeat 2-3 times then improvise until  
15 seconds have passed

guest 1	place the dictionary on the table. this is the meal.	move the dictionary on the plate until it feels right	examine what's on the table, make adjustments for the meal	 15 sec turn the pages
guest 2	leave the broom and go to the table	spill any remaining water from the glasses on the table at the sink	examine what's on the table, bring a pitcher of water	 15 sec pour water into the glasses
guest 3	leave the faucet off and go to the table	prepare the table and guests for the meal	examine what's on the table, make adjustments for the meal	 15 sec use the table objects as percussion
guest 4		-	-	 15 sec

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guest 1

drum on the dictionary

guest 2

clink or tap any glass

guest 3

tap the table

manipulate any table object

guest 4

flip through random parts of the dictionary and speak softly a word there

whisper inaudibly about the weather and how we can recover from this economy

listen and respond in short humming sounds to guest 2

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guest 1		show guest 2 the dictionary and sing some definitions	turn pages after each name guest 3 recites, as if looking for their definitions	stand up and sit on another chair. repeat until this measure is finished
guest 2		clink softly on a plate to accompany guest 1	make a call to the ediacaran. let them know.	stand up and sit on another chair. repeat until this measure is finished
guest 3		bring the vegetables from the kitchen to the table	counter clockwise, starting with your position, softly and slowly whisper the names of the objects on the table	stand up and sit on another chair. repeat until this measure is finished
guest 4		-	-	-

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	65	66	67	68
guest 1	II stand from the table and walk to the kitchen dragging yourself	fry an egg	continue to fry the egg	the egg will gradually bloom into seismograph
guest 2	II sit on any chair around the table and take deep breaths	sit on any chair around the table and take deep breaths	go to the glass garden	realize it is fed by the moon.
guest 3	II whimper into the room as if to something frail and ill	whimper into the room as if to something	allow the wind to gently shut the door	listen to the walls
guest 4	II	-	-	-

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guest 1	II walk towards the room, and join guest 3 outside	whisper and hum to nothing in particular	whisper and hum to nothing in particular	-
guest 2	II walk back into the house	walk towards the room, and join guest 1 and 3 by the door	whisper and hum to nothing in particular	-
guest 3	II whisper and hum to nothing in particular	whisper and hum to nothing in particular	whisper and hum to nothing in particular	-
guest 4	II	-	-	wake up.

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guest 1



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guest 2



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guest 3



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guest 4



in the Room,  
whisper as if  
still dreaming.