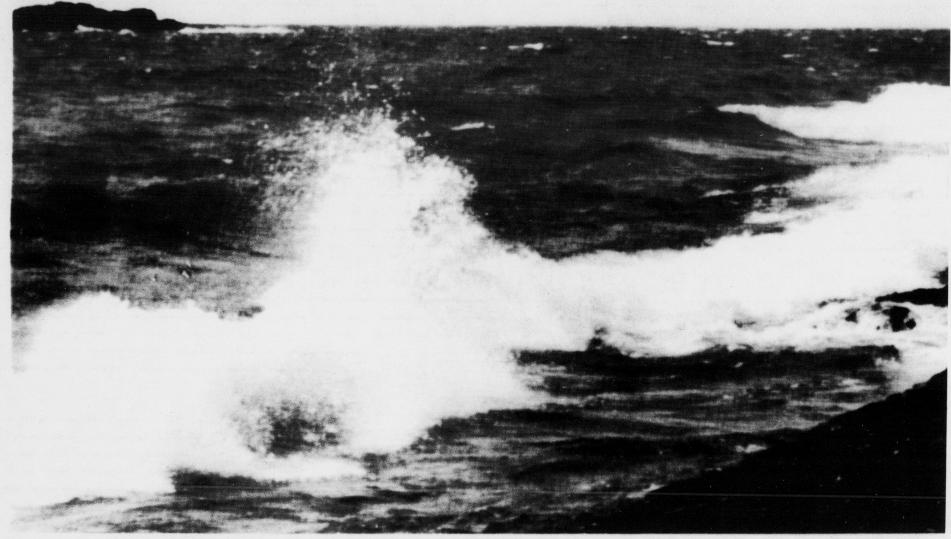
# MUSICWORKS

No. 22 Counterbomb Renga Concerned artists demanding abolition of nuclear arms



North shore of Lake Superior

"Two paths lie before us", writes Jonathan Schell on the last page of his landmark book THE FATE OF THE EARTH, "One leads to death, the other to life. If we choose the first path — if we numbly refuse to acknowledge the nearness of extinction, all the while increasing our preparations to bring it about — then we in effect become the allies of death, and in everything we do our attachment to life will weaken...On the other hand, if we reject our doom, and bend our efforts toward survival — if we arouse ourselves to the peril and act to forestall it, making ourselves the allies of life — then the anesthetic fog will lift; and we will take full and clear possession of life again."

He leads into this statement by having said: "At present, most of us do nothing. We look away. We remain calm. We are silent. We take refuge in the hope that the holocaust won't happen, and turn back to our individual concerns. We deny the truth that is all around us, we grow indifferent to one another. We drift apart. We grow cold. We drowse our way toward the end of the world." He quotes E.M. Foster who told us "Only connect!" and suggests "Let us connect", and refers to Auden's statement "We must love one another or die" and elaborates: "Let us love one another — in the present and across the divides of death and birth."

Counterbomb was conceived as an invitation to artists — poets and musicians — who share the concern about the future of our planet and life on it to <u>connect</u> and make our common thoughts and feelings known through a joint creative act: the composition of a free-form <u>renga.</u>

Notes by Udo Kasemets

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# Renga

Between the eighth and the seventeenth centuries the Japanese cultivated this particular form of collective poetry — renga — in which the participants keep multiplying — following complex rules concerning vocabulary, grammar, themes, content and symbols — the classical poetic structure tanka (consisting of two sections: the first of three lines — of 5, 7 and 5 syllables respectively — the other of two 7-syllable lines). The basic concept underlying the renga chain was that any given link had to form a poem with that which preceded it, and this poem had to be different from that which it formed with the link which followed it. In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries rengas of up to ten thousand links were composed in mammoth renga sessions.

## Counterbomb

40 notebooks-cum-cassettes and 13 scorebooks were put into circulation among poets and musicians in Canada, the U.S.A., Europe and Japan. A few were returned unopened and labelled "Unsolicited Material", some were returned with accompanying notes explaining the addressee's reasons for not wishing or being able to participate. Samples:

"Nothing original came to mind."

"The whole concept seems very questionable as a 'renga'".

"Unfortunately I have no time at all now to study and collaborate with your process".

"I can't do it — I feel fear of annihilation is...an ancient fear gone wild..."

"Pressures of time...prevent me from contributing."

"I hope you understand...we are senior citizens, many over 80 years old, most...can't understand English, sorry we can't do anything with you."

"Just too damn crazily busy moving again and it is too hectic to turn around."

"I do not know how to join in a renga".

"I do not wish to take part in this kind of para-literary venture."

Some, partly filled, got lost en route, others were never heard of or seen again.

Still, eventually 14 notebooks-cum-cassettes and 6 scorebooks and/or tapes were returned — the books filled with poetry or musical notations and the cassettes/tapes featuring the voices of the poets reading their own lines, or the musicians playing their own musics. All these, along with their germinal ACROSTIC or TANKOSTIC chains are printed on these pages and were assembled for a performance on March 8, 1983 at Bloor Street United Church in Toronto, and for a subsequent radio broadcast Easter Sunday, April 3, 1983 on CBC-FM Two New Hours.

COUNTERBOMB RENGA is presented here in three sections: the ACROSTICS with the poetry, the first set of TANKOSTICS with musical notations, and a second set of TANKOSTICS with the Chain Chant. An Appendix and Postscript follow.

## Acrostics/Poems

COUNTERBOMB RENGA was initiated with the preparation of 40 notebooks, each containing one of a set of ACROSTICS as the initiating link in the poetry chain.

#### **ACROSTICS**

The ACROSTICS were developed as follows: the letters of the title of the third chapter of Jonathan Schell's book THE FATE OF THE EARTH — T, H, E, C, H, O, I, C, E — were first written down vertically. Then, in order of their appearance in the text, the words starting with these given letters were entered in their respective places and complemented by words from their immediate vicinity to establish units with meanings of their own. Once the acrostic was thus completed, the ltters of its final words — E, V, E, R, Y, M, O, M, E, N, T — were written down vertically to become the backbone of the next acrostic, and so forth. Following this method systematically throughout the text produced a renga of 43 acrostics.

The reason for assembling the ACROSTICS was to have material on hand from which the participating poets would start their respective renga chains. This material needed a unity of its own, had to contain enough word/feeling/idea-energy to stimulate continuing action, yet certainly was to avoid any personal posturings, emotings or exhortations. Hence, the choice of the text of the third chapter of THE FATE OF THE EARTH, THE CHOICE — in itself to eloquent, passionate and intelligent — along with the system of selection and ordering which would fragment the original text and reassemble its words, phrases or sentences into new poetic utterances.

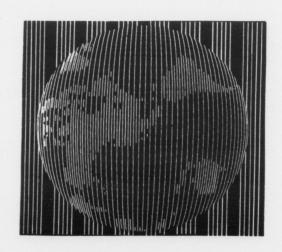
Each participating poet was invited to use his/her verbal skills and imagination toward creating a link in the chain following the basic renga concept and these quidelines.

In our free-form renga the tanka structure and its accompanying rigid rules may be used optionally by those experienced in operating within the framework of traditional Japanese forms. The rest of us — so we could feel at east saying what we want to say — may use for the individual links of the renga any structure — a couplet, a tercet, a quatraine, maybe a sonnet, a sestina, or an acrostic, a mesostic, a free verse, a prose-poem, or whatever — and speak in any language we wish. The only rules to which we shall adhere rigidly will be:

- 1) that our common concern regarding the nuclear threat to future life on our planet is reflected in one way or another throughout the *renga*; and
- 2) that the fundamental concept of renga composition tying together two consecutive links through the use of maybe a repeated word or a group of words, a synonym, a new metaphor, a translation, etc., etc., but avoiding unity between links separated by another one, is maintained.

The *renga* process is developed so that each new link to the chain is added by a new person.

The notebooks were allowed to circulate among poets from July 1982 until January 1983 when they were collected for assembly. On the following ACROSTIC/POEMS pages, each chain that was returned is printed in sequence alongside its initiating acrostic.



## **Acrostics**

after That the History of the Earth

Civilization Human world the marvels Of evolution In spite of all we have learned this entire Creation hostage to nuclear destruction at Every moment

the choice becomes the sign mouth becomes

to throw all weapons into the cave of words

Ithe speech which turns to peace still every moment but a breath, this taste moving, mouth to mouth to survive.

# Poems

bird song

flung from our nests in the late spring and ordered to fly or die we are weaned to the air

in this our flight Lord in this long fall the call is clear

to rise to sunlight through spring time storms with wings grown strong

but here these wind trimmed unformed bones and tiny beaks

that sing inaudible songs (from The Name of the Place)

I know the name of the place so well That it's just now slipped my tongue, But it doesn't matter as long as you Tell me I have not been there alone. All things are plotting to make us whole, All things conspire to make us one.

Even Vaster loss life on Earth Reading the newspaper the next few Years

we look at the future of Mankind the question is a simple One:

Must society bring itself to destruction? the Nightmare vision of Those heaps of rubble

a thing we Have to face albert Einstein urged full global disarmament but the Advice was disregarded the world building arsenals we Possess today the full- Scale machinery for extinction

> if we are honest with Ourselves in the Face of this global emergency

this Response is Unworthy of us of all the hopes of human Beings the hope that mankind will survive Brings us to the threshold of Life Even personal survival

### Selective Weaponry

In the future they will have

A bomb to sort the heaps of rubble a bomb to blast the lichens and to parch the liverworts bomb to destroy kindness and to put an end to laughter

bomb to wipe the blocm from the sloe bomb to level all curves and hollows

a bomb at the end of the raintow

a bomb to control the weather

a bomb more splendid than the sunset

a bomb triggered by the falling dew

a bomb to cure the common cold a bomb to eliminate language

a bomb that explodes in the vicinity of hope

a bomb whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere

a bomb to simulate autumn

a bomb to strike the songs from the sky

a bemb to satisfy hunger

a bomb that rots the bones leaving the flesh intact

a bomb to put out the eyes of deer a bomb to broaden your horizon

a bomb to hold back the dawn

#### (from Something buried)

while our companions, jealousy

anger, cause us to stare fixedly

at the darkening sky where thunder rumbles

and one blue slant of lightning splits the

ground before us, and in a flash, all becomes

clear: we will die, and who will ask after us

> Gerry Shikatani, Joy Kogawa, Gwen MacEwen, Gail Fox, Toronto.

Extinction is not death not yours or mine, my dear. Time was when we were not thinking of that causes no pain so being gone is painless. No, it is

when trackless dust covers our heirlooms and the gifts we meant to leave: my mother's laughter ripped from our daughter's throat your father's ginger hair fallen from our son's head when Shakespeare plays to an empty house and Rembrandt hangs in the rain then we're extinct.

> When we're extinct, maybe still Saturn majestic among its twisted ring. Maybe still Jupiter with attendant bright moons. Veiled Venus. Red Mars. And Pluto an invisible diamond

But no more the leaning houses comfortable along the snowy street no more warm windows nor eyes looking out ent

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against the green plasma of distant, remaining stars.

toward skies once kind — comprehensible astronomies.

No more eyes looking out, or in, no more planning, no more 'next time', nullified — the efforts of saints and tyrants, The hope in reason, art, children, checkmated — the fledgling king, lost — Terra's voice in the cosmos

No more careful weighing or improvisation, no more skillful gambits or riding the storm, no more recall or vision opening with the electric promise of dusk

Not a pair left of the profusion of mind-lights: The crystal variations known as persons are fused in anonymous cinders.

the Peril of Extinction is present cies Resembles the death of an individual yet Soon

Stating the obvious Stating the obvious
reality before Us
Ridding the world
of Violence
violence Is innate in our species
nity can break with its Violent past
And act with greater restraint
to the cold realities of Life has been added the new reality of peril of extinction

> When ocean winds blow cinders we'll not have loved enough, but still we keep our distance while generals get tough,

and talk of power in balance, blind to the blinding light that rots marrow, tho the mind be closed, and the cause right.

When shadows burn, when cities rise in pillars ten miles round, when the sun's dull red at noon. if you live underground

until the soil goes up in fire and blood sprays from each cough kneel down, and sift with gauntlets the ash you won. Enough?

NOT ONLY IN DREAMS

Enough. Your math is lethal. And I — unwilling student — can't face the sum you make of destructions. The classroom is deserted - only the whisper and tap of your moving chalk-stick the squeak of your crack-soled brogues. the squeak of your crack-soled brogues.

I am watching you write equations,
seeing the hulk of you pause at a plus
or minus sign and can't get at the words
to tell you STOP. I know that lumpy sweater
your great-aunt gave you for Christmas 1902
and even from a distance of years would know
that spread-legged stance, the frightwig of your hair.
I want to saw enough but this is a dread. I want to say enough! but this is a dream and you are turning now from the blackboard each hair of your head illumined, each yellowing tooth exposed by your gentle oldman's smile. Angel-elect of heat-storm death, Einstein with Pavlov's tearducts, your hand goes to your pocket but I cannot wake.

> Maria Jacobs, Rosemary Aubert, Peter Acker, Jim Roberts, Brian Purdy, Toronto.

unless the perpetrator has Lost his mind

it can come about Only through our Failure to acknowledge the peril of

Is
Not intentional
with no fundamental Changes
Though
It had features
Of

the Cruise Missile Conversion Project in which the ent of "predicamend" is the end (and of course the alternative is

developed from the idea of

"predicament") and then the link between the "d" of "end" and the "b" of "bomb" and "bomb's" conversion to "om"

end

this is also a conversion of an old poem of mind (the b/om/b poem) thus furthering the notion of b b recycling and conversion of misplaced energy

Oct/Nov 82 b bp Nicol b

b b

b b

b b

om

om

Unable to preserve the Connection Less and less plausible Extinction may be brought About unintentionally Resulting from the

Pre-existing military and political system the nuclear Revolution has not been completed the completion will be Extinction or a global political revolution sovereign nations are Driven to defend national Interests with means of destruction in the Councils

where decisions Are Made, there is no one to speak for man and for the Earth the peril is Not external as Though the earth were to blow up

> That asteroid was One day going to collide

Because Like aristotle's rule the possible ends Of War are varied

nuclear weapons Used in large numbers have been Put to the limit of their strength

TEKST ANIMATO र्वता त्व व व व र व म द अया प से व या से अस धेरवारक्रियत्र्र ि.सं.कूच ना मध्य माता से चना भक्ता वकता *સર્ચા* શ્રેસ વર્ષુ અ ભૂરાવર્ચ સ્ટાસ અમાયા **શ્ર**ે म र असारा से वस सामा अकेरा वया सारा देवे वर्षेत्र व समामा TO POST र्यत्वं अवित वित्र हैं नमाया ने मारी हात दर है। म्रायाता स्वयं MISSION RE

bp Nichol. Maria Zibens & Richard Truhlar, Toronto.

Bomba asesina . . La espada de Damocles sobre la tierra.

(Killer bomb . . .
The sword of Damocles over the Earth.)

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a newsman explains the neutron bomb's effects supper coo

om

om

Eyes of another world, Burning. Reflections of power. All visions are solid

om "A picture is worth a thousand words." But eyes are worth a thousand pictures.

> Ancient kingdoms Are revealed in the eye's flame.

Outlets for expressionless expressions.

after an hour

nuclear arms?

at the children's hospital --

action which Logically must lead to an extreme In this case It can never fail To May take place

Occur no one's strength Fails

until both Sides have been annihilated There cannot be a victor triumph Rendered impossible weakness Essential war has Never been but unilateral disarmament Thus would be senseless nuclear weapons Have ruined war

Ruined in accordance with the agreed- Upon rules of "limited war" If a decision were to be reached Not by arms

While knowing that
Among nuclear powers
the united states has Reserved for itself the right to resort to nuclear weapons

still expanding . . . that first mushroom cloud above Trinity Flats

Michael Dudley. Sister Mary Thomas Eulberg, Earlville, lowa. Maria Luisa Munoz Wilton, Connecticut. Elizabeth Searle Lamb.

> Michael Oswin, Rexdale, Ontario.

Someone must take the machines. + make them work for life. Sometones (we) must Memake them Ones Some not always there is a vost reorganization to be derdone

we shild all die quietly the birds ear the sea

questy up life Bombs have nethered to do presenten Olife? we have ord moment to see Here is some secret Hare quetty ... sea ... Sevent ...

As this Rule has been followed

by the nuclear World
Experience
such As the vietnam war Possible
it is Often said
that Nuclear arms have made war obsolete
obsolescence occurs when a means to Some end is superseded by better means

But war has not been superseded by some better means to its End which is To serve as arbiter of disputes
To that
End
the invention of nuclear weapons is the Result of this lack

the purpose of Military forces attacking the Enemy no defense Against Nuclear weapons figure out Some new means of survival

Jan ver transgassed into The sacrea. Trato all these is to it. Isn't il ?

> Make radical changes Easy to say
> As many did
> that in a Nuclear world mankind
> had to make Sacrifices

the System of nuclear weapons
the reality around Us unthinkable
the Rest of human
point of View
Indefensible
a point of View close to inhuman
As though
we Live in a world in which strategic sense becomes moral nonsense

empty husk Of good intentions the world in Fact chose to refashion

we are Moral idiots
a feature Of life in the nuclear world
strategic thinking Refers to a reality
divorced from Action
divorce between our J He

and the reality of our Nuclear world

the Attacker For years defined the following Terms destruction is the Essence of Retaliation

and the reality of our Nuclear world
the aim 01 our planning
for futures that must Never be
to See
Each
Nuclear power
destroy the entire Society
Even after suffering

deterrence means Suicide
let Us picture
possible Failure
Frozen into inaction
the Earth suffers the consequences
attempting to Reduce the damage
and Increasing
the Nuclear forces
of the Great powers

Isnt it The truth? What oppose heimer Said: I'am become Death The shatterer of worlds

Poet, I am the other side of you dark side of your more and I have woven there so delicate a machination could tear a flower apart
but put the petals one on one
to getture again— and jut so violent
it could except a mountain—

The power is with us still to them this browledge round The other way:
The universe into vaverse! sweep Scenarios back

on new day Say change where you are going step back from that field Vacate the gate you are exonerated for fiven for those that can destroy life I say this political

Maxine, Aleasha Forest, Anami Naths, Dorothy Livesay,

J. Edwards, Galiano Island, British Columbia.

#### **War Poem**

This is a war poem The bodies in it are blasted all over the page arms, legs torn off at the sockets guts spilling untidily onto your clean white mind.

The rhythms in it are sung from a fractured culture like an anachronism

This is a war poem. Men have made it and lived it and breathed its barbarian glory.

This is a womb Women have carried it inside them to breed new heroes

This war poem could become a womb and in it we could all, poet and reader and war monger curl up together

and be born again and again

Dogs

The dogcatcher knocked at my door again this morning

There are a lot of dogs running in packs in Burnaby you'd better keep your dog in your yard this is a warning he said

Remembering stepping out of the delicatessan onto Kingsway early one grey morning

to be met by a large pack of dogs and german shepherds a large mongrel bitch and several other strays

suddenly Kingsway was deserted except for that pack of starving dogs as I imagined an aftermath of war

A Line Borrowed from Tu Fu

blue is the color of the smoke

white is the color of men's bones

General failure in Reacting to peril on our one Earth the Adoption of deterrence represented That military doctrine

that was suited to the Pre-nuclear world
the first bomb flashed Over new mexico desert
We acknowledge different circumstances
Each of which
corresponds to the Realities of its period
military doctrine
Suggested nuclear doctrine

I say this to the rich politiceans; Consider the fruit of your labours The pure rock sphere in black space, White as a bone in the morning sun. No sorow, no death, no decay any

A perfect jewel in the heavens,

june 14 mon juin (journal excerpt)

The amazing bus trip to NYC for the anti-nuclear demonstration. 10 hours on the bus with Robert and Andre and Theresa and others. Trying to sleep and using a mineral water bottle with some scotch and sleeping about 4 hrs. 8:30 am we arrive at 48th St. and take a taxi to Colette's in the Village. Then a shower and a coffee and off on the A train to meet Colette at Swank magazine. She in her riding gear. We're all for riding horses. Took the words right out of my mouth.

Dinner in an outside café in the Village. Cockroaches on the wall. Off at 9:30 am for the walk for peace. Walking with Jody, Colette's 13 yr. old son who is taller than me. At 5th and Central Park we join in with the larger mass march. It's exhilarating to be part of this statement. For life, All kinds of people from every imaginable place. Thousands and thousands of people for disarmament. We are one of the first groups to arrive on the Green. The stage is massive. Speeches from holocaust and Hiroshima victims. The feeling in uniting. Then we hear Joan

Baez, Bruce Springsteen, Linda Ronstad, Peter Paul and Mary and James Taylor. It's wonderful sitting on the grass. Jody has gone home and I feel very peaceful alone in this crowd close to one million. Perfect weather. Cops in groups of 5 People dancing with slogans and costumes and stars in their hair. The Bread and Puppet Theatre And still more people arriving every minute. Watching the eyes. Some are magic. Thinking of you and you. Then after 6 and home on the Lexington train. The whole city is jubilant. All the intensity has vanished. This day is for the future. Unforgettable.

Carolyn Zonailo, Beth Jankola. Nellie McClung, Mona Fertig. Vancouver, B.C.

No discussion can make sense Unless one Clearly specifies at some Length Each Attack this Requirement follows from

the wind grows calm at the thought of equal suffering — decision's ton (what green must shrivel, what eyes into unsee must sear, what skin must scream into flame like gas-soaked rags) lifted from mycelia of wispy shoulders.

the basic logic of Deterrence safety is the child Of terror safety Can be only as great as Terror is terror has to be kept Relentless Nuclear destruction must be assured two sides will suffer Equally

the wind grows calm at the thought of a sweep over the face of smokewrapped borderless earth, spreading the glowing dust that drops like spores to overgrow face and form of those who come climbing the ruined rungs.

the wind grows calm at the thought of the simple role — pale visage of sad duty (janitor, hooker, hitman with some heart in cross hairs); with dark swelling like a struck eye, sees all breath it steals; wind

grown sudden; calm as the thought.

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Noah Zacharin, Montréal, Québec. each Side Under deterrence For stability Emotionally comprehensible logic Rebel against annihilation と小は一発の車をあらるうなったりだ。 れはどうしてそうなったか うしてるれは実際になっ大かれつつある すいていらってという日本と日本のがしょうとして 一記されてある事実に私りく 秋はからいる国命觀を価値からいうと考しぬめたがなるとうと人口う子で湖第しようとしてみる。 Even though this is not Quite "love the bomb" 声をあげて内き、又明いすかるならば入院させるなろう 殿田はは人内生はり現ちゃとうなろう 被院は益々大きくらり 人内与理想社会として最限社会が出来るなろう 大してれていまときくちら 類々とそうかられば自我が依行するかろう 人なは笑う事を亡かれるだろう Under this doctrine るなどく事が無くなり 事はよって事実をう価値は裏大するであつう んせぬとりていない safety is Achieved by a victim's resolve to Launch the annihilating second strike 人々は幸福を気事が出来なくなり ふそちちす 切笑う事の出手めるの社会が追属しがめた no sane justification for Launching it Yet one must launch retaliation なくろきかくするもちまちい まりむす」とれが出まった。 nuclear deterrence Requires one to prepare for the Event That is meant to prevent the Action is based 千九百寸千五年一月一日 on a monumental Logical mistake It follows that As far as deterrence Theory Is concerned Not supplied by the doctrine あり時から人間の方はたれていが変えった あるはまいい重戦者を聞いたではなりか イフ もうみちかつず事 んが人内の本性とあっていたべくはいてかくろうと 何の方向は一奏の事時者で左右されぬめたりな 肉が人内を左右する事があれると老へ得るかかか そのひろとまに居る一人の知人が又死んだってある あたしは 地上に於いのもつとも生存価値のうすってらたもの 日本と及び世界の果ではですかり人内の記録 心ははひろしまを ひろしまからまたもうかす 九百 かけて十の正月1 Doctrine 刻まってしまった 九百四十三年の八月方日に 達の集團地とて吹きるかり 上にろ事を残した なか苦 造り残をゆかりていたあう時に Contradiction the facts what They are Revision 家 Is worse than the error りあまちりわと もった denying New Existence Exterminating ourselves we wind up eXtinct In the Shadow the Thing that we don't want the End of all of us Naturally a loss to grasp the Contradiction that would break the Ecosphere リュキュヤは末だすだ地の成を這い到ってあるひろとすかは 赤ないまきょうとする帝を考べるのであるかっていたっなりまれるでもでき値打のない人何でありまかられたさつき値打のない人何でありまからわたは その気をいる母からはれた者を いの写成なわたしに残すのであるか神の道すくますなどと云り度を言 何ゆえいの若者はないから神より思えられたるではないから なした者を気をいし 山港を制限するのは容然だが 男中の関係は一般の事では器をいもだろう 個性は益々無被されるだろう 動きとしないために人口の調いのが近ちするかろう 人力の存みれていまかする事とすろう 総愛城詩は些くなるかろう 人切け調節主義者となるなろう もう人内は上を見る事が出るすらり Extinguish the species in these Circumstances it is an Open question in the Soviet union one's Perception may Have been frightening Even for nuclear Retaliation an Example of irrationally inexorable committment 十九百寸子二年 月世一日

Tonko Watanaba

irrationally Committed pretense Of unreason one Must do it one May fall In spite of his best efforts That

These remedies are consequential

is testified in the Memoirs of h.r.haldeman

an Effort to strengthen the terror can Never make sense

for the reason That abandonment of morality is another extreme solution

Entirely remove the e Xperience' To contemplate the Reality of a holocaust Michael mandelbaum in history

of nuclear Experience observes that

the Soviet and american leaders confronted One another

to Level Under pressure To crumble Is human

leaders Of

Nuclear powers ruthless, beserk

Reliance Upon a strike That Has no purpose

reliance upon the Logic of doomsday

we will be Exploded back into our original atoms

it Should be necessary

survival By banning instruments of death

Even the Statesmen for Example Relying on war

to bring an end to man Kind

Extinction of National Defensive purposes

To preserve no One

at these Moments the American

Nuclear world installed babrak Karmal

In his place

involved Neither the use nor the Delay of military action

Menacing vital Interests Large quantities of oil In the world These nations of the western Alliance depend on oil

of the persian gulf Region Yet carter risked extinction

in the Attempt to hold on to middle eastern oil did he Consider his obligation To all mankind?

would he have plunged the world Into the vast unknown? did brezhnev consider those Obligations?

to launch a Nuclear holocaust would be suicide

commit Suicide leaving Us perpetually uncertain It becomes a system the system Can be described this Is

Deterrence in Essence

It is a system of Nation-states

Especially nuclear powers the System is Seriously hostile Effectively combined into one great arsenal Nations blowing the world up we Can imagine doomsday nuclear powers Each possessing a bomb

THE BIG BUTTON

death reduced to a push button too much known now to have the controlling fear of the unknown the possible is always so tempting not the pulsing belly button of a turkish harem dancer nor of a t.v. on cue, sweating wrestler-

but a red knob or a matching pair of black nipples needing two fingers or a set of mated keys as if two heads are more level or moral than one computer or elected rep.

how mundane this 20ieth century horror is: no fire breathing Loch Ness molting monsters complete with Walt Disney batteries, or icy Fu Manchu nails creeping up from under the mattress or scrabbling alien cockroaches in the jelly of the eyeball

just fingers dialing telephones, pushing switches no terror of flashing jelly beans on squad cars nor innocent looking cyanide capsules nor red buttons of the plague scabbing the skin

just the exactitude of megatons of explosives measurable levels of rediation flaming kishkabob of earth world cindered and ashed all timed and prerecorded this all consuming explosion that is so clean and tidy and final

the only speculation is who: a king or slave to play this final act of God, as the inevitability of acceptance softens the dread, until everyone waits with anticipation desiring the ultimate experience.

not having had the honour of being the first at least we can be the final generation.

No one can call this state of affairs that people face extinction.

No one can call it rational that mathematical physics, has given stupid bureaucrats ruling imperial nation-states weapons that may finish us.

No one can call it rational that structures people make and people sustain, science and the nation-state, may soon extinguish people

Another rationality must triumph truth force cutting through rationalizations hurrying us to extinction. melting frozen structures, refuting stupid reasons with reason.

> \_\_\_\_face extinction (?) \_triumph, \_as \_\_\_\_\_stupid \_\_\_\_\_rat \_\_ ruling weapons \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_rat \_\_\_ \_\_\_people make \_\_\_structure \_\_ science and \_\_\_\_\_people (;) \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_nation-s may \_\_\_\_\_o(!) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_ people (!) \_\_no(!)\_\_\_

> > stupid

\_\_\_\_us to \_\_\_\_x \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_

sons

stupid sons structure make

concrete silo no grain to harvest to eat to

grow no rats in no body

in simulacrum of barn harm the one body that we

are of stupid sons born of the one body we

to grow to harvest to plant seed with its roots down

flame know the name of Shiloh

into earth not up into

too are stupid sons

to die but also

each Person holds a switch each Person holds a switch
Once in a while
holding the Switch people reassure one another
that the purpose of the whole System is
to frighten Everyone
than to pull the Switch
and Insane
Not sure the system works
the central authority employs Gathered resources

According to a system of laws

if anyone Breaks the rules Over the Means of violence it would Be regarded as deranged

the Dilemma of no Escape to Rationalize this state of Affairs requires Nations to sacrifice mankind Global people Especially when arguing Did face extinction

even the old orders, lean, the torahs banked, leaning, with their barnacles

to die but also

p-ending the whole human fact to pit,

place against what meant, might...

to incense without

cements as incidents

reach but u

o(r)der

NOT in the long line of each

of silver, of saved up light outside, and inside with their people-enfolding print, are the plinths of zool here on our Earth, leaning because of gravity and groundswell

0

people

do you want to burn

people-enfolding people crevices of seeds

of cell and seed

outside it will touch you inside it will touch you

> at least 3 kinds of bombs — maybe more linked together to account for all contingencies like people with nice faces — reading in their bedrooms or hiding with closed breath behind trees or those of us who just want to live a little longer 3 kinds wrapped like a present - bombs ...

neither mothers nor fathers leave a space for us but blind forms rise over the hills the mind sees the imagination dreaming its own death since thought began it takes the shape of mountains weighs upon your eye with endless arms and tongues mad thunders in the earth, the roar of an exploded sun traces the final nightmare o exiles in the tantric void the word fulfilled in us. A N N I H I L A T I O N

> Leave a space for us not the imagination dreaming its own death since thought began the final nightmare but the world composing itself in loose-strung, lovely chains of things fulfilled in each other and themselves, fulfilled again in us, in words and names like a renga chain naming our care and our shared earth: man, woman, city, breeze, child, book talking, looking quietly at someone who love, tomato, tree full of tart good apples, sunlight, car banana, elephant, rain on a ruffled street panana, elephant, rain on a ruffled street you and I are the people we care for hand, cheek, river: these are as fragile as the words which name them bind up those mouths which have power to unname them now, speaking a single word, "annihilation" Speak for each other and for the earth

> > tart sunlight, how many syllable no-meaning envelopes? or phonemes no-meaning song? fragile, speak, innumerable, bird flutters, mute giraffisms, o cetacean one and one and one and plurals one so sweet o hands, cheeks, river, simple references of passing, brown empty sky, where are you work chair, wicker basket how were you so lost to have my inheritors forget bird flutters, innumerable mute cetaceans unable to learn to let the breeze harden or swell alone holding nothing, you. Can you see no-space, no-composition, aluminim, corporate stanchion, all the just angers, and even loathing, injustice striates yr. face after the 1/2 knife of Strontium and Poloniu, Curium, hope, anybody in a radiant June, given this our history, will sing longingly of the KKK of Stalin of the passionate Torquemada with the envy born of simple, irrecoverable

hiding clothes the faces welcome for its relief from faces bomb nuke nuclear in a

3 faces are present

the Existence of nucle
a slightly e Xtended Term of residence on earth
before the Inevitable mistake occurs
is Not our difficulty diedthe Core of the issues
That the peril of extinction
forces upon us 1s
inevitable Or utopian
the Nuclear scheme contemplates the extinction of man will be gone as my mother said when my father suddenly

from faces

Jackson MacLow. New York. Toby Olson. Denis Barone, Douglas Messerli, Henry Braun, R B DuPless, Eli Goldblatt, Jack DeWitt. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

> Jerome Rothenberg, USA. Tenney Nathanson, New York. Armand Scheweuer. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

How I'd Like to Die

I'd like to be swallowed alive by a giant anaconda and the poor thing would have to lug me around inside it for at least nine months until there was nothing left of me but a small pearl of wisdom.

I'd like to whip out a knife and stab myself to death while delivering a sentimental speech at a family reunion, the knife a magic one handed down generation by generation from neolithic times and to be used only for circumcision and severing the umbilical cord.

I'd like to drown while frolicking with nuns in a private swimming pool filled with tapioca pudding.

I'd like to be sitting in the lotus posture in the centre of a totally dark and silent room until everything became so still there'd be no need to draw another breath and I'd have to be buried in a pyramid-shaped box with a pleasant look on my face and no signs of rot having set in.

I'd like to starve to death while managing a busy and successful delicatessen. we can cut the Noose
Either
Consonant with global reality
or wor K

but by no Means impossible our present system An institutions are a Noose around the neck of mankind

Evade self-e Xtermination is There nothing we can do?

l do Not believe so there will be no second Chance for all Time as It were a certainty either by accident Or by design Nuclear arms can unmake

the system Of sovereign states Frightening

Out steps by which mankind For the first time can reorganize its life

Mankind can Acquaint us with the magnitude of the forces of Nature the wea Kness of human powers fashioned Into an instrument of war

I'd like to be hanged for attempting to assassinate Hitler.

I'd like to be machineounned while trapped in barbed wire at Dieppe, seasick, drenched, in 1942, along with all the other duys from the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry.

a world that does not rely on Violence
falls Into two parts
on the Occasion of
a good Life
Everyone
is Now
Called to dismantle all warheads
Earlier preserving

And pursuing life Not a political solution lead the world toward Disarmament

Political decisions in Our world push it over the edge Logical behaviour

means making International decisions for such a Thing to happen It is Contrary to world politics Safety is the child of terror

during the wine-cellar scene in <u>Notorious</u> with Christopher Dewdney at my side, embarrassed, pretending he didn't know me.

I'd like to die laughing in the front row of the Bloor Cinema

I'd like to meet, by chance, my mystical twin soul, someone to whom I'd be so attracted and who would be so attracted to me that our hearts would stop and our souls would lift off into angelic realms.

But I would not like to die in a nuclear holocaust.

David McFadden,

In our minds
destruction bears no "substance"
and love
a resurrection
in the eyes
of innocence
The future bears
no burden
but a path (!......
for mankind
to ponder for
future generations
to endure (.......
human extinction
remains blind
and a contradiction

in the soul

My nuclear family anticipating the bomb finally exploded

Immutable laws prevailed after prolonged implosion volcanic explosion must follow

Our nuclear family now lies scattered on the globe we find we must keep a thousand miles minimum between each radioactive particle of antimatter

Although we are still glowing some think it is with human warmth slowly we coalesce into our new surroundings

> Our town, it has a new Candu, It is going up by the bay, Is it safe? I wouldn't bet money, That is why I'm moving away.

> > Spring a leak this one, Spring a leak that one, My, the lake is glowing today, Someone goofs and it's in the harbour, Nuclear waste flows into the bay.

would stand guaranteeing That the species did not slide toward Extinction
for obvious Reasons
the actual weapons have Retired from their traditional role
but to maintain a state Of terror in someone's mind
and to Rust into powder in their silos

Child of terror threat to Human substance It would

whether Or not a moving Force behind a new system

our general are Psychological soldiers masters Of the War game Destroy the fear of Extinction Rearmament means extinction

It would be Not extinction

Since
In a world of knowledge
to Live
the life Of the world
we adopt in the Second place the full meaning of extinction

Mankind
can never Experience extinction
this horror At the center of our existence
Not human extinction from the human scene
It is
Not power
to snuff out the future Generations

the realistic school Of political thinking teaches Fear

we arrived at Exactly the same arrangement the peril of e Xtinction adds one reason and a Tremendous one for giving up violence In one respect self-love-a Narrow, intense love — Cannot extend its protection To the future generations or even get them In view they do not have fear Of death No forces with which to retaliate

Slowly rising from yesterday's new Candu a mushroom cloud

the Fate
Of the future generations is at stake
love can Reach them
Can
Enable them to be
love, a Spiritual energy

That the human heart can pit against the physical energy Of matter

is more Realistic
Encompasses something
Close To resolving the nuclear predicament
And yet
Conventional arms are Left
In place
As long as nations
defend Themselves with arms
having Entrusted one another's existence to whatever weapons the / choose

WAR, any kind, is not be But Death.

Vaporize
And yearn to live
As living is Not to burn,
This place, planet,
Home
Of mine,
On which
I seek
To be
Retaliation
Of choice.

I want not to

Human, the kind, is but be but life.

World

powers are Hardly likely
to throw Away
Their conventional arms
we are revolutionizing the Earth
Visibly desire that the species survive
Extinction is invisible
Rebelling against it

no one Will

Ever witness extinction

And
the Place for the rebellion to start
is in Our daily lives
if Not
we Sink into self-deception

imagining that inadequate measures would Suffice to save us in Essence reduce the Likelihood of mistakes at a Fundamental level

Disarmament talks
will End
if a holocaust Comes about
if Eventually must be
a common Political endeavour
Then
Its
Own endeavour would include
the Need to act

Not Essential that Extreme ideologist be Deployed

To replace war gandhi Once said

nonviolent Action would be important
Certainly the world's leaders,
Though they menace the earth, do nothing

we Deny the future Of our kind Not even know

Our role
Through
Human future
make It possible for the future generations to be born
we Numbly acknowledge the nearness of extinction
Gradually weaning ourselves from life

making ourselves the allies of Life
It will be soon
we put aside our Fainthearted
Excuses and cleanse the earth of nuclear weapons

Between Pickering and Douglas Point

Strange happenings leak from the lead and concrete shells of nuclear generators. Again the atomic terrors recently put to rest whip our sedated fears. Today no holocaust crowned with a mushroom cloud but obscure creeping death. Each day I wait to hear that monster mutant mosquitoes have conquiered Kincardine.

Spontaneous Combustion

I have always counted on the stars they are always there God created them only He can take them away

now I am not so sure for Man is getting into the act if we can blow up the planet Earth why not the stars?

the mushrooms grow like wildfire I can't see through the clouds

> Shaurt Basmajias, Chris Faiers, Peter Flosznik, Toronto.

Margaret Saunders, Dorothy Cameron Smith, Jeff Seffinga, Hamilton, Ontario.

Janet Swinburne.



# Tankostics I

To add another dimension to the poetic renga process, a musical renga — a non-verbal chain-chant was developed.

Fourteen scorebooks were circulated among musicians to be filled with links of the musical renga.

#### TANKOSTICS

The TANKOSTICS were developed to derive materials for the musicians to build their renga chains from. Again, so as to avoid the imposition of any personal attitude on the participants, yet to have material on hand unified in spirit and close to the original renga structure, the same text as used for the derivation of the ACROSTICS we utilized to develop first a set of 121 TANKOSTICS and then again another set of 73 different TANKOSTICS (see CHAIN CHANT.)

The structure of the TANKOSTICS is an extension of a concept I invented in 1980: HAIKOSTICS, which almalgamate the concepts of haiku with those of ACROSTICS. An example of the resulting hybrid: the heading LONELINESS is woven into the haiku thusly:

Loon's Odd Notes Echo on Lake: Intoning Endless Songs of Solitude.

To make a chain of TANKOSTICS (this word being derived from the Japanese tanka where each 17—syllable haiku is complemented by another 14-syllable structure) I extracted from the text words which would conform to with the following principles:

1) together they would form alternately 17 or 14 syllable links of the renga;

the letters of the final word(s) of each link would appear in their proper order scattered through the ensuing link;

the words were to be extracted while moving forward through the text, no backward moves allowed;

4) the words in each link had to add up to a meaning or feeling of their own, no matter how ambiguous to their reader.

Following these rules a chain of 121 links was accumulated.

The initial link in each scorebook is a translation into musical notations (one more traditional, the other graphic) of one of the first set of TANKOSTICS. (for a description of this translation, see the APPENDIX at the back of this issue.)

Musicians were invited to create one of two kinds of musical renga:

1) notated in the score-book for non-specified instruments (to be later performed and recorded by a group of musicians applying the renga principles to their mode of performance).

2) performed (with or without previous notation) on any chosen acoustical or electronic instruments or by non-verbalizing voices and recorded on tape.

Each musician was asked to compose /improvise /perform a solo link conforming with the tanka structure as described below, while at the same time establishing a unity of any desired kind — melodic, rhythmic, intervallic, quoting, etc., etc. — with the preceding link, but avoiding repetitions of events from earlier links.

Only monodic material was to be used — no harmony, no counterpoint (octave doublings, organum or faux-bourdon-like parallels, pedal points or tone clusters without independent harmonic function considered usable materials): one event following another, not two or more developing their energies simultaneously.

The overall structure is based on the traditional renga principle: composers/performers create two kinds of alternating links. The odd links contain 17 units, arranged in 3 groups: 5 units, 7 units, 5 units. The even links contain 14 units, arranged in 2 groups of 7 units each.

Each composer/performer was free to decide for him/herself the meaning of a unit (which may be a single sound or a configuration of sounds played with one single attack or bow or breath, or a given timespan or whatever) and a group (a "phrase," sounds of similar timbre or tempo or amplitude or whatever).

Silences/pauses between units and groups, and particularly between individual links could be considered as integral components of the structure.

The renga process was developed in two basic ways: 1) each new link to the chain was added by a new person; 2) two or three or four or more musicians joined to create a cyclic renga.

In addition to the translation into musical notations 110 links of the first set of TANKOSTICS were translated, in groups of 10 each, into 11 different languages: French, Spanish, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Norwegian, Polish, Italian, Chinese, Croation and Greek. In this presentation we have used the translated version.

Translations by (respectively) Cathy Durcudoy, Mariela Borello, Korin Foulds, Teresa Eguchi, Anna Aravjo, Randy Helmer, Terri Goldberg, Bernardo Cioppa, Patricia Chou, Steve Domladovac, Constantine Ferreo.

earTH was formEd. beCame a Human wOrld of scienCE, organization.

Ce que nous tenons (en) pour otage c'est la destruction de la civilisation humaine.

Nuestro breve y civilizado momento de nuestros propositos y convicciones.

Nos races, no esprits, nos vies s'éloignent de la distraction.

Doom IS decepTive. fiRebAll. Charred remnanTs of human life ON earth.

La gente puede estar seguar. Esta vez evitemos el peligro nuclear.

PERsonal will is present. Hope IS foundation for all huMan life.

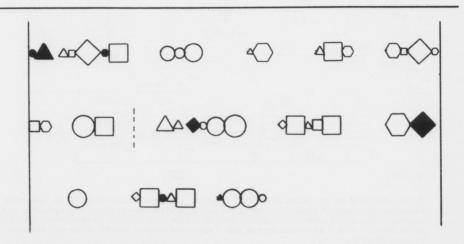
Die Hoffnung zu überleben: Menschheit — Spiegelbild am Spiegelbild. Rechazo de nuestra violencia colectiva. Paz puede ser traida a la tierra.

Hoffnung hat die Menschheit gewechselt — alte Wahrheit: alle Männer sind Brüder.

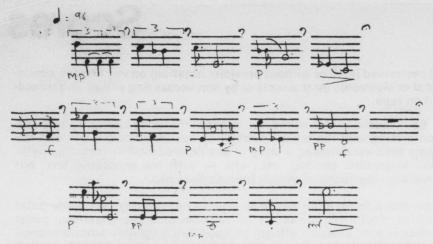
MEaNing of fAiluRE: war as arBiteR Of THE affaiRS of the world. Ahí — armas de guerra en contra de otra gente. Destrucción.

DEfinitional STate: uRsUit of extinCTION of earth and mankind. Maschine macht Dinge. Wir erkennen die Gewalttaten, Dämmerung.





MAchiNe produces things. we acknowledge violeNce, Doom.



The lengths of the breath marks are at the discretion of the performer. A - should be a silence of 5 to 7 seconds. Time values on the pitches and written rests should be taken literally. Some of the quarter-note triplet figures do not have all three quarter notes; simply play the last quarter note triplet written and then go directly to the breath marks. Do not incorporate your own rest or time durations to fill out the triplet.

C. Dean McComber, Redlands, California.

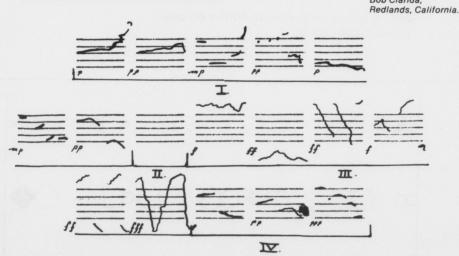




David Tohir, Redlands, California.

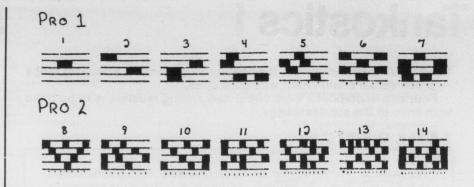


Choose seven activities. These need not make sounds, but must be, in some way, discernable from other events, which though not specifically chosen, may appear so to some, thus obfuscating the heroic endeavours of the sincere; as an example: seven (possibly very tiny) activities in the first five seconds, six of the seven in the next thirteen seconds, etc... (No one may ever ask how your choices show up uninvited this way, most embarrasing...)

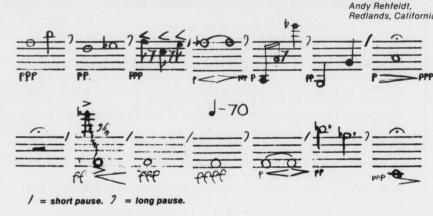


Pitch is relative to the centre line of the staff. Inside the staff; comfortable range of the instrument. Above the staff; higher to highest notes possible. Below the staff; lower to lowest notes possible. Unit lengths: I. - 30 seconds each; II. - 50 seconds each; II. - 10 seconds each; IV. - 15 seconds each. Do not pause between units. If a breath is needed, take it during the duration of the unit you are in. Dynamic changes should be sudden.

Gino Robair Forlia, Redlands, California



The influence behind this piece is the handheld electronic racecar game by MATTELL. Pitch is relative to staff position (bottom space = lowest register, etc.). Each unit = 5 seconds. Numbers above the units indicate the number of pitches to be played within that unit. The same pitch may not be played twice in succession. Performers are to weave the pitches around the black areas. Vertical marks below the units roughly divide the unit equally into the number of pitches to be played in that unit. Durations within a unit will vary out of necessity. Dynamics are left to the performer and timbral variations are encouraged. Spaces between units may be used as pit-stops by wind players for respiratory purposes. Beware, though, as lost time must be accounted for during the next unit. Performers catching themselves playing a pitch on a black area may: a) go back to the beginning, b) pretend as though it didn't happen, or, c) consider the crash fatal and quit.

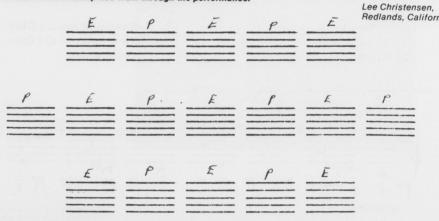


Anonymous.





The pulse remains continuous unless interrupted by a breath mark (\*), or a fermata, ( A ). Measures unbroken should follow successively. The ideas herein expressed are individual thoughts upon what sounds occur due to a bombing — anger, grief; even in cases such as the sounds of aircraft and bombs falling through the air. More important than the pitches or the timbre is that the performer bear these ideas in mind and express them through the performance.

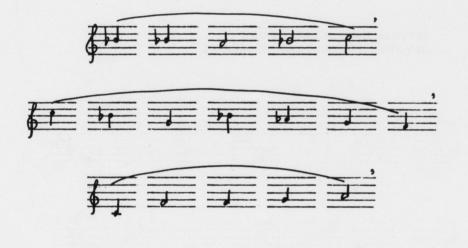


Choose 8 pitches. Play them in an established order and of the same duration. This constitutes an event (E). Pause for the duration of the previous event for pause (P). During this pause, one pitch must be eliminated through: a) social Darwinism, b) previous mutation, or, c) random selection. The next event (E) is a repetition of the previous event minus the eliminated pitch. A rest may be inserted during the note(s) which have been eliminated, in their memory.

COuntries of the worLd, cLeAr disPuteS, dEcision by arms destructive.

Tote Absicht. Der Krieg. Nuklear Konflikt. Ziellose Gewaltsamkeit.



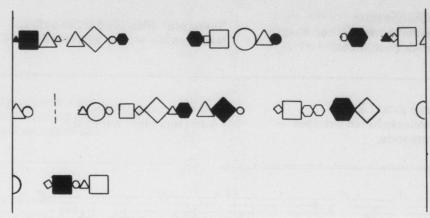












Human, cOmPlEx, large numberS OF skills — liMit of thEir streNgth.



Istvan Anhalt.

Toronto.

Falando pode enganar e cofandir agente. O sesultado pode ser violente.

Gewaltsamkeit kann nicht mehr die Opposition zerbrechen.

nO longer Produce weaPOnS in accordance wiTh extreme viOleNce.

Diana Kemble, Vancouver, B.C. Se muítidoa lotar poxando as nacoas con eles matansa de milhões

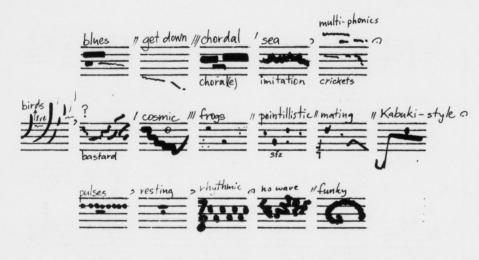
Sirenenruf. Plan für die Zukunft. Nachdenken — das kann niemals sein. Hvilken som helst angriper, selv etter den første streiken, kan tro på frykt. Homen acreditava en ordem do mondo en segurança e sobrevivência

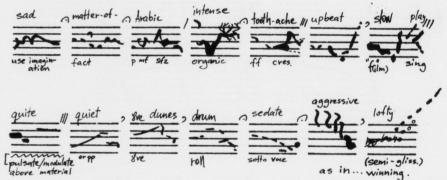
Verdens svikt i å la menneskeheten overleve — skremmende.

Verteidigung. Drohung. kann uns nicht bedrohen.



deFense. thReateninG. cannot tHreaTEN ourselves with somethiNG.





-perform with shortwave rhythms like field of alien insects.

Andrew Timar, Toronto.

Kyoi to wa nanika o shiyo to shite soreo shinai koto — mujun. Kreuzzug des Schreckens und der Sicherheit ist der Unterschied. Daglig ødelegge doktrinen: gjenkjenning ar atom doktrine.

Sokoniwa mijinno utagai mo naikoto kore tadashi gakuri nari. Seier. Velberœpnet seier. Sentrums adopsjon minsket. Niebezpieczeństwo prowadzące do kataklismu judzkości.

Ikani tadashii sensokoi to iedo yurusarenaio sorewa sonzai shitenaranu.

Zniszczone po drugim uderzeniu — przewrotność losu.

Thomas Schelling skal drepe meg. Lindrings sukk. Fornuftig tankegang.

Tsuneni juyona kotowa hissho no ganmo — boei.

Selv for disse mål vil gammeldags erkjennelse ikke gjøre noe for vår sikkerhet.

Czy watpliwa doktryna może przynieść dobro, reguly?

Trazendo possebelidade de extenç o do homen. Espromentado por amanciando con destino.

Groźba — potem planowanie. Zagrażanie nienaruszoną milościa bomby. Logisk hendelse. Teoretisk effect: bryter ut av utbruddet.

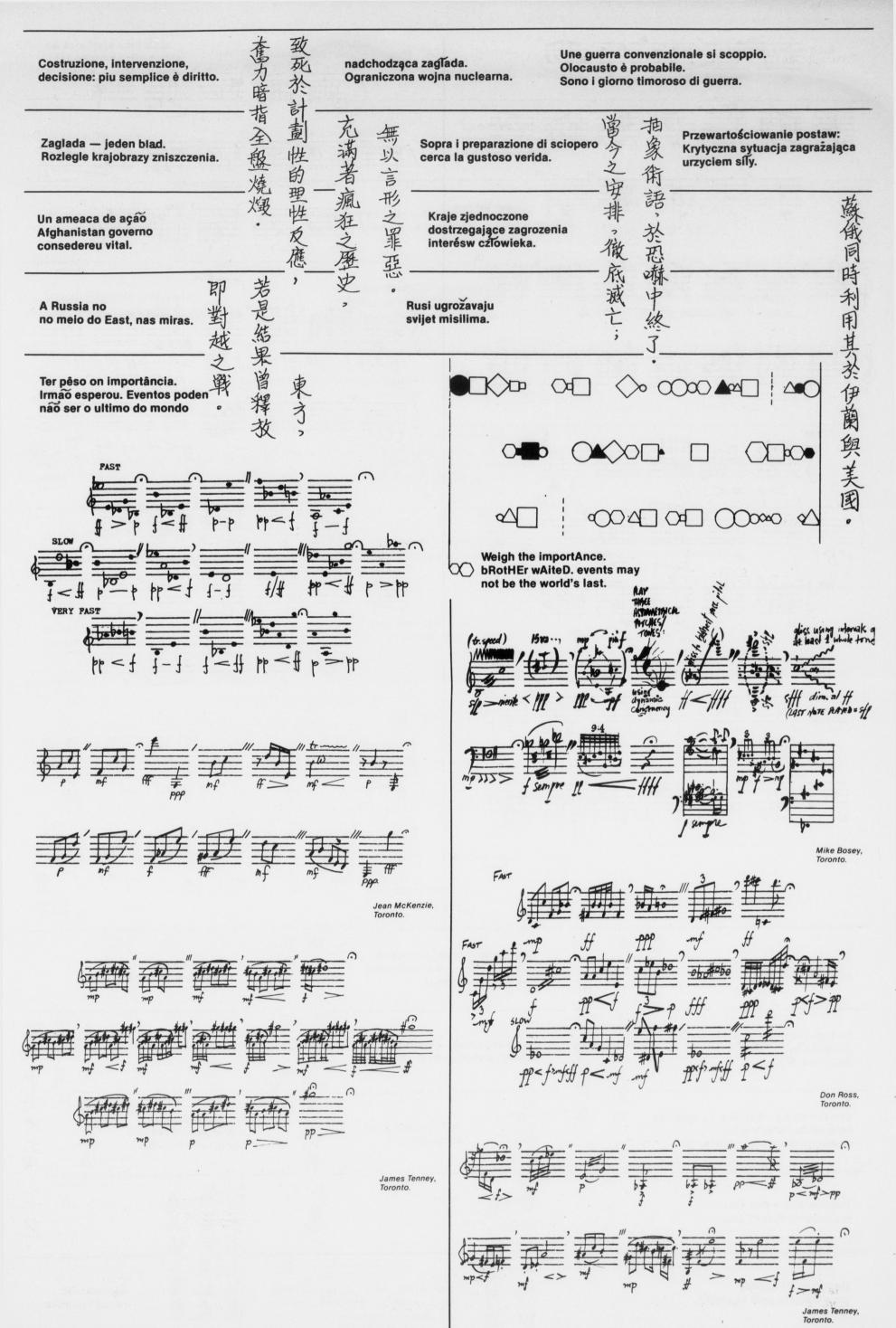
Fugir foca assumindo lôgica: un enrro monumental.

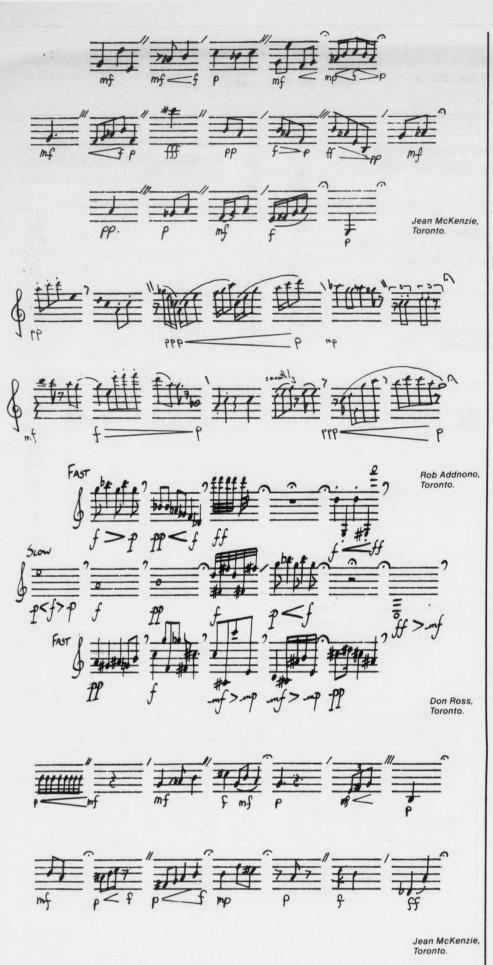
Øyeblikket skapt av megatonn. truer menneskeheten. Dommedags første slag.

Obrona bytu. Powstajace pytanìa. Na brzegu przepaści.

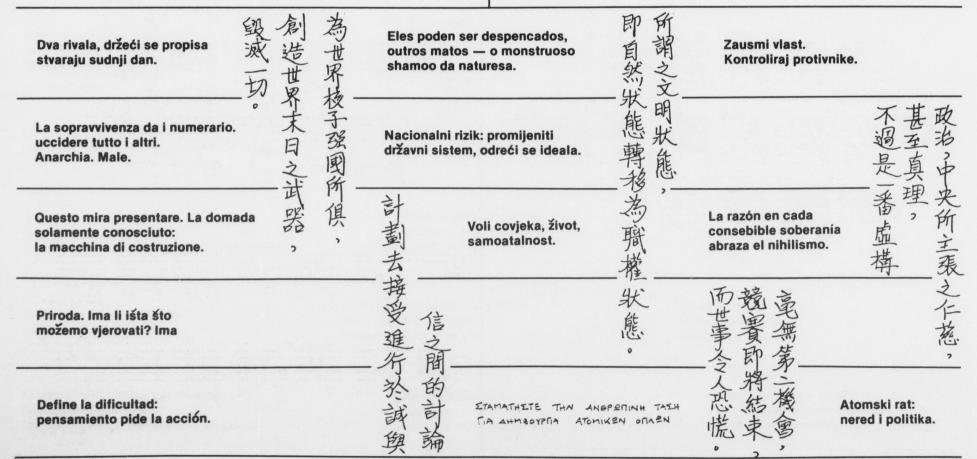
Sforzo sono trascinare il nemico di la nazione, tattica. La vita dei nostri numerario è in gioco.

Bledne zaloźenia. Zaglada. Bezsensowne posuniece. Vrimelighet — a sende ut atombomber: deres enge land ville omkomme.









simpomeno avignos sir eca anopra prepega.

Hoćemo li sakriti nasilje iza prijetnje?

La nostra battaglia sie sempre spiegato: il solo proposito — il riarmamento.

Biti svijestan opasnosti uništenja, naoružanje.

H andium evergena bruger eniv keraspopu zur sevens.

Conoscenza: mai estinzione, orrore, l'azione omicida.

OXI STO PONO TON PENEON.

L'application de la logique c'est de laisser tomber la violence.

La legge di amore secondo Gandhi: un altro ragione per smettere violenza, paura.

En aimant ton prochain tu déclencheras les forces les plus puissantes du coeur.

Diagragh eivar ön a Egangys ser eivan: ATATTH 2007 zur byangern Kapola

La legge di amore per un momento; i mezzi di disarmo.

Exongraphicos à qui solos: à applana sa su sévos.

Veizhnon EHMEION

C'est un très grand danger que ces armes laissées là alors que les nations se défendent.

Las naciones se encuentran confrontando derrota; conserven el derecho a fabricar armas.

Si les buts sont clairement définis alors nous avancerons à toute vitesse.

TO, ONTI:

Seamos testigos responsables ante el hecho. Suspensión de extinción.

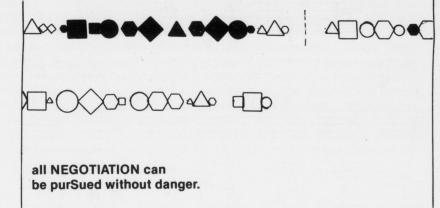
Accroitre la sécurité du monde tout en évitant son extinction.

Seiko o osameru yutakana busshitsu kyokyu izuremo koshodanzetsu ni yori hakaisareru.

Toute négociation peut être poursuivie san danger aucun.

Adriana Sheppard-Laura, Montréal, Quéebec.











MPAZE ME METPO.

OAHTHEE AMAH 29H.

AHM 10YPTHEE EAMLEE KAH ONE:PA

Hitowa ganji o suhai suru sorewa kareno idaina kodo no tameni.

Person. eARTh, sllenCe. pUbLic lethARgy. ACTION: acceSs to hope, life.

Du Daily Connect. Auden dit: "Nous devons aimer no liens avec la vie."

Warerano inochi wa fukkatsu surudaro ningen no miraito zensei — mei no katei ni oite.

Si nous choisisson d'être près de la Mort, L'évolution de la Vie sera désaxée.

GRadually bend tOWard seCure grOuNd: FUII poSsEssion of Day.

Nomishi doku no mahi yori sameyo doku hakite. break THrough dEnials, Put aside Our excuses, rISe tO cleaNse the earth.

### **Appendix**

In order to translate the first set of TANKOSTICS into two kinds of musical notations, correspondences were established between the spellings and upper and lower case letter distributions of the texts on one hand and the musical parameters on the other.

For the conventional notation:

1) the 26 letters of the English alphabet stand for the 25 pitches (Ex. 1); 2) the first 5, the middle 7 and the last 5 capital letters of each poetry link (or the first 7 and the last 7 as it may be) determine the relative amplitudes of the respective 5, 7 and 5 units (or 7 and 7 units) of each musical link (Ex. 2);

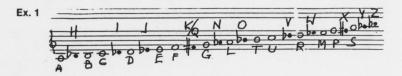
3) the number of lower case letters separating each above capital from the next determines the relative duration of the pause between two successive units; the number of overlapping capital letters between two above groups determines the relative duration of the pause between two successive lines (Ex. 3):

4) the proportionate number of capital letters on each line of poetry determines the relative tempo of the corresponding musical line (Ex. 4);

5) the lower case letters are represented as black notes, the upper case letters as white notes.

For the graphic notation:

1) the 26 letters of the English alphabet stand for 25 symbols of 5 shapes (triangle, square, diamond, circle, hexagon) combined with 5 relative sizes (Ex. 2); 2) the relative tempi and durations of pauses between adjacent units and groups of units are determined as described earlier, but are represented graphically by the spacing of the units and groups at intervals shown on the table of Ex. 5



Ex. 3

Ex. 5

SIZE

FRUE

FRUE

SAZABODE

SAZABODE

NUYEFGHINA

AOXIJKANA

POWOPRMINA

POWOP

Ex. 2

PAUSES BETWEEN UNITS OR GROUPS

Numbers refer to number of lower case letters between successive capitals (UNITS) or number of overlapping capitals (GROUPS).

Ex. 4

TEMPI ACCORDING TO

CAPITAL LETTERS ON LINE.

OATTIAL LETTERS ON LINE						
tor terreor	VERY PAST	FAST	Mon.	ses/	teny kied	
7	0	1,2	3,4	5,6	7	
8	0,1	2,3	4	5,6	7,8	
9	0,1	2,3	4,5	6,7	8,9	
, lo	0,1	2,3	4, 5, 6	7,8	9,10	
"	0,1	2,3,4	5,6	7, 8, 9	10,11	
12	0,1	2,34	5, 6, 7	e, 9,10	11,12	
13	0,1,2	3,4,5	6,7	8,9,10	11, 12, 13	
14	0,1,2	3,4,5	6,7,8	7, 10, 11	12,13,14	
15	0,1,2	3,4,5	6.7.4.9	10,11,12	19,14,15	
14	0,1,2	3,4,5,6	7,8,9.	10,1,12,13	14,15,16	
17	0,1,2	3,45,6	7,8,9,0	11, 12, BN	15,4,17	
18	0,1,2,3,	1.5,6,7	1, 1, 10	1,12,00	15,16,17,18	
19	0,1,2,3	4,5,6,7	1,7,10,11	13, 15,790	16,17,18,19	

SPACES BETWEEN UNITS AND GROUPS ACCORDING TO TEMPI

	,	1	"	///	0	
VERY PALT	1	2	3	4	5	(16")
PAST		2	4	6	8	(16)
Mon.	1	3	6	9	12	(16")
Scow	ı	4	8	12	16	(16")
STON STON	1	5	10	15	20	(16)

1) the notes were placed into 9 distinct ranges (Ex. 6), the sequence of which was determined by the first letters of the successive links (Ex. 7); 2) the relative tempi were determined not by numbers of capital letters but by

numbers of capitalized syllables on each line (Ex. 8); 3) the pauses between units are in direct relationship with the tempo of the given



#### PIANIST:

The keys indicated by the system at the beginning of each 17 or 14 unit section are to be depressed silently by using wooden, rubber or plastic wedges or with the aid of a pianist-assistant.

All soundevents are to be played at even moderate pace, legato within each unit, with distinct definition of dynamics; black notes - no pedals; white notes - sustaining pedal to be held from the first white note to the last within each unit; the 5 or 7 units of each line to be distributed over a 30" period as determined by the relative durations of = medium; | = long; | = longest possible.

8 varied sets of preparations (of which one may be no preparation at all) are to be chosen, each of them given a Roman numeral from I through to VIII; the one with the corresponding numeral indicated at the top left of each section to be used for the 17 or 14 units (the numeral in parentheses refers to the cluster of silently depressed keys).

Li	L2	Le	ML <sub>2</sub>	M.	MH2			H.
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L		LS				46		
LIM	L3,				MHa		42	Him
A-M	L2 N-2			M.			H2	H,
LIN	L <sub>2</sub> N-Z		ML.				H2	H <sub>m</sub>
		Le				44		H,
	12			MA	MHZ		Hz	Hu
L			MLZ	M	Myz	州	Ha	aHi:

Ex. 7

Ex. 8 for anni.	TEMPI					
BYLLANCES	VERY PAST	Mer	Mop .	PLOW	vert now	
-			0,1			
2		0	1	2		
3		0	-1.2	3		
4	0	1	2	3	1 4	
5	0	1	2.3	Y	8	
6	0.1	2	3	4	5,6	
7	0,1	2	3.4	5	6.7	
14	0, 1	2.3	4	5,6	7. *	
9	0.1	2,3	4.5	6.7	8,9	
					T	

#### **ELECTRONICS:**

A 3-speed tape recorder or an equivalent system is to be used to record and play back as follows:

ТЕМРО	RECORDING					
(piano score)						
	SPEED	TIME	SPEED	TIME		
very fast	slow	30"	fast	7.5"		
fast	moderate	30"	fast	15"		
moderate	fast	30"	fast	30"		
slow	fast	30"	moderate	60"		
very slow	fast	30"	slow	120"		

1)8 varied sets of treatment (of which one may be no treatment at all) are to be chosen, each of them usable in conjunction with each of the other 7; each of them given a Roman numeral from I through to VIII; the ones with the corresponding numerals indicated at the top left of each section to be used for the 17 or 14 units (the one in parentheses is held over from the preceding section and is to be combined with the new one). 2) a free-flowing renga-chain is developed by choosing a new treatment out of an unlimited number of treatments for each 17 or 14 unit section which would combine with the one introduced for the section before and again would anticipate a combination with the treatment to follow. (while either (a) or (b) may be used for all CDEF performances, (b) is the preferable choice for D or F performance where the pianist is already using the Roman numeral code to determine his/her selection of the piano preparations.)

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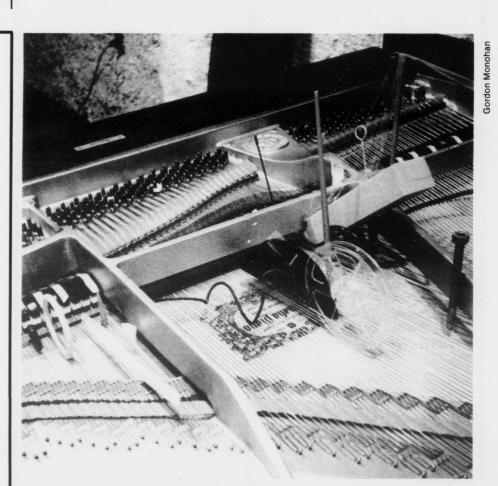
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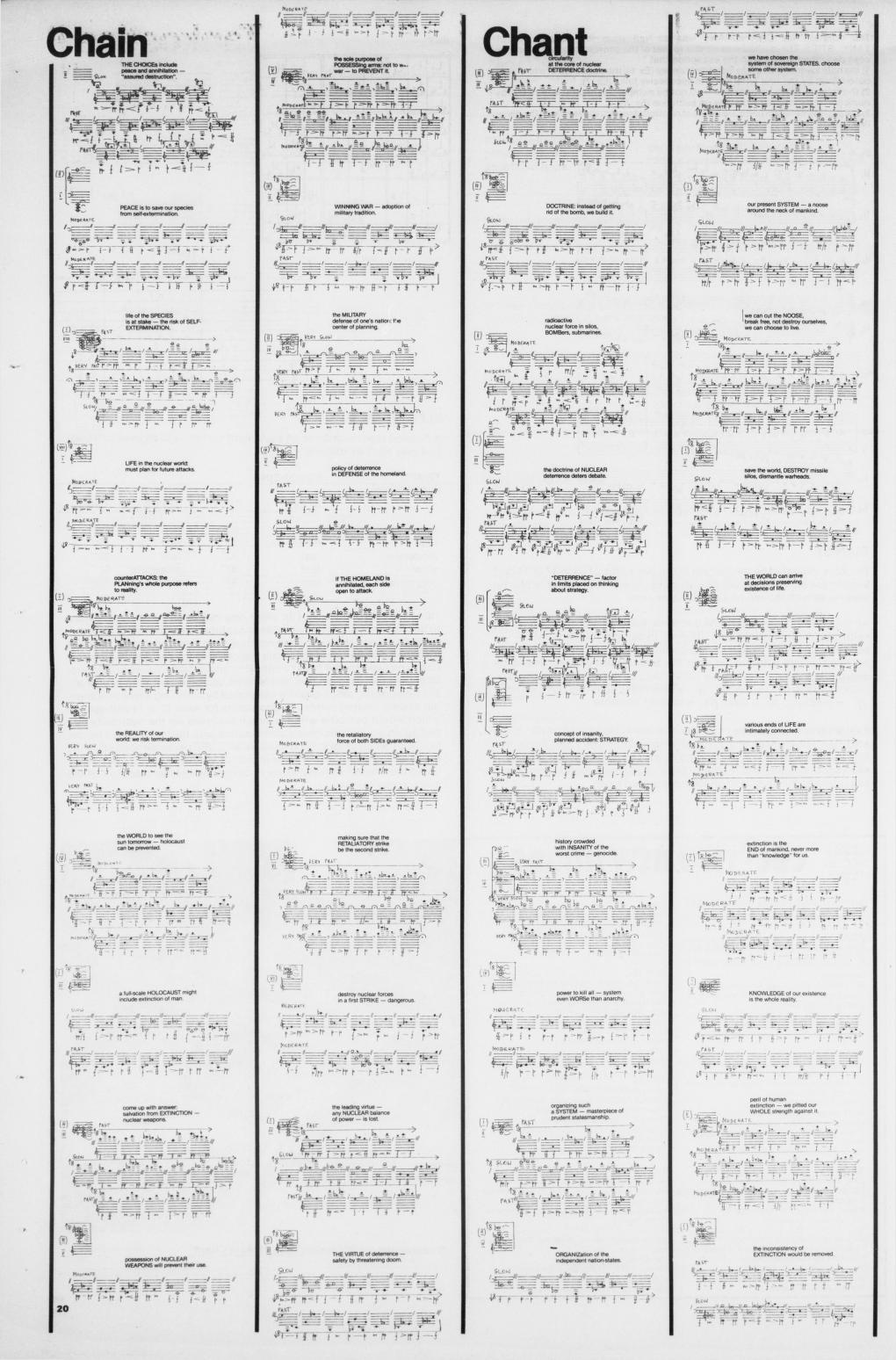
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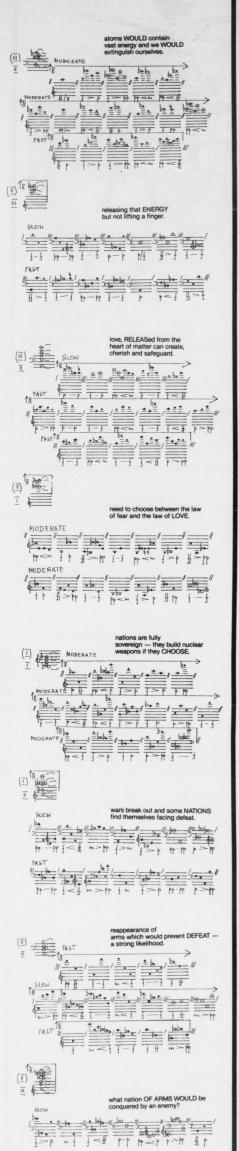
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Preparations for the realization of Chain Chant







# 10 by MODERATURE IN THE MINISTRATION OF THE MINISTRA FIRST SERVE LAWS TO SERVE LAWS SCLON PPP J THE STREET (<u>ii</u>) 18 pe HORERATE STATE STA MODE PATE: INDIFFERENCE and COLDness now isolate each of us from OTHERS. PASTING TO THE PROPERTY OF THE

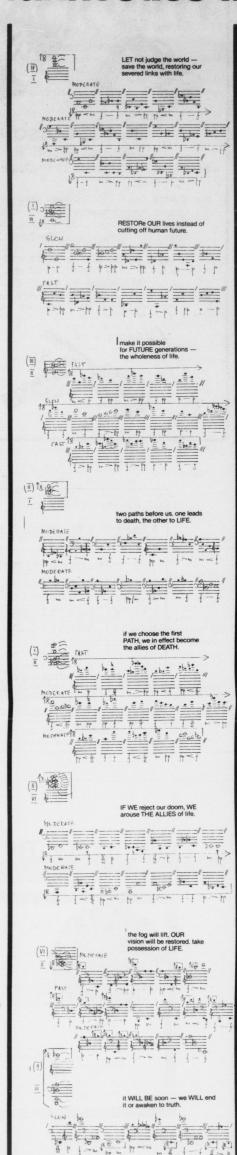


The second set of TANKOSTICS comes formally closest to the traditional renga concept. Here each new link contains one or more words from the link immediately preceding it, but avoids repetition of any one word from the link once removed. Accomodating this principle and reading through the same text produced 73 alternating 17 and 14 syllable links.

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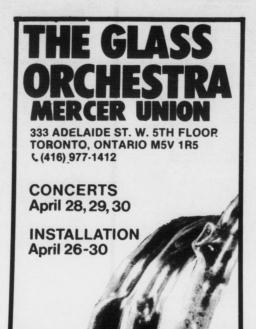
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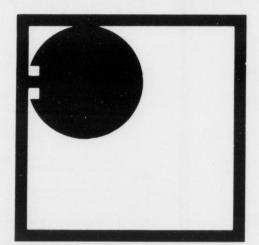
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### **Postscript**

For public performance the various materials of the COUNTERBOMB RENGA may be brought together in any number of combinations from solo readings of the ACROSTICS and/or TANKOSTICS (with or without the interpolations or accompaniments of the recorded voices of poets or the translations into languages and/or music) to a production incorporating the complete poetics and musics created through the renga-making process.

The performance on March 8 in Toronto and the CBC broadcast on April 3 present the COUNTERBOMB RENGA in its totality.

Two simultaneous chains are heard at any given time: one of readings the other of musics.

The readings feature

1) a solo reader reading one by one the texts of the 43 ACROSTICS which are counterpointed by

2) the readings in 12 languages by 12 multilingual young people of the set of 121 TANKOSTICS and

3) the readings by two survivors of the bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945

of the set of 73 TANKOSTICS.

Recordings of voices of the poets reading their own *renga* links are heard in conjunction with the ACROSTICS to which they are related. Poets present in person at the performance continue the *renga* chain on the spot by adding new links to it.

The continuity of the music *renga* is symbolized by the CHAINCHANT tape which runs constantly throughout the performance but becomes inaudible from time to time to give precedence to the musics derived from the first set of TANKOSTICS and the recorded and live *renga* links spawned from the latter.

There were people who lent their personal support to the COUNTERBOMB RENGA and who have been untiringly working toward its fulfillment in its various guises.

David Jaeger, Executive Producer for CBC "Two New Hours" was warm to the idea from the outset and has done everything in his power to create a significant broadcasting event.

Tina Pearson, Editor of MUSICWORKS, on hearing of the project promptly suggested the publication of this special MUSICWORKS issue and has invested much determination and creative energy into putting the complexities of the materials together in an illuminating way. She, together with 11 other hand-picked musicians has made the musical realization of the submitted *renga* link scores one of her foremost concerns.

Similarly Gerry Shikatani, a Toronto poet/editor/performer, has been mobilizing members of the poetic community to participate in the COUNTERBOMB performance by reading onstage their latest *renga* links. Earlier he and Maria Jacobs, another Toronto poet/editor, were instrumental in helping to get the *renga*—by mail process under way by assembling lists of potential participants.

With the growth of the project more assistance has been needed and provided: by Larry Lake and Ken Dawson to prepare the CBC broadcast, by John Oswald to assist in the design and production of this issue of MUSICWORKS, by Prof. Ernest Best of Victoria University by establishing contacts with the Hiroshima survivors, by Rev. David Allen of the Bloor Street United Church and officials of the Christian Peace Movement by providing space and sponsorship for the performance, and last, not least, by Linda Smith by overseeing and organizing the multitudinous details of the whole production.

Working on the COUNTERBOMB RENGA project has become a most enriching human experience. There have been many disappointments, heartbreaks and frustrations. But there have also been words and deeds warming one's heart, giving one courage to carry on.

Elsewhere I quoted from letters saying nay to the project. There were people feeling otherwise:

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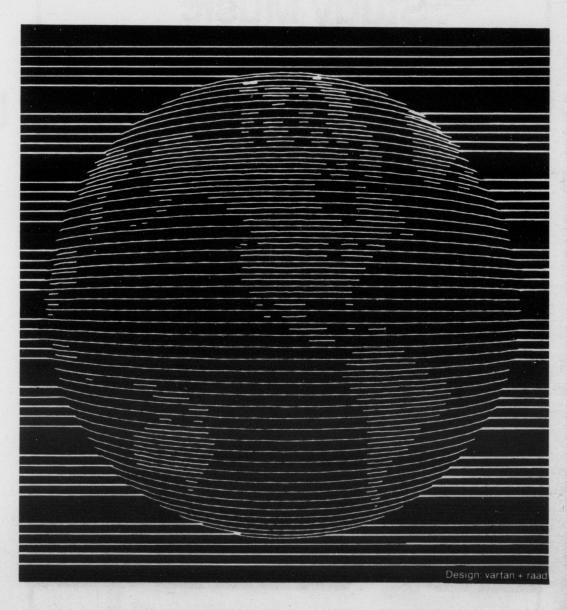
"We may affect events very little but must make the effort, I'm very happy there are people who are concerned enought to act." "...at least we are doing something! But what a state our poor world/our beautiful planet is in. Living here in New Mexico, the birthplace of the bomb, brings this home very vividly..."

"Please accept my congratulations, best wishes, admiration, etc."

" 'God bless' your work."

"Don't stop — don't give up. What you are attempting to do is important."

—Udo Kasemets February 1983



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