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for

Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass 2 Football Rattles Assorted Household Articles (boxes, tins, saucepans etc., together with sources of continuous noise, such as strimmer, vacuum cleaner etc.) Tray of small metal balls

Monkey Puzzles

A couple of monkey puzzles

Stalin

When Stalin makes a cup of tea, He drains the water from the sea. Dread sea! To end up in a tea of pot of pee.

Wop

Wop that was that Wop that was.

Nocturne

Stockinged feet, go out and roam, Don't dog your old parental home.

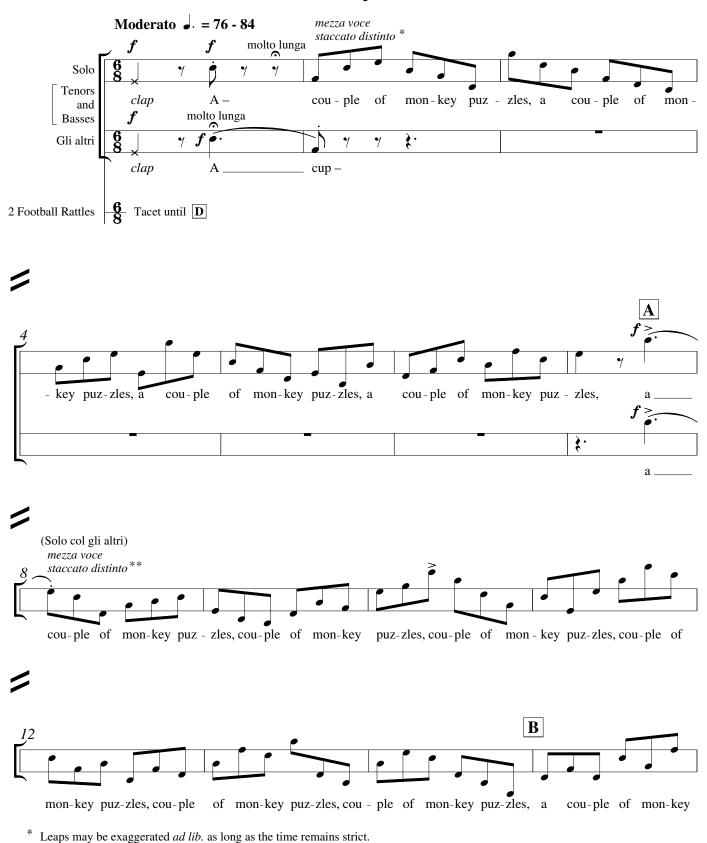
Nos. 2 & 4 set memories of words I found myself saying when I awoke. No. 1 records a vivid skyline image. Wop was a nickname; strictly No. 3 is a daydream.

Preferably all the numbers should be presented communally, without separate "percussion" player or conductor. Any additional sounds, movements or gestures (especially perhaps in No. 1) that might seem appropriate on a particular occasion will be welcome

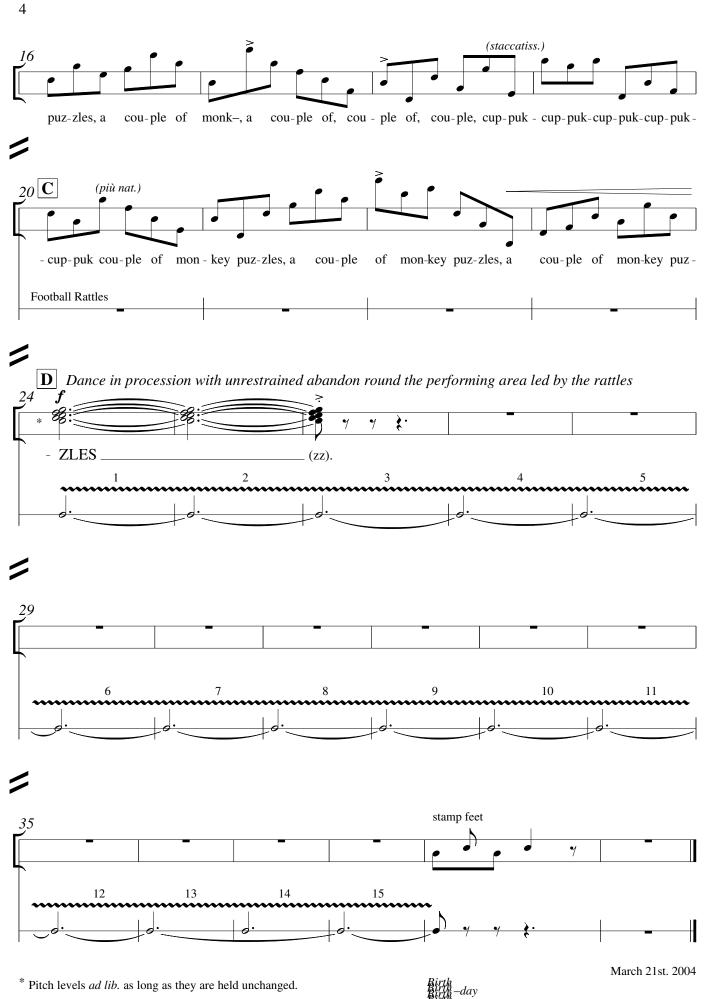
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I - Monkey Puzzles



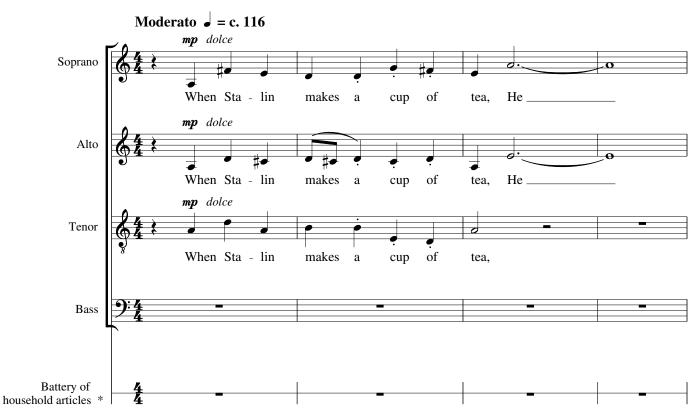
** Individual singers need not match the exact pitch levels of others.



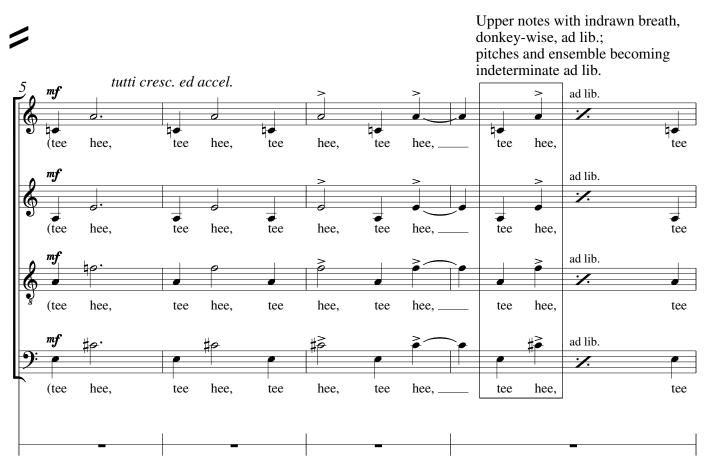
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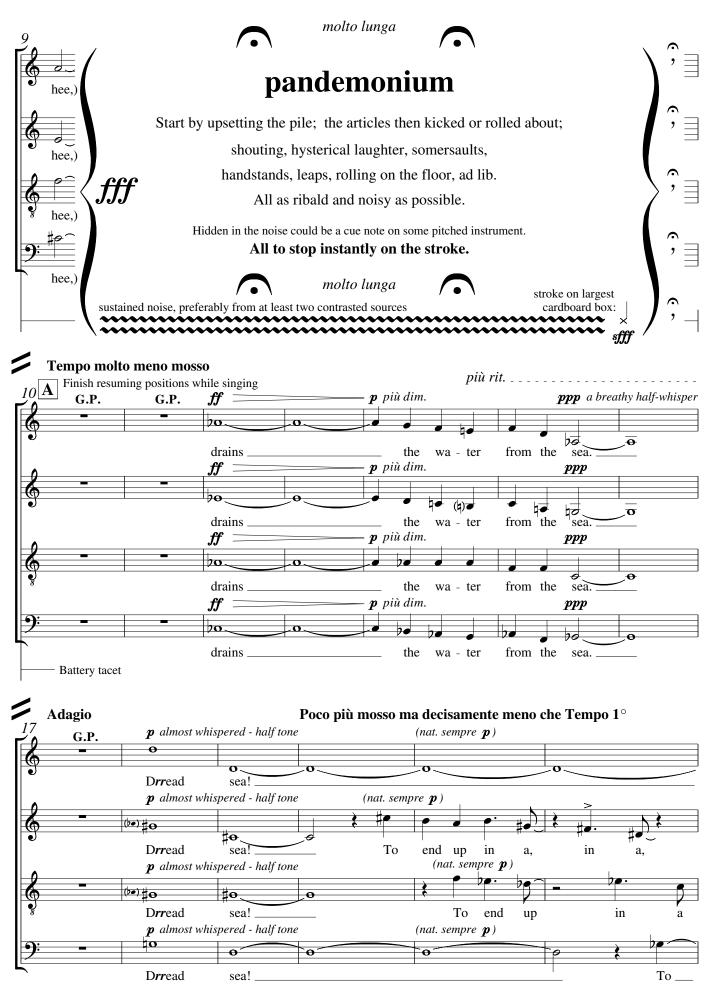
(Like a party of drunks going home on the tube, or the usual rendering of happy

II - Stalin



* large boxes (one as large and resonant as possible), suitcases, tins, saucepans etc., all in an unstable pile; sustained noise from strimmer, vacuum cleaner, chain-saw, dog whistle etc.













January 10th. 2004

III - Wop



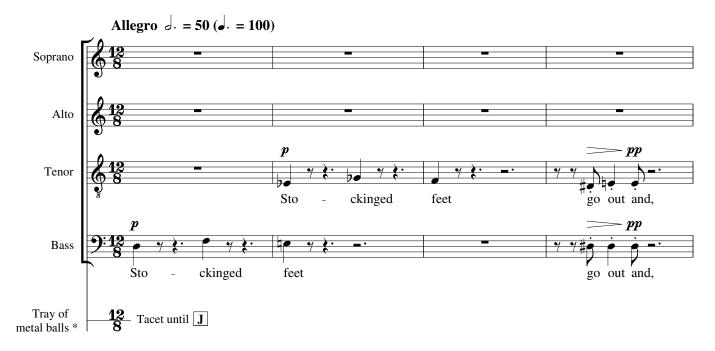
^{*} Individual singers tacet on notes that lie outside their range



^{*} Aim for the B^{\$\$}; any additional nearby wild shots are welcome ad lib.

September 22nd. 2004

IIII - Nocturne



* The firm **"Lakeland"** supply a plastic Soaking Tray and Magic Balls for cleaning narrow vases and small bottles that provide an ideal combination. About 2 dozen balls will be sufficient. A cloth as a dampener would be useful.





* So far as possible using soft consonants like, *b j l m r*. Individual singers need not try to make their syllables match those of others.













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