

sad music-making
for five performers

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Performance instructions:

Each performer chooses a part, which they perform at their own pace. The numbers of seconds are not to be measured by means of a stopwatch or a watch, but are approximate – each player counts that amount in seconds. Precision is not of utter importance, but cohesion is. Each player must listen to the other players and make sure he is not just randomly playing his/her part, but playing together with the others.

Big numbers in their own boxes indicate approximate length of silence in seconds.
Small numbers in brackets indicate approximately how long the activity should be.

parts:

Player 1	say the title of a song	3	cough	1	whistle a long note (13)	7	cough	cough; whisper "coughing sucks"	2	exhale	1	exhale (long)	make radio white noise	3	sing a tune very slowly	make three different sounds (quick)	3	whistle a high note (quick)	whistle a low note (long)	sing 3 notes (long)	2	exhale (long)	Kiss (short, soft)
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Player 2	say the title of a song	2	cough	2	whistle a high note (10)	7	cough	whisper the title of a song	sneeze	7	inhale (short)	start laughing a bit (7)	8? 1 1 1 4 1 1 8? 5 5 4 4 5 5 8 8 7? 8 7 7 8 6 6 6 7 7 8 7? 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 1.	4	whisper a song title	whistle 3 notes	exhale	exhale again!
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Player 3	say the title of a song	3	cough	7	whistle 2 low notes (7)	3	laugh	3	inhale (long)	smile (?)	1	4 8 8 7 8 8 4 3 8 8 7 3, 8 8 4 3 2 8 8 7 6 7 8 8. 9 9 9 3 9 9 6 9 9 9.	3	whistle 3 notes	"what did you say?"
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Player 4	say the title of a song	4	cough	4	whistle three notes (8)	1	cough	snicker	1	cough	1	laugh 3 times	10	A B B B C C D? E E E A B B C B B B C B B B C D!	7	whisper a song title	2	cough	read the title of a book around you
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Player 5	say the title of a song	3	cough	2	sing 1 note (5)	2	sing 1 short note	1	cough HARD	1	"hm?"	3	sing the first 5 seconds of your national anthem (cut abruptly)	15	sneeze	cough	exhale (long)	kiss
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