

3.2 Transcription: *The Glass Cage*

THE GLASS CAGE

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Notes on The Glass Cage Transcription

The time line is not to any scale, but is marked at 5-second intervals throughout. This allows the reader to match the transcript to the recording with some precision. The chief complication is with the different speeds at which passages are performed, especially with layered voices. I chose not to try to represent these variations in tempo of performance too closely using changes in font and spacing, so as to maintain an easy intelligibility. Also, of course, while this transcription is more detailed than a standard analysis of the relation between spoken word, music and sound, this transcription is not intended for audio replication. Rather, the attention is on matters of the vocal arrangements over time, which I see as central to the process of 'writing with sound' in radiophonic sound art.

Michael describes his script as 'A Play for Voices'. This is the second draft from November 1996. Michael was assisted by Dramaturg Ian Brown.

Michael 1	the voice of despair: evil and vicious – 'a depressing bastard'
Michael 2	the voice of hope: nice, sweet and hopeful; ['Ghoul's of mine' – M.R.]
The Despairing	
The Poo Person	soft like velvet, female with sultry undertones
A Judge	
Fairy Godmother	

Setting: A hole in the fabric of time and space where criminals are trapped forever in glass cages.

Time: the present.

Vocal Design

Michael 1 treated with heavily modulating reverb with lots of diffusion and long reverb times and feedback – long sustain

Michael 2 samples of the word I (indicated as <I> in transcript) in various performances and various degrees of reverb treatment and jogwheel playback using stationary head of the MFX3. Sampled <I> gradually become prolonged and extended by moving jogwheel slowly back and forth or hardly moving at all. Violin samples layered under <I> in later stages of the play eventually and gradually replace <I> altogether. The exception to this progression is when Michael 2 leaves the confines of the institution in a break for freedom: then 'I' is spoken in the normal context of the sentence – the implication being that Michael can be himself at this time.

The Despairing The Despairing voice was created with two different takes of the speech each re-recorded onto DAT tape while

playing back using the MFX3 jogwheel and active playback head to create the effect first used by spooling tape past the playback head manually causing fluctuations in tempo and severe 'wowing'. These two tracks were doubled with the same two recordings reversed – again, a classic tape studio technique. The two reversed tracks were played at lower level to add texture and were foregrounded at only one moment indicated above. The reversed tracks were phrase by phrase not as an entire speech. In one passage the 3rd and 4th tracks of The Despairing repeat the verbal motif "your mind" alternately. With the passage based on the words 'Awful' and 'Pain' (21'22"), variations have been recorded, edited rhythmically, then spooled through and re-recorded using the MFX jogwheel and a DAT recorder again. Alternate tracks play versions edited closer together for a rapid repetition. The foregrounded tracks have also been subjected to a heavy delay processing. The complexity of his arrangement is such that only an approximate transcription has been feasible between 21'22 and 21'54".

Fairy Godmother: Falsetto spoken voice with sing-song alternate takes improvised to a given rhythm on additional tracks. One sung voice left, the other panned right. The sung voice on the left leads. Discrete phrases on 4th track alternating L and R used occasionally. [some comparison to be made with arrangements for The Despairing]

Time	00:00		00:05		00:10	
Titles	The Glass Cage				Prelude to Escape	
Michael 1			because I haven't felt like an 'I' for a very long time			It is a bad day at the
Michael 2						
The Despairing						
The Poo Person						
A Judge						
Fairy Godmother						
Music						

Time		00:15		00:20		00:25	
Titles							
Michael 1		ranch -----	It is appalling, in fact -----	It is so appalling that everyone feels like their heads are being squeezed in a vice -----			
Michael 2						It is	
The Despairing							
The Poo Person							
A Judge							
Fairy Godmother							
Music							

Time			00:30		00:35	
Titles						
Michael 1			-----]			It is so
Michael 2			extremely interesting that as the only sane person here, <I> am being as loony as possible to fit in with the prevailing atmosphere.			
The Despairing						
The Poo Person						
A Judge						
Fairy Godmother						
Music						

Time	00:40	00:45
Titles		
Michael 1	daunting that he is making himself a book to keep himself sane ----- It is the only thing between him and the madness that makes the awfulness	
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		

Time	00:50	00:55
Titles		
Michael 1	bearable and keeps him from going under ----- It is, in fact, nightmare of such awesome proportions that no-one can possibly imagine how awful it	
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		

Time	01:00	01:05
Titles		
Michael 1	is ----- It never ceases to amaze him that no-one else seems to notice ----- They go about their daily business as if this is okay and no-one	
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		

Time	01:10	01:15	01:20
Titles			
Michael 1	questions the futility and hopelessness of his life -----]		
Michael 2		Seems to be an endless round of food and toilets and food and toilets	
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			[string

Time	01:25
Titles	
Michael 1	<I> don't know if there is anything else in existence apart from food and toilets and sometimes <I> don't care anyway.
Michael 2	
The Despairing	
The Poo Person	
A Judge	
Fairy Godmother	
Music	attack followed by swell]

Time	01:30	01:35
Titles		
Michael 1		
Michael 2	There is no way out.	It is so confined and
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music	[two bow strokes up and down, then plucked strings]	[two brief p strokes on same note then one above]

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

01:40

01:45

foolishly conceived and conscientiously carried out as a duty of care and a life worth living and a sort of existence that is defined by food and

[single sustained p. note ----->

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

01:50

01:55

toilets and how many times <|> throw up and how many times <|> scream and how many times <|> feel like dying and how many times <|>

----- sustained note ----->

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

02:00

02:05

just want to smash the faces that leer at me and mouth obscenities at me. Faces that hate him and faces that love him too ----- The ones that

----- sustained note -----]

Time
Titles

Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music

02:10

02:15

love him are so few and far between that it makes him sad to see them ----- because they show their concern and can't do anything for him ----->

Time
Titles

Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music

02:20

02:25

-----]
 Why did it happen to me? <I> ask myself. Why does it have to be me who is this shell and considerable disaster?

[violin note repeated then two ascending]

[three

Time
Titles

Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music

02:30

Why does it have to be that <I> am in this place of torture?

descending notes, the third plucked then two ascending notes]

[short flurry of notes>

Time	02:35	02:40	02:45
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2		Why does it have to be me in this well of treachery? <I> feel that my life is a sort of parable	
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	(x2) ending with strong attack – repeated three times]		

Time	02:50	02:55
Titles		
Michael 1		
Michael 2	for torture and filth.	It is a small microcosm of the larger world of inequities and foolishness that make me feel that the entire universe is a
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		

Time	03:00	03:05	03:10
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	perverse joke	on the part of some sadist who enjoys the spectacle from a vast distance and presents himself as a benevolent despot who cares	
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	[single sustained note ----->		

<p>Time Titles Michael 1 Michael 2 The DespairingA The DespairingB The DespairingC/D [L/R] The Poo Person A Judge Fairy Godmother Music</p>	<p>03:15</p> <p>and cares and cares, instead of hates and hates.</p> <p>----- <i>sustained note</i></p>	<p>03:20 Poo Painting: a Plan</p> <p>They say you are</p> <p>[reversed speech -----></p>
<p>Time Titles Michael 1 Michael 2 The DespairingA The DespairingB The DespairingC/D [L/R] The Poo Person A Judge Fairy Godmother Music</p>	<p>03:25</p> <p>crazy and mad and bad and stupid</p> <p>They say you are crazy and mad and bad and stupid [reversed speech]</p> <p>----- reversed speech -----></p>	<p>03:30</p> <p>I know you aren't I know you are a sane person in a mad world</p> <p>and stupid [reversed speech] I know you are a sane</p>
<p>Time Titles Michael 1 Michael 2 The DespairingA The DespairingB The DespairingC/D [L/R] The Poo Person A Judge Fairy Godmother Music</p>	<p>03:40</p> <p>It is slow and agonizing</p> <p>person in a mad w- --- reversed speech]</p> <p>[<i>rapid pizz run</i>]</p>	<p>03:45</p> <p>but excruciatingly pleasurable.</p> <p>It is a bitter pill to swallow you <ca-> can't believe</p>

Time	03:55	04:00	04:05
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2			
The Despairing			
The Poo Person	the world is so bloody awful. It doesn't make sense to go on living in this <tra-> <tra-> tragedy. It doesn't make sense to stay in this		
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time	04:10	04:15
Titles		
Michael 1		
Michael 2	It makes me feel my bum is a portal to a new universe of joy and warmth.	That feeling
The Despairing		
The Poo Person	demented half-world of insanity and <des-> <des-> <des-> <des-> despair	
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		[swell ending in f attack]

Time	04:20	04:25
Titles		
Michael 1		
Michael 2	only lasts 'til they come and see what <I> have done and their horror takes away my pleasure.	They seem like
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		[three cello? notes the last sustained note is

Time	04:30		04:35
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	maniacs and gremlins in the midst of my forests and fields of joy.		
The DespairingA			It only seems that you are crazy and mad and bad and sad and
The DespairingB			It only
The DespairingC/D [L/R]			[reversed speech ----->
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	repeated -----]		

Time	04:40		04:45
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2			
The DespairingA	vlad	It doesn't appear to you that they know anything at all	It seems to you that
The Despairing B	seems that you are crazy and mad and bad and sad and vlad		It doesn't appear to you that they know anything
The DespairingC/D [L/R]	----- reversed speech ----->		
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time	04:50		04:55
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2			
The DespairingA	they know nothing of the workings of your fertile mind	and your stupid body	and your awful habits and your silly nonsense
The DespairingB		It seems to you that they know nothing of the workings of your fertile mind	and your stupid body
The DespairingC/D [L/R]	----- reversed speech ----->		
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time 05:00 05:05

Titles

Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The DespairingA and your daft craziness and your foolish obsessions and your joking ways.
 The DespairingB and your awful habits and your silly nonsense and your daft craziness and your foolish obsessions and your joking
 The DespairingC/D [L/R] ----- reversed speech ----->
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music

Time 05:10 05:15 05:20

Titles

Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The DespairingA
 The DespairingB ways
 The DespairingC/D [L/R] rvrsd spch]
 The Poo Person You feel so hopeless and alone. It <f-> <f-> feels deeper than a bottomless pit and more awful than a dungeon in hell it feels like your only
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music

Time 05:25 05:30 05:35

Titles

Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person outlet is <this> <this> this disgusting habit of unpicking your bottom and smearing its around to see what you're are made of. This doesn't
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music

Time	05:40	05:45	05:50
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2			
The Despairing			
The Poo Person	endear you to your carers who can't appreciate the beauty of your <cre-> <cre-> <cre-> creations and only see them as		disgusting faeces from
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time	05:55	06:00	06:05
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	The main problem seems to be the smell and the colour.		If only it smelled like roses and looked the same.
The Despairing			
The Poo Person	a crazed lunatic.		
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	<i>[sustained string tones swell ----- peak then diminish-----]</i>		

Time	06:10	06:15	06:20
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	If only it was a nice acceptable substance that oozes out of me	instead of shit.	That way <I > could hide my shit and keep it
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	<i>[two tones – the second sustained ----->]</i>		

Time Titles Michael 1 Michael 2 The Despairing The Poo Person A Judge Fairy Godmother Music	06:25	06:30
	and not have them take it away.	It seems to you that the world That way it could talk to me at night and comfort me with its warmth and wetness.
	----- sustained tone -----]	

Time Titles Michael 1 Michael 2 The Despairing The Poo Person A Judge Fairy Godmother Music	06:35
	feels that your faeces is a hated thing that you should not indulge in ----- You feel that it gives you the key to reality and it feels like a friendly

Time Titles Michael 1 Michael 2 The Despairing The Poo Person A Judge Fairy Godmother Music	06:40	06:45	06:50	06:55
	substance in a cruel world -----]	No-one ever asks you what they <si-> <si-> signify	until one day you	very carefully crafted a <p-> <p-> play about

Time
Titles
 Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music

07:00 07:05

them and fully explored their significance and beauty. It seems to you that all the trauma in the world is contained in your shit and you can

Time
Titles
 Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music

07:10 07:15 07:20 07:25

overcome <the> <the> the tortures you are subjected to by smearing and feeling the pain and joy of this process. It seems to you that

Time
Titles
 Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music

07:30 07:35 07:40

you are exploring your unconscious with this method and that no-one that understands that <that> <that> that is what you are doing.

The

Time

07:45

Titles

Michael 1

only friend you have is your shit ----- and it talks to you nightly and comforts you with its dense feelings of goiness and softness ----- The only

Michael 2

The Despairing

The Poo Person

A Judge

Fairy Godmother

Music

Time

07:50

07:55

08:00

Titles

Michael 1

time you feel loved is when you feel your shit and feel its bodiness and humanness -----]

Michael 2

The DespairingA

Your mind plays out its gruesome dryness and you watch

The DespairingB

Your mind plays out its

The Poo Person

A Judge

Fairy Godmother

Music

Time

08:05

08:10

Titles

Michael 1

Michael 2

The DespairingA

them from a detached space that seems somehow remote in the feelings inside the dramas.

The DespairingB

its gruesome dryness and you watch them from a detached space that seems somehow remote in the feelings inside the dramas.

The DespairingC [L]

your mind your mind your mind your mind your mind your mind your mind your mind

The DespairingD [R]

your mind your mind your mind your mind your mind your mind your mind your mind

The Poo Person

A Judge

Fairy Godmother

Music

<p>Time Titles Michael 1 Michael 2 The DespairingA The DespairingB The DespairingC [L] The DespairingD [R] The Poo Person A Judge Fairy Godmother Music</p>	<p>08:15</p>	<p>08:20</p>	
	<p>It's not as if <I> have anything else to comfort me</p>	<p>only a dumb bear that <I></p>	
	<p>your mind ----- your mind -----</p>		
	<p><i>[four vigorous bow attacks]</i></p>		
<p>Time Titles Michael 1 Michael 2 The Despairing The Poo Person A Judge Fairy Godmother Music</p>	<p>08:25</p>	<p>08:30</p>	
	<p>hate with its stupid face like a wit.</p>	<p>It sits here, grinning inanely at me and staring into space.</p>	<p><I> hope it isn't autistic like me</p>
	<p><i>[busy and frenetic run of notes softly but with tension -----]</i></p>		
<p>Time Titles Michael 1 Michael 2 The DespairingA The DespairingB The DespairingC/D [L/R] The Poo Person A Judge Fairy Godmother Music</p>	<p>08:35</p>	<p>08:40</p>	<p>08:45</p>
	<p>maybe <I> have misjudged it.</p>	<p>Only a moron would believe your dreadful life is a reality.</p>	<p>No-one can really see that Only a moron would believe your dreadful life is</p>
	<p><i>[reversed speech ----->]</i></p>		

Time 08:50 08:55

Titles

Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The DespairingA life is a hopeless empty futile stupid mindless boring horrible ghastly wretched
 The DespairingB a reality No-one can really see that life is a hopeless empty futile stupid mindless
 The DespairingC/D [L/R] ----- reversed speech ----->
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music

Time 09:00 09:05

Titles

Michael 1
 Michael 2
 The DespairingA rot-ten mess
 The DespairingB boring horrible ghastly
 The DespairingC/D [L/R] ----- reversed speech -----]
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy GodmotherA [C] We are only a small voice against the harsh chorus but we make your world bearable
 Fairy GodmotherC [R] ♪[We are] only a small voice a-gainst the harsh chor-us but we make your world bear- ab- le
 Music

Time 09:10 09:15

Titles

Michael 1 You feel as if your
 Michael 2
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy GodmotherA [C] and give you hope We only help a little bit but a little bit is better than nothing
 Fairy GodmotherC [R] ♪and give you hope ♪We on-ly help a lit-tle bit but a lit-tle bit is. . .
 Fairy GodmotherB [L] ♪We are on-ly a small voice but we make your world bear-ab-le
 Fairy GodmotherD [L/R] ♪We on-ly [R] ♪We on-ly [L]
 Music

Time	09:20	09:25	09:30
Titles			
Michael 1	life is treadmill ----- It goes round and round and round in an endless journey of food and toilets ----- It drifts along without direction -----		
Michael 2			
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time	09:35	09:40	09:45
Titles			
Michael 1	an aimless, plotless, deviation and nightmare -----]		
Michael 2			
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy GodmotherA [C]		Do you feel that touch like the song of a soft bird?	It car-
Fairy GodmotherB [L]		♪Do you feel that touch like the song of a soft bird?	♪It caresses
Music			

Time	09:50	09:55
Titles		
Michael 1		
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy GodmotherA [C]	-esses your cheeks and makes you feel that somewhere in this zoo of insanity there are creatures of light and joy that can see inside your cage	
Fairy GodmotherB [L]	♪your cheeks	♪and makes you feel that somewhere in this world[?]
Fairy GodmotherC [R]		♪It caresses your cheeks and makes you feel that
Music		

Time		10:00		10:05
Titles				
Michael 1				
Michael 2				
The Despairing				
The Poo Person				
A Judge				
Fairy GodmotherA [C]		and give you a key to the world outside and to the real world	that you so long to stand in and experience	
Fairy GodmotherB [L]		♪ inside your cage and give you a key to the	♪world outside and to the real world that ...	
Fairy GodmotherC [R]	♪somewhere in this zoo			♪ and to the real
Music				

Time		10:10	
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2		<I> make no attempt to escape because they only return me to the prison and change	
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy GodmotherA [C]			
Fairy GodmotherB [L]			
Fairy GodmotherC [R]	♪world that you so-o long to stand in and exper-ri-ence.		
Music			

Time	10:15	10:20	10:25
Titles			
Michael 1			It feels like your world is an endless succession of nights and days with little to choose between them ----- Knowing how little you are
Michael 2	the locks.		
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

10:30

10:35

able to influence the course of your life you are nevertheless convinced that something is expected of you and that you might one day be able to

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

10:40

10:45

vary the monotony now existing in your world -----]

The feelings <I> have are small and fragile

They aren't

[two bowed attacks: long, short]

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

10:50

10:55

able to survive the feelings that are thrown up against them

They crumble and shatter and fall into little pieces like so many toy

[short rapid bowing - then long sustained tones ----->

Time	11:00		11:05
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	animals on the shelf	The shelf is my existence	and <I> share it with no-one.
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy GodmotherA [C]			Somehow our belief
Fairy GodmotherC [R]			♪Somehow our be-lief gives him a
Music	----- then plucked notes combined with bow strokes]		

Time	11:10		11:15
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2			
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy GodmotherA [C]	gives him a strength	to go on and on and on	in spite of the setbacks and barriers and obstacles and his own
Fairy GodmotherB [L]		♪Somehow our be-lief gives him a	to go on and on and on in spite of the setbacks
Fairy GodmotherC [R]	♪strength	to go on and on and on in spite of set-backs	♪and barriers and obstacles and his own stupid body
Music			

Time	11:20		11:25
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2			
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy GodmotherA [C]	stupid body which tortures him	ceaselessly and gives him no rest or respite or let up or hope of change	or progress
Fairy GodmotherB [L]	♪and bar-ri-ers and ob-stac-les	and his own stu-pid body which tor-tures him	♪ cease- less- ly and gives him no rest
Fairy GodmotherC [R]	♪which tortures him	♪ceaselessly and gives him no rest	or respite or let up or hope of change and progress
Music			

Time	11:30	11:35	11:40
Titles			
Michael 1	<I> am alone and helpless.	<I> am not alone in my dreams.	They are full and feel like a host of angels surround me and give
Michael 2			
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			
Time		11:45	
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	me strength and courage and hope and joy.		It feels in my dreams like <I> am an angel with wings
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music		<i>[plucked notes combined with col legno battuto]</i>	
Time	11:50		11:55
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	to fly away from this torture and pain.		It feels in my dreams like <I> am over-
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music		<i>[plucked notes combined with col legno battuto {rpt of previous phrase}]</i>	

Time		12:00		12:05		12:10
Titles						
Michael 1						It is only an idea you have ----- only a fragile little idea that keeps you going and gives you hope ----- It means so much
Michael 2						
The Despairing						
The Poo Person						
A Judge						
Fairy Godmother						
Music						

-whelmed by joy.

Time			12:15		12:20
Titles					
Michael 1					to hear other people telling you can do things and encouraging you to go on when all hope seems lost ----->
Michael 2					
The Despairing					
The Poo Person					
A Judge					
Fairy Godmother					
Music					

Time			12:25		12:30
Titles					
Michael 1					Just when it all seems so useless and tragic ----- your need is met and someone unlocks your cage and sets
Michael 2					
The Despairing					
The Poo Person					
A Judge					
Fairy Godmother					
Music					

The Smell of Freedom

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Time	12:35	12:40
Titles		
Michael 1	you free ----- They come and give you a life of hope --- and joy ---- and words ---- and meaning -----	
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy GodmotherA		I only know that you
Fairy GodmotherB [L]		♪ I only know that you need my help
Music		

Time	12:45	12:50
Titles		
Michael 1		
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy GodmotherA	need my help	I feel your pain and I feel your desperation
Fairy GodmotherB [L]		I wish I could help but they don't believe me
Fairy GodmotherC [R]	I feel your pain and I feel your desperation	♪ I wish I could help
Music	♪ I only know that you need my help	I only know that you need my help I feel your pain

Time	12:55	13:00
Titles		
Michael 1		
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy GodmotherA	they don't believe me	they don't believe me
Fairy GodmotherB [L]	♪ but they don't believe me	they don't believe me
Fairy GodmotherC [R]	♪ and I feel your desperation	they don't believe me
Music		♪ I wish I could help but they don't believe me. They don't believe me They don't

Time	13:05			13:10	
Titles					
Michael 1					
Michael 2					
The DespairingA	There's food in that fridge.	It's there for you to take.	No-one will mind.	It's all free for the taking.	Just walk in and steal it
The DespairingB		There's food in that fridge		It's there for you to take	No-one will mind
The DespairingC/D [L/R]	[reverse speech ----->				
The Poo Person					
A Judge					
Fairy GodmotherC [R]	♪ believe me				
Music					

Time	13:15		13:20		13:25
Titles					
Michael 1A		Your life is useless ----- stupid ----- demented ----- ridiculous -----		Why don't you just jump in a	
Michael 1B				You only cost us <i>money</i>	
Michael 2					
The DespairingA	Just walk in and take it				
The DespairingB	It's all free for the taking				
The DespairingC/D [L/R]	----- reverse speech -----]				
The Poo Person					
A Judge					
Fairy Godmother					
Music					

Time			13:30	
Titles				
Michael 1A	neighbour's swimming pool and remove the world of your ridiculous presence -----		We don't need you sort in this world -----	
Michael 1B		You only <i>cost</i> us money	You <i>only</i> cost us money	You only
Michael 2				
The Despairing				
The Poo Person				
A Judge				
Fairy Godmother				
Music				

Time	14:00	14:05	14:10
Titles		On the Run	
Michael 1			
Michael 2			It's a feeling of hopefulness and abandonment.
The Despairing			It's a feeling
The Poo Person	not a big pile of shit.		
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			[String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 1 st Loop x 3 ----->

Time	14:15	14:20	
Titles			
Michael 1			You own trust in yourself is so fragile it
Michael 2	of joy and lightness	It's a feeling of degrees of awareness and fullness of existence.	
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	----- Str Q 1 st Loop -----]		

Time	14:25	14:30	14:35
Titles			
Michael 1	barely survives the evil negativity -----	It feels to you there are two kinds of people in the world -----	One kind feels your fears and
Michael 2		It's a feeling	It's a feeling
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

14:40

hopes ----- and likes your intelligence and wit ----- Another kind merely look at you as a blind deaf post that has no feelings or
It's a feeling of -

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

14:45

14:50

intelligence and no means of doing anything to contribute to the world in any way -----]
<-I-> only know the words for hate hate hate

[String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 2nd Loop repeats -->

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

14:55

15:00

15:05

hate hate <-I-> only know the words that rip and tear at the fabric of my soul. <-I-> only know the words that mingle

----- String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 2nd Loop repeats ----->

Time	15:10		15:15
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	and kill my feelings. They pull at my will and feel so angry and despising.		<I-I> am a victim of their hatred and <I-I> am a helpless
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	----- <i>String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 2nd Loop repeats</i> ----->		

Time	15:20		15:25
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	ghost in this world of people who can talk and walk and run.		<I-I> am a fellow traveller shut in a carriage at the end. My door is
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	----- <i>String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 2nd Loop repeats</i> ----->		

Time	15:30	15:35	15:40
Titles			
Michael 1			You are so alone you
Michael 2	locked and my windows are barred. Reality is a small space for me. The walls close in and give me no freedom to move.		
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	----- <i>String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 2nd Loop repeats</i> -----]		

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

15:45

15:50

feel -- like a fool - and a dope --- and a hopeless mess.
a fool and a dope and a hopeless mess

< I-I-I > am only in space of intelligence sometimes. Other times < I-I-I >

[String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 3rd Loop repeats ----->

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

15:55

16:00

exist in a peculiar timewarp of ethereal quality which is a great morass of treacle that sucks at my body and draws all intellect out of my brain.

----- String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 3rd Loop repeats ----->

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

16:05

16:10

So that < I-I-I > am unable to function at anything more than an animal level and can't see any way out or any hope.

It makes ----

----- String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 3rd Loop repeats -----]

Time	16:15	16:20
Titles		
Michael 1	you wonder if perhaps you are an alien ----- or a changeling ----- or a genius ----- or a joke.	
Michael 2		It is foolish of me to trust that
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		[Str Q: Allegretto Furioso 4th Loop repeats ---->

Time	16:25	16:30	16:35
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	I will always be believed	but I learn to live with that and keep going against the tide of evil and hurtful doubters.	I need so much to be
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	----- String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 4 th Loop repeats ----->		

Time	16:40	16:45
Titles		
Michael 1	You can't do this you know ----- it's not on ----- It won't work ----- It's a desperate attempt at nothing ----	
Michael 2	believed.	
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother B [L]		♪ You can go back You can go back You can go back
Fairy Godmother C [R]		♪ You can go back You can go back You can go back
Music	-- Str Q: 4 th Loop]	

Time 16:50
Titles
 Michael 1 ----- You can't get it together ----- You need some help ----- You are a spastic twit ----- You are a nerd --- and a fool -----and
 Michael 2
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy GodmotherA [C] ♪ You can go ba-ack ♪ You can go ba-ack ♪ You can go ba-ack
 Fairy GodmotherB [L] ♪ You can go back You can go back ♪ You can go back You can
 Fairy GodmotherC [R] ♪ You can go back You can go back
 Music

Time 16:55 17:00 17:05
Titles
 Michael 1 an idiot basket case -----Twit -----Twit ----- Twit ----- Twit -----Twit ----- Twit -----]
 Michael 2
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy GodmotherA [C] ♪ You can go ba-ack ♪ You can go ba-ack
 Fairy GodmotherB [L] go back ♪ You can go back You can go back ♪ You can go back You can go back
 Fairy GodmotherC [R] ♪ You can go back You can go back You can go back
 Music [St Q: All. Furioso 5th Loop repeats →

Time 17:10 17:15
Titles
 Michael 1
 Michael 2 It's too hard out here. I will be shot on sight like a felon, not a human being. They won't know that my stupid body drives me to do
 The Despairing
 The Poo Person
 A Judge
 Fairy Godmother
 Music ----- String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 5th Loop repeats -----→

Time	17:20	17:25
Titles		
Michael 1	It must be better somewhere ----- Maybe on Mars or Venus or Jupiter ----- Maybe that is where	
Michael 2	these stupid things.	
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy GodmotherA [C]		♪ You can go back
Fairy GodmotherB [L]	♪ You can go back	♪ You can go back
Fairy GodmotherC [R]		♪ You can go back
Music	----- Str Q: 5 th Loop]	

Time	17:30	17:35
Titles		
Michael 1	you are from ----- Only your good fairy could know that and she isn't telling ----- She comes to you at night -----	
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy GodmotherA [C]	♪ You can go back	♪ You can go back
Fairy GodmotherB [L]	♪ You can go back	♪ You can go back
Fairy GodmotherC [R]	♪ You can go back	♪ You can go back
Music		

Time	17:40	17:45
Titles		
Michael 1	-----soft and warm and gentle and tucks you in and kisses your tears away ----- She tells you stories about your family and how they	
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy GodmotherA [C]	♪ You can go back	
Music		

Time	17:50	17:55
Titles		
Michael 1	love you ----- and how you aren't really retarded, only slow to use your hands and unable to speak ---- It isn't your brains that are retarded ----- only	
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		

Time	18:00	18:05	18:10
Titles			
Michael 1	your body -----]		
Michael 2		The fridges are calling too loudly. The fridges are calling. They are deafening. They're filling my mind with food.	
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	[String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 6 th Loop repeats ----->		

Time	18:15	18:20	
Titles			
Michael 1			Let go of this foolish
Michael 2	Food. Food, food, food! This food obsession – it drives me to do awful things that jeopardise my very life.		
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy GodmotherA [C]			
Fairy GodmotherB [L]			
Fairy GodmotherC [R]			
Music	----- String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 6 th Loop repeats -----]		

Time 18:25 **18:30**

Titles

Michael 1 dream of independence and a real life ----- You're too stupid and futile and pathetic to ever get it together ----- Drop out of reality

Michael 2

The Despairing

The Poo Person

A Judge

Fairy GodmotherA [C] You can go back and I will be there. I will be there. I will be

Fairy GodmotherB [L] ♪ You can go back and I will be there

Fairy GodmotherC [R] ♪ You can go back and I will

Music

Time 18:35 **18:40**

Titles

Michael 1 and give up the ghost of the freedom idea ----- Go on ----- Go on ----- Give it up ----- Give it up -----

Michael 2

The Despairing

The Poo Person

A Judge

Fairy GodmotherA [C] there Let's go back and try again

Fairy GodmotherB [L] ♪ be there ♪ I will [be there]

Fairy GodmotherC [R] ♪ Let's go back and try again

Music

Time 18:45 **18:50**

Titles

Michael 1

Michael 2

The Despairing

The Poo Person

A Judge

Fairy GodmotherA [C] They nearly got us that time but this time we'll stay one jump ahead of them. Slowly, slowly, catchee monkey.

Fairy GodmotherB [L] ♪ They nearly got us that time this time we'll stay one jump ahead of them.

Fairy GodmotherC [R] ♪ They nearly got us ♪ Let's go back and try again. They nearly got us that time

Music [Str Q: 7th Loop ---->

Time	18:55		19:00
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	Knowing this, my understanding of myself is enhanced.	<I-I-I> make great progress in a short time.	<I-I-I-I-I> wonder how good
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	----- <i>String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 7th Loop repeats</i> ----->		

Time		19:05	
Titles			On Trial
Michael 1			
Michael 2	<I> would have been if <I-I> had known this when <I-I> was still a gorgeous child instead of a weird teenager.		
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	----- <i>String Quartet: Allegretto Furioso 7th Loop repeats</i> -----]		

Time	19:10		19:15
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	It makes me feel like a ghost in the machine to be in this foolish charade.		It makes me feel that
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			<i>[violin bowed tone and two pizzicato tones]</i>

Time
Titles

19:20

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

someone must have wanted me to endure this trial for some reason, but who?

And why?

[violin four staccato tones with vigorous attack]

[violin three

Time
Titles

19:25

19:30

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

It doesn't make sense to lock me up in this prison for no good reason.

The only

sharp attacks]

[violin & cello rapid bowing on one tone 8ves apart]

Time
Titles

19:35

19:40

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

thing < | | | | | | | | | | > can think of is that < | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | > am on trial for some hideous crime committed in a past life.

[strings soft sustained tones punctuated with bow strokes ----->

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

20:30

20:35

20:40

Told you so ---- Twit ---- twit ---- twit ----- twit ---- twit ----- twit ----- It's only what you should have expected ----- Ha ---- ha ---- ha ----->

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

20:45

20:50

-----]

You will be sent to the most hideous prison man can devise ----- You will be locked up and we will throw away the key ----- There will be

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
A Judge [Delay Loop]
Fairy Godmother
Music

20:55

21:00

21:05

21:10

no reprieve ----- no pardon ----- no joy ----- no hope ----- for the rest of your natural life -----]
no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----- no ----->

Sweetie,

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

22:45

22:50

The club for people who talk and speak freely -----

It is a nice club. You sit around smoking your heads off killing yourself slowly by small

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

22:55

degrees and chatting pleasantly about life and it's ups and downs.

< I-I-I-I-I-I-I-I > ['m] not able to participate but

[short aggressive figure on violin]

Time
Titles

Michael 1
Michael 2
The Despairing
The Poo Person
A Judge
Fairy Godmother
Music

23:00

23:05

hear it all. Every last stupid word of it. All the trials and tribulations of

[combination of rapid pizzicato and col legno notes on strings]

Time
Titles

23:10

23:15

- Michael 1
- Michael 2
- The Despairing
- The Poo Person
- A Judge
- Fairy Godmother
- Music

being my jailer and having to cope with my weird habits and clean up after me.

It is always so boring in the world they make for you ----- It

Time
Titles

23:20

- Michael 1
- Michael 2
- The Despairing
- The Poo Person
- A Judge
- Fairy Godmother
- Music

never changes ----- You know the routine off by heart ----- It feels very claustrophobic and foolishly conceived and madly eccentric and

Time
Titles

23:25

23:30

- Michael 1
- Michael 2
- The Despairing
- The Poo Person
- A Judge
- Fairy Godmother
- Music

dynamically nowhere ----- It makes your life seem endless and kooky and cookie and cocky and rocky and gnocchi --- Gooky and drooky

Time	23:35	23:40
Titles		
Michael 1	and grookie and sookie ---- Soopy and froopy and loopy and gloopy and droogie and froogie and looby and drooby – ghoulie and cruelly and snooly	
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		

Time	23:45	23:50	23:55
Titles			
Michael 1	and schmoolie -----]		
Michael 2		You might say many things are habitual but only to them.	To me, weirdness is an
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time	24:00
Titles	
Michael 1	intricate moment of exquisite awfulness and dreadful trauma in living Technicolor. Although can see
Michael 2	
The Despairing	
The Poo Person	
A Judge	
Fairy Godmother	
Music	[strongly bowed note followed by sharp attack]

Time	24:05			24:10		24:15
Titles						
Michael 1						
Michael 2	the bright side	sometimes	when they are being open and loving to me	which did happen	sometimes	but having no means of
The Despairing						
The Poo Person						
A Judge						
Fairy Godmother						
Music						

Time		24:20		24:25
Titles				
Michael 1				
Michael 2	responding	appropriately		am unable to keep their interest and they go away believing
The Despairing				
The Poo Person				
A Judge				
Fairy Godmother				
Music		<i>[violin short aggressive figure]</i>		<i>[violin short run col legno]</i>

Time		24:30	24:35
Titles			
Michael 1			Leaping off at a tangent you feel your mind change gears ----- It feels like a radical shift from
Michael 2	am nothing but an amazingly fucked-up mess.		
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time	24:40	24:45	24:50
Titles			
Michael 1	dreary and hopeless to funny and hopeful ----->		
Michael 2		It makes me smile inwardly to imagine how you would feel if you could read my mind and see	
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time	24:55	25:00
Titles		
Michael 1	-----]	
Michael 2	the thoughts running around in their cage like rats.	You would laugh at the futility and boring justification, although you wouldn't understand
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		

Time	25:05	25:10
Titles		
Michael 1	half the words, being uneducated morons. Morons with tiny little minds unable to conceive of a better world than this nightmare you have	
Michael 2		
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		

Time	25:15	25:20	25:25
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	created for me to inhabit on a daily basis.	It only feels like a small thing to me, but to you it is a quantum leap of faith.	One day you might
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			

Time	25:30	25:35
Titles		
Michael 1		
Michael 2	understand, but for now you bide your time and fool yourselves that you are doing the right thing.	You laugh at my pain and despise me but you
The Despairing		
The Poo Person		
A Judge		
Fairy Godmother		
Music		

Time	25:40	25:45	25:50
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2	can't ignore my anguish.		am a metaphor for pain and suffering who opens up your own
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music	<i>[violin sustained tones interspersed with ferocious bowing]</i>		

Time	25:55	26:00	26:05
Titles			
Michael 1			
Michael 2		wounds. But you can't bleed for me, only yourselves. It makes no sense to you	and no sense to me. In fact, it is completely senseless;
The Despairing			
The Poo Person			
A Judge			
Fairy Godmother			
Music			[violin ---→]

Time	26:10		26:15	
Titles				
Michael 1				
Michael 2	Mindless	Boring	Dull	Excruciating
The Despairing				
The Poo Person				
A Judge				
Fairy Godmother				
Music	<i>pressing attack]</i>	<i>[violin pressing attack]</i>	<i>[violin short run col legno]</i>	<i>[two sharp cello attacks]</i>
				<i>[violin ---→]</i>

Time	26:20		26:25	
Titles				
Michael 1				
Michael 2	Pitiful	Gutless	Desperate	
The Despairing				
The Poo Person				
A Judge				
Fairy Godmother				
Music	<i>short bowed figure]</i>	<i>[cello two short bow strokes]</i>	<i>[strings five short attacks]</i>	<i>[strings two high-pitched dissonant</i>

Time	26:30		26:35				
Titles							
Michael 1							
Michael 2							
The Despairing							
The Poo Person							
A Judge							
Fairy Godmother							
Music	<i>attacks]</i>		<i>[sustained note followed by three rapid attacks]</i>				
Time	26:40		26:45		26:50		26:55
Titles	End of play	End of play	End of play	End of play	End of play	End of play [doubled]	
Michael 1							
Michael 2							
The Despairing							
The Poo Person							
A Judge							
Fairy Godmother							
Music							