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Angor

For Chamber Choir

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The name **Angor** means pain, anguish and torment in Latin, and that is what the piece is about: tinnitus, arrhythmia, headaches, bacteria and pain in every form: lingering, underlying or stinging. This piece is dedicated to every person around the world suffering from incurable diseases and what you would call “rare diseases” or non-acknowledged diseases such as for instance chronic Lyme.



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Notation

In passages with very little time for breathing: always choral breathing

In case the whole section does a similar motion (for example a glissando), the instruction is only written for the first singer of each section, but applies to the whole section

The word [Wu-ku] is to be pronounced as far behind as possible. The noun [Wu] is always accented, hence always a capital letter.

In this piece I am exploring mainly two different types of glissandi:

1. Quasi gliss (for example sections B and C):

Sing approximate melodic lines with the given notes.

The first note in every melodic line should be sung in the written pitch, hence the first note is bigger than the other notes in the same line

2. Gliss (for example sections H and I)

The most important note is the first note

The most important thing is the direction of the gliss.

Always make an as long glissando as possible (the whole given note value).

Pitch approximate, but important if section has a unis versus cluster

Improvisation (for instance in sections E, F and K)

The different notated rythms are not to be taken literally, merely for assuring that no singer on purpose tries to sing in the same rythm as other singers

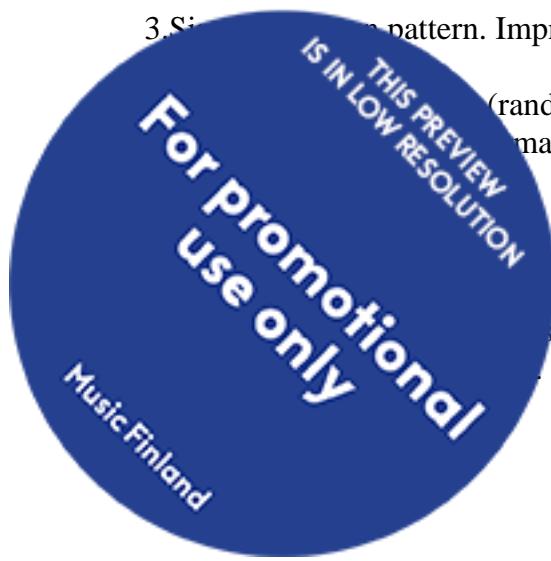
1. Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) with the lowest notes/sounds possible, sing as ugly as possible. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels, with tongue as low as possible (as if tongue problems).

2. Improvise fast patterns (random rythm, pitches and slurs) with the highest notes/sounds possible, sing as ugly as possible. Improvise text (gibberish), sound hysterical.

3. Sing a sustained note pattern. Improvise text (gibberish), sound hysterical

(random rytm, pitches and slurs) within the given range.
mainly consisting of vowels combined with m, so that it sounds

possible, but the emotion and a hight volume are the most



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Text: Psalm 22

Grave $\text{♩} = 60$

Soprano Mm [i:]

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Alto Mm [i:]

Alto G.P.

Alto G.P.

Tenor G.P.

Tenor G.P.

Tenor G.P.

[Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku]

[Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku]

G.P. p

G.P. p

G.P.

8

A

5

[A]

[A]

[A]

[A]

[A]

f

f

f

f

f

f

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f *ff* *fff* *sub. pp*

Mm

f *ff* *fff* *sub. pp*

Mm

f *ff* *fff* *sub. pp*

Mm

f *ff* *fff*

Mm

f *ff* *fff*

[A]

f *ff* *fff*

[A]

ku-ku [Wu-ku-ku] [Wu- ku] [Wu-ku-ku] [Wu- ku] [Wu-Wu- Wu]

ku [Wu-ku-ku] [Wu- ku] [Wu-ku-ku] [Wu- ku] [Wu-Wu- Wu]

ff *fff* *ffff*

ffff *ffff*

ffff

[Wu -Wu- Wu]

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B Misterioso

7

17

Sing very nasaly, and quasi gliss

p

[wai] [jav] [wai] [jav] [nav] [nav] [jav] [wai] [gav]

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8 20

C $\text{♩} = 120$

G.P. G.P.

G.P. G.P.

G.P. G.P.

5 [wa - v]

G.P. G.P.

G.P. G.P.

G.P. G.P.

G.P. G.P.

mp 3 [wa-wa-wa]

G.P. G.P.

p 3 [lu] — [waw] — [wa-ka- ta]

G.P. *p* 5 [mai] — [lav] —

G.P. *f* 3 [ta-ka- ta]

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26

mf

[A - I]

p

5

[A - I]

9

4

mp

[wa-ka-ta-ka-ta]

p

3

[no-no-no-no]

mp

[nov]

f

6

[ra-ka-ta-ka-ta-ka]

5

[wai]

p

3

[ai - ai-ai- ai]

f

3

[ai - ai-ai - ai]

f

[A - I]

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1030

ff

f

mf

f

mf

mf

mp

[A - - I]

[av]

[av]

[av]

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33

mp [Λ - I] *mf* [Λ - I] *f* [Λ - I]

mp [Λ - I] *mf* [Λ - I] *f* [Λ - I]

f [Λ - I]

mf [Λ - I] *f* [Λ - I]

mf [Λ - I] *f* [Λ - I]

f [Λ - I]

f [av] _____

mp 3 [ov] _____ *mf* [av] _____ *f* [av] _____

mp 3 [ov] _____ *mf* [av] _____ *f* [av] _____

p [av] _____ *mf* [av] _____ *f* [av] _____

mf [av] _____ *f* [av] _____

mf [av] _____ *f* [av] _____

f [av] _____

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D

12 36 *ff*

[A - i] [A - i] [A - i] [A - i]

sim.

ff

ff

ff

[A - i] [A - i] [A - i] [A - i]

sim.

ff

ff

ff

[av] [av] [av] [av]

sim.

ff

ff

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[av] sim.
[av]



38 13

[A - I] [A - I]

[A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I]

[A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I]

[A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I] [A - I]

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14
41

E

$\text{♩} = 60$

[ʌ] - i] - [va] - [av] - [va]

[ʌ] - i] - [va] - [av] - [va]

sub. pp

[ʌ] - i] - [va] - [av] - [va] Mm - m

sub. pp

[ʌ] - i] - [va] - [av] - [va] Mm - m

sub. pp

[ʌ] - i] - [va] - [av] - [va] Mm - m

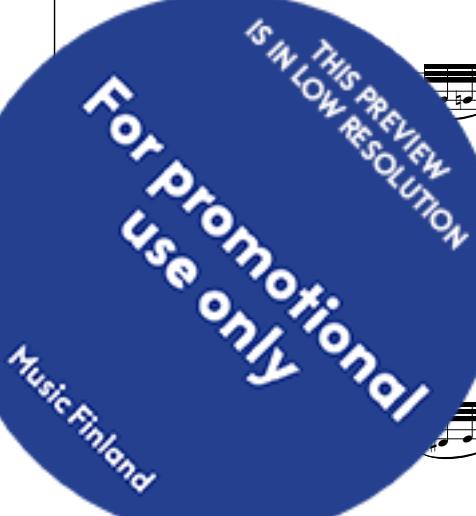
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8

8

Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) with the lowest notes/sounds possible, sing as ugly as possible. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels, with tongue as low as possible (as if tongue problems)

p



44

Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) with the lowest notes/sounds possible, sing as ugly as possible. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels, with tongue as low as possible (as if tongue problems)

p

Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) with more or less the given range, sing as ugly as possible. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels, with tongue as low as possible (as if tongue problems)

p

Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) with more or less the given range, sing as ugly as possible. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels, with tongue as low as possible (as if tongue problems)

p

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p



16

45

*Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) with more or less the given range, sing as ugly as possible.
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[ɔ:] - - - [ʌ] - - -

[ɔ:] - - - [ʌ] - - -

[ɔ:] - - - [ʌ] - - -

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Make a glissando up as high as possible while continuing your pattern

47 **F** *f* **6**

17

f **6**

6

f **6**

6

mp **ff** *Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) with the highest notes/sounds possible, sing as ugly as possible. Improvise text (gibberish), sound hysterical.* **6**

[æ]

18

mp **ff** **6**

[æ]

19

mp **ff** **6**

[æ]

20

Make a glissando up as high as possible while continuing your pattern

f **6**

21

f **6**

22

f **6**

23

Make a glissando up as high as possible while continuing your pattern

f **6**

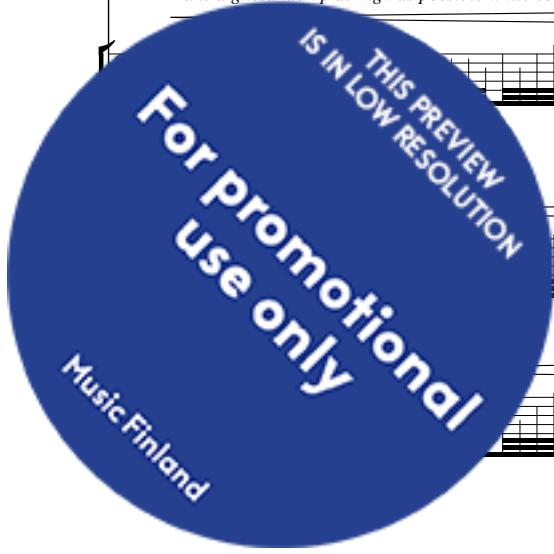
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f **6**

25

f **6**

26



Make a glissando up as high as possible while continuing your previous improvised pattern

18 49

pp ————— **ff**

pp ————— **ff**

pp ————— **ff**

pp ————— **ff**

Make a glissando up as high as possible while continuing your previous improvised pattern

pp ————— **ff**

pp ————— **ff** **fff** God!

pp ————— **ff** **fff** God!

Make a glissando up as high as possible while continuing your previous improvised pattern

pp ————— **ff** **fff**

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Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) with the highest notes/sounds possible, sing as ugly as possible. Improvise text (gibberish), sound hysterical.

19

pp sing as ugly as possible. Improvise text (gibberish), sound hysterical.

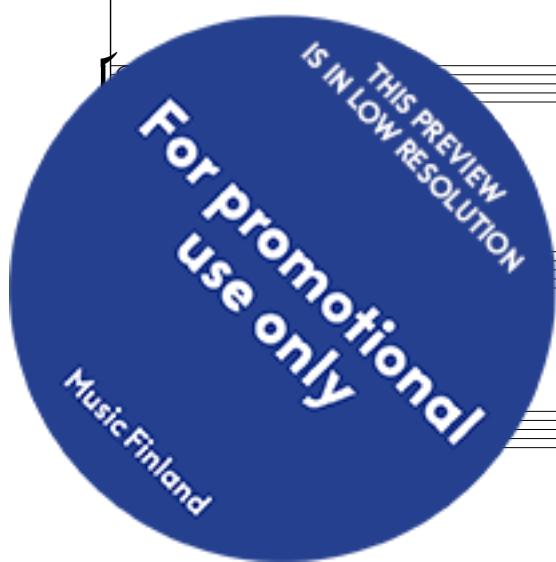
51 **FP** 88
My God!

pp 5 **ff** My God!

pp **ff** My God!

- **ff** My God!

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Make a glissando up as high as possible while continuing your previous improvised pattern

pp

ff

G

fff

20 53

Why hast thou for - sa-

Why hast thou for - sa-

Why hast thou for - sa-

Make a glissando up as high as possible while continuing your previous improvised pattern

pp

ff

fff

Why hast thou for - sa-

Why hast thou for - sa-

Why hast thou for - sa-

Make a glissando up as high as possible while continuing your previous improvised pattern

pp

ff

fff

Why hast thou for - sa-

Why hast thou for - sa-

Why hast thou for - sa-

Make a glissando up as high as possible while continuing your previous improvised pattern

pp

ff

fff

Why hast thou for - sa-

Why hast thou for - sa-

Why hast thou for - sa-

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76 **H** $\text{♩} = 120$

p Sing very nasaly
 [wai] — [jav]

25

p Sing very nasaly
 [wai] — [jav]
p Sing very nasaly
 [wai] — [jav]
mp
 [wai] — [jav]

Cluster glissando in alto from as high as possible

pp

gliss.

pp
 gliss.
pp
 gliss.

p
 [wai] — [jav]
 [wai] — [jav]
p
 [wai] — [jav] — [nav]

mp
 [wai] — [jav] — [nav]

p
 [wai] — [jav]

mp
 [wai] — [jav] — [nav]



79

mp

[wai] — [jav] — [nav] —

[nav] — [jav] — [wai] — [gav] —

[jav] — [nav] —

[nav] — [jav] — [wai] — [gav] —

mf

gliss.

approximate pitch

as low as possible (approximate pitch)

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

mp

[wai] — [jav] — [nav] —

[nav] — [jav] — [wai] — [gav] —

p

gliss.

mf

gliss.

[nav] — [jav] — [wai] — [gav] —

mf

gliss.

gliss.

[nav] — [jav] — [wai] —

[gav] —

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82

[wai] — [gav] —

[wa - v] —

as low as possible (approximate pitch)

gliss.

[wa - v] —

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p

gliss.

f

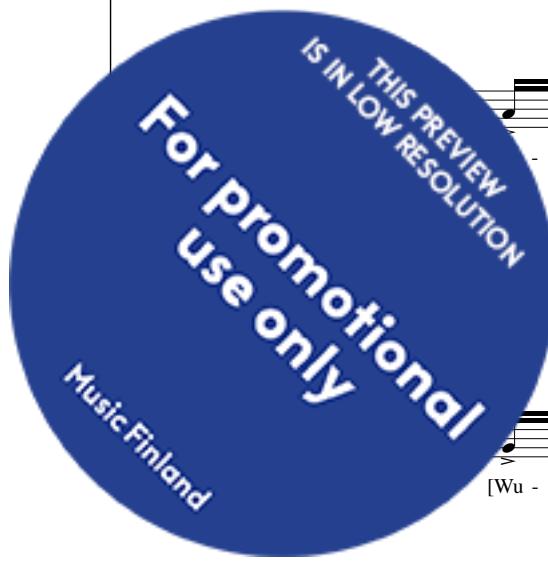
[wa - v] —

p

gliss.



87



6 3

[Wu - ku] [Wu - ku - ku] [Wu - Wu - ku] [Wu - ku]

6 3

[Wu - ku] [Wu - ku - ku] [Wu - Wu - ku] [Wu - ku]

6 3

[Wu - ku] [Wu - ku - ku] [Wu - Wu - ku] [Wu - ku]

30
89

[ai] [ai] [ai] [ai] [ai] [ai] [ai]

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Gliss to your highest possible sound

92

[ai] [ai] [ai] [ai]

[ai] [ai] [ai] [ai]

[ai] [ai] [ai] [ai]

Gliss to your highest possible sound

[ai] [ai] [ai] [ai]

[ai] [ai] [ai] [ai]

[ai] [ai] [ai] [ai]

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[ku - Wu- ku] [ku - ku- Wu] [Wu - ku] [ku - Wu- ku] [ku - ku- Wu] [Wu - ku] [ku - Wu- ku]
 [ku - Wu- ku] [ku - ku- Wu] [Wu - ku] [ku - Wu- ku] [ku - ku- Wu] [Wu - ku] [ku - Wu- ku]
 [ku] [ku - Wu- ku] [ku - ku- Wu] [Wu - ku] [ku - Wu- ku] [ku - ku- Wu] [Wu - ku] [ku - Wu- ku]

32 95 ~ Sing the written pattern. Improvise text (gibberish), sound hysteric

♩ = 60

Sing the written pattern. Improvise text (gibberish), sound hysteric

Sing the written pattern. Improvise text (gibberish), sound hysteric

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Sing the written pattern. Improvise text (gibberish), sound hysteric

Sing the written pattern. Improvise text (gibberish), sound hysteric

fff

fff

fff





Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) within the given range. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels combined with m, so that it sounds almost like mumbling

G.P.

pp mainly consisting of vowels combined with *m*, so that it sounds almost like mumbling

pp sounds almost like mumbeling

G.P. Sing the written pattern. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels combined with *m*, so that it sounds almost like mumbeling lament.

Sing the written pattern. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels combined with m, so that it sounds almost like mumbling lament.

2

Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) within the given range. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels combined with m, so that it sounds almost like mumbling

G.P.

like mumbeting

pp

*like m
pp*

Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) within the given range. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels combined with m, so that it sounds almost like mumbling

pp 5

G.P.

[A] [A] [A] [A] [A] [A] [A] [A]

Improvise fast patterns (random rhythm, pitches and slurs) within

Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) within the given range. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels combined with m, so that it sounds almost like mumbeling

pp

Sing the written pattern. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels combined with m, so that it sounds almost like mumbeling lament.

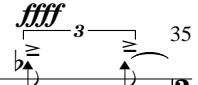
pp it sounds alr

The musical score shows three measures. Measure 2 starts with a half note followed by a rest. Measure 3 starts with a half note followed by a rest. Measure 4 starts with a half note followed by a rest.

A musical score for a single melodic line. The title 'G.P.' is at the top left. The score consists of two measures. Measure 1 starts with a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a eighth note 'B' on the first line, a quarter note 'A' on the second line, another eighth note 'B' on the first line, and a quarter note 'C' on the third line. The time signature changes between common time (4/4) and 2/4. Measure 2 starts with a quarter note 'D' on the first line, followed by a half note 'E' on the second line, a quarter note 'F' on the first line, and a half note 'G' on the second line. The time signature changes back to common time (4/4). The vocal line ends with the lyrics 'Wu-ku]'.



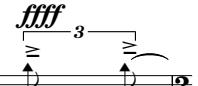
Scream of anguish, as high and as loud as possible



105

Three staves of musical notation for strings. Each staff begins with a rest, followed by a dynamic marking consisting of four vertical strokes (ffff) above a horizontal line with a '3' written above it, followed by a measure number '35'. The staves are in common time (indicated by a '4').

Scream of anguish, as high and as loud as possible



Scream of anguish, as high and as loud as possible



A single staff of musical notation for strings. It consists of a series of eighth-note pairs, starting with a dynamic marking 'p' above the first note.

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A single staff of musical notation for strings. It consists of a series of eighth-note pairs, starting with a dynamic marking 'p' above the first note. Above the staff, there are five small '5' markings indicating pitch range.

Improvise fast patterns (random rytm, pitches and slurs) within the given range. Improvise text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels combined with m, so that it sounds almost like mumbling

A single staff of musical notation for strings. It consists of a series of eighth-note pairs, starting with a dynamic marking 'pp' above the first note, followed by a dynamic marking 'p' above the second note.

A single staff of musical notation for strings. It consists of a series of eighth-note pairs, starting with a dynamic marking 'p' above the first note. Above the staff, there are six small '6' markings indicating pitch range.

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110

37

38

39

f

A musical score in G major (indicated by a treble clef and a 'G' in the key signature) and common time (indicated by a 'C'). The melody consists of eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note groups. A dynamic marking 'f' (fortissimo) is placed above the staff. The notes are primarily black, with some white notes appearing as grace notes or specific rhythmic patterns.

Begin to go slowly higher in range until you reach your highest range

Begin to go slowly higher in range until you reach your highest range

f

Begin to go slowly higher in range until you reach your highest range

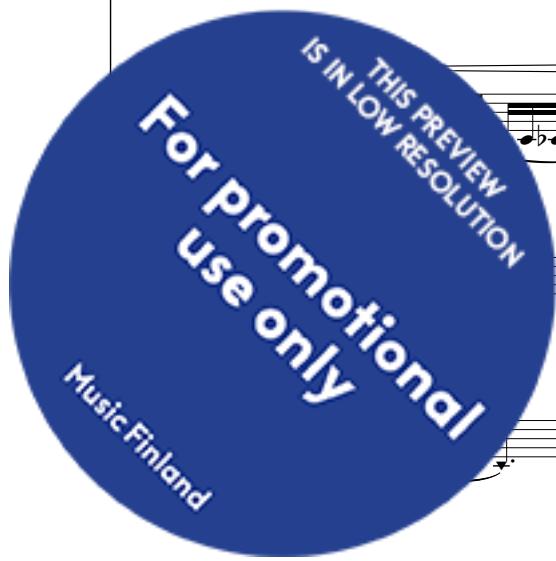
...goes slowly higher in range until you reach your highest range.

f

8

A musical score for a six-string guitar. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (indicated by a '4'). The measure starts with a bass clef and an 8th note. The first seven measures consist of two eighth-note pairs per measure, separated by vertical bar lines. The eighth measure begins with a dynamic marking 'f' (fortissimo) above the staff. The ninth measure continues the eighth-note pairs. The score ends with a final eighth-note pair in the tenth measure.

*Improvisate fast patterns (random rhythm, pitches and slurs) within the given range.
Improvisate text (gibberish), mainly consisting of vowels combined with m, so that it sounds almost like mumbling*



38 112 \flat

ff

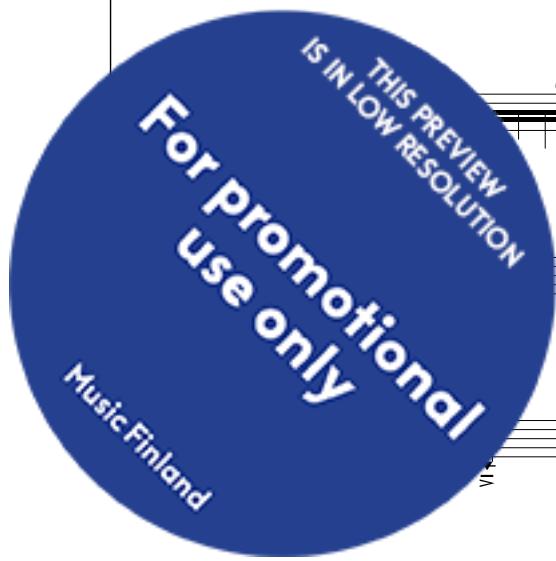
Start singing uglier and uglier

Start singing uglier and uglier

[Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku]

[Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku]

[Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku] [Wu - ku]



L
 40 117 *ffff* *ppp*

The sheet music consists of ten staves of sixteenth-note patterns. The first staff starts with a dynamic of *ffff*. The second staff starts with a dynamic of *ppp*. The lyrics are repeated in each staff: [Wu-ku], [ku-Wu]. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp.



