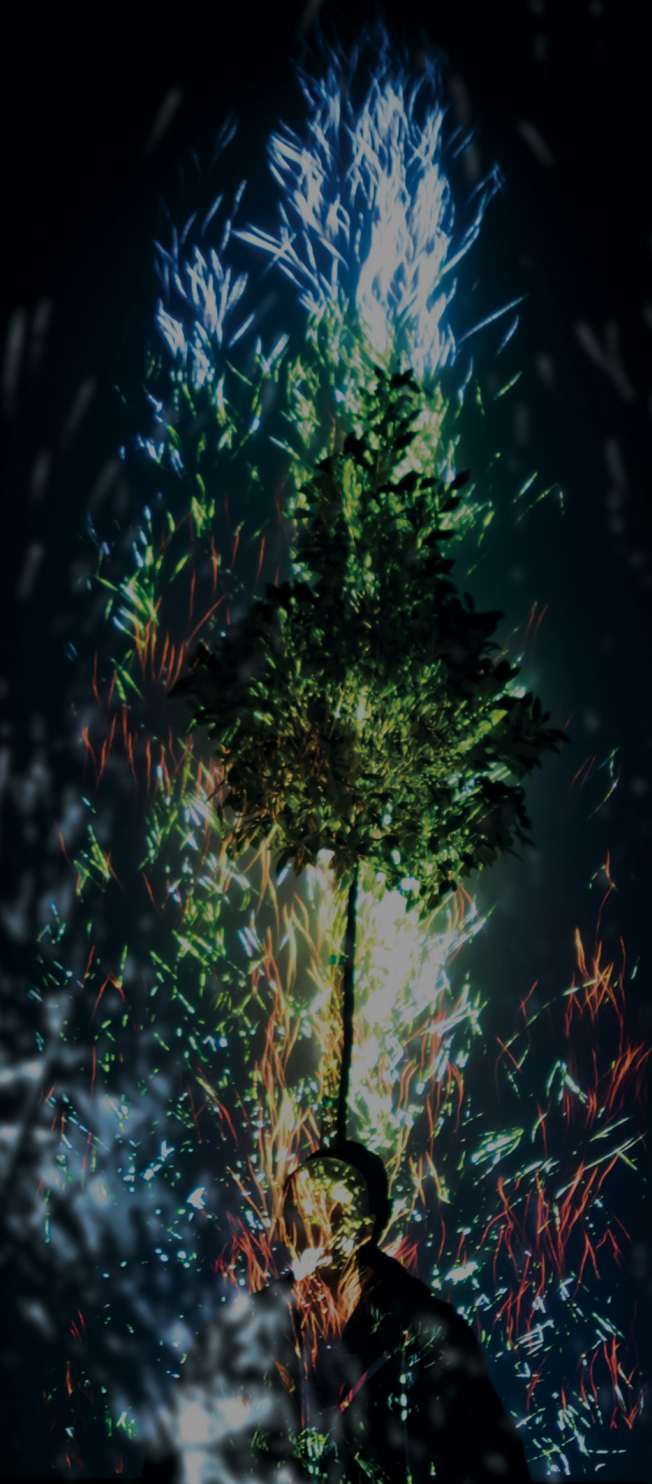


Jaco Wong

Psithaura

For Sixteen-Part Mixed Chorus



Psithaura

For Sixteen-Part Mixed Chorus

*“But where danger is, grows
The saving power also.”*

Psithurism

— (n.) the sound of wind through trees

Trees and humans have coexisted on this planet for millennia in mutualistic relationships, but in recent times the weakening of humans spiritual connection to nature paired with the over commodification of natural resources has led to an imbalance in the global ecosystem, therefore humans must reconnect to nature in a meaningful way in order to survive.

Performance Notes

Musical changes should be subtle in order to avoid individual abrupt events, thus creating an evolution of sonic atmospheres.

The time signature merely serves as a guide for synchronization; no particular beats in the measure should be emphasized.

Intended to loop during an installation, the entire work may be repeated ad lib. in concert performances.

Syllables are notated in International Phonetic Alphabets.

Psithaura

For Sixteen-Part Mixed Chorus

Jaco Wong

A "danger"
♩ = 60

1 **ppp*
m/n

2 **ppp*
m/n

3 **ppp*
m/n

4 **ppp*
m/n

1 **ppp*
m/n

2 **ppp*
m/n

3 **ppp*
m/n

4 **ppp*
m/n

1 **ppp* *pp*
m/n u

2 **ppp*
m/n

3 **ppp*
m/n

4 **ppp*
m/n

1 **ppp* *pp*
m/n u

2 **ppp*
m/n

3 **ppp*
m/n

4 **ppp*
m/n

*alternate between [m] and [n] with mouth closed;
lowest possible note

B

The musical score is divided into four systems, each representing a different vocal part: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). Each system contains four staves, numbered 1 to 4. The Soprano system uses a soprano clef (C1), the Alto system uses an alto clef (C3), the Tenor system uses a tenor clef (C4), and the Bass system uses a bass clef (F1). The piano accompaniment is shown in the bottom system, with staves 1 and 2 in treble clef and staves 3 and 4 in bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and dynamic markings like *pp* (pianissimo). The lyrics 'u' are written below the vocal staves, indicating the vocal line. The piano part features complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth notes, and is marked with *pp* in the second system.

The image displays a musical score for a vocal ensemble consisting of Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B) voices, accompanied by piano (piano). The score is written for 13 measures, with the final measure marked with a 'C' time signature.

Vocal Parts:

- Soprano (S):** The vocal line is mostly silent, with a final measure containing a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking and a vocal line starting with a half note G4, followed by a slur over a half note G4 and a half note A4, with the lyrics "lu...lu...lu..." underneath.
- Alto (A):** The vocal line is mostly silent, with a final measure containing a half note G4.
- Tenor (T):** The vocal line features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) in measures 1, 5, and 9, followed by a half note G4. The lyrics "u" are written below the notes in measures 1, 5, and 9.
- Bass (B):** The vocal line features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes (G3, A3, B3) in measures 1, 5, and 9, followed by a half note G3. The lyrics "u" are written below the notes in measures 1, 5, and 9.

Piano Accompaniment:

- The piano part is written for four staves (1, 2, 3, 4) in treble and bass clefs.
- Measures 1, 5, and 9 feature a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes (G3, A3, B3) in the left hand, with the lyrics "u" written below the notes.
- The piano part includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like *pp* (pianissimo) and *pp* (pianissimo).

19

S

1 *pp* *lu...lu...lu...*

2 *pp* *lu...lu...lu...* *p sim.* *lu...lu...lu...*

3 *p sim.* *lu...lu...lu...*

4 *pp* *lu...lu...lu...* *p sim.* *lu...lu...lu...*

A

1

2

3

4

T

1 *3* *u* *gradually change vowel* *3* *u*

2 *8* *u* *gradually change vowel* *u*

3 *8* *(m/n)* *pp* *3* *u*

4 *8* *(m/n)*

B

1 *3* *u* *3* *u*

2 *gradually change vowel* *u* *y* *p* *y*

3 *3* *u* *gradually change vowel* *3* *u*

4 *(m/n)*

25 *p* *sim.* *mp* *mp* *mf*

1 *lu...lu...lu...* *o* *o*

2 *mp* *o*

3 *mp* *lo...lo...lo...* *mf*

4 *mp* *lo...lo...lo...*

1 *mp* *lo...lo...lo...*

2 *mp* *lo...lo...lo...* *mf sim.* *lo...lo...lo...*

3

4

1 *p* *y* *y* *y*

2 *p* *y* *y*

3 *u* *u* *gradually change vowel*

4 *(m/n)*

1 *gradually change vowel* *u* *y* *y* *p*

2 *y* *y*

3 *y* *y*

4 *(m/n)* *pp* *gradually change vowel* *u* *y*

S

A

T

B

31

S

1 *mf* *mp* *mp* *lo...lo...lo...*

2 *mf* *mp* *lo...lo...lo...*

3 *mp* *lo...lo...lo...*

4 *mf* *mp* *lo...lo...lo...*

A

1 *mf* *mp* *lo...lo...lo...*

2 *mp* *lo...lo...lo...*

3

4

T

1 *mp* *gradually change vowel* *y* *i* *i*

2 *mp* *y* *i* *i*

3 *p* *y* *y*

4 *pp* *gradually change vowel* *u* *y* *y* *y*

B

1 *mp* *y* *i* *i*

2 *mp* *i* *i*

3 *mp* *y* *i* *i*

4 *p* *y* *y* *i*

D

[illegible]

43

S

1 *ff* ϵ 3

2 *ff* ϵ

3 *ff* ϵ

4 *ff* ϵ

A

1 *ff* ϵ ϵ

2 *ff* ϵ 3

3 *ff* ϵ

4 *ff* ϵ

T

1 *f* ϵ 3 ϵ

2 *f* ϵ ϵ

3 *mf* ϵ ϵ *f* ϵ

4 *mf* ϵ 3 ϵ *f* ϵ

B

1 *f* ϵ ϵ

2 *f* ϵ ϵ

3 *f* ϵ ϵ

4 *mf* ϵ 3 ϵ

E

The musical score is for the song "The Rose Tree" and is divided into three systems, each with four staves. The first system is for Soprano (S), the second for Alto (A), the third for Tenor (T), and the fourth for Bass (B). The vocal parts are written in treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like *f* (forte) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). There are also performance instructions in Italian, such as "gradually transition to aspirate tone" and "exhale from vowel shape indicated". The score is marked with a box containing the letter 'F' in the top right corner. The piece begins at measure 49.

[illegible]

G "uttered"

61

S

1 *mf* gradually transition to aspirate tone *p* exhale from vowel shape indicated gradually change vowel shape

2 gradually change vowel shape *a* → *o*

3 gradually change vowel shape *a* → *o*

4 *a* → *o*

A

1 gradually change vowel shape *a* → *o*

2 *mf* gradually transition to aspirate tone *p* exhale from vowel shape indicated → *u*

3 *a* → *o* gradually change vowel

4 *mf* gradually transition to aspirate tone *p* exhale from vowel shape indicated *a*

T

1 *p* exhale from vowel shape indicated *a*

2 gradually transition to aspirate tone *a* *p* exhale from vowel shape indicated

3 gradually transition to aspirate tone *a* exhale while gradually changing vowel shape *p*

4 gradually transition to aspirate tone *a*

B

1 *a* *mf* gradually transition to aspirate tone

2 *a* *mf* gradually transition to aspirate tone

3 *a* *mf* gradually transition to aspirate tone

4 *mf* gradually transition to aspirate tone

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The Soprano part (S) has four staves. The Alto part (A) has four staves. The Tenor part (T) has four staves. The Bass part (B) has four staves. The piano accompaniment is written in bass clef with four staves. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and dynamic markings. Annotations in the score include 'mf gradually transition to aspirate tone', 'p exhale from vowel shape indicated', and 'gradually change vowel shape'. The lyrics are 'G "uttered"'. The piano part features triplets and sustained notes.

[illegible]

73

S

1

2

3

4

A

1

2

3

4

T

1

2

3

4

B

1

2

3

4

This musical score page contains measures 73 through 78 for four vocal parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). Each part is represented by a four-staff system. The Soprano part (S) begins in measure 73 with a half note G4, followed by a slur over a half note A4 and a half note B4, with a vowel change from 'o' to 'u' indicated by an arrow. The Alto part (A) has whole rests in measures 73-75 and then half notes G3, F3, and E3 in measures 76-78. The Tenor part (T) begins in measure 73 with a half note G3, followed by a slur over a half note F3 and a half note E3, with a vowel change from 'o' to 'u' indicated by an arrow. The Bass part (B) has whole rests in measures 73-75 and then half notes G2, F2, and E2 in measures 76-78. The score is written in treble clef for S and T, and bass clef for A and B. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is common time (C).

79

S

1

2

3

4

A

1

2

3

4

T

1

2

3

4

B

1

2

3

4

u

u

u

o

o

u

o

gradually change vowel shape

musical score for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B) voices, measures 79-84. The score shows vocal lines with notes, rests, and vowel markings (u, o). The Soprano part has a melodic line with a slur and a vowel marking 'u'. The Alto part has a melodic line with a slur and a vowel marking 'o'. The Tenor part has a melodic line with a slur and a vowel marking 'u'. The Bass part has a melodic line with a slur and a vowel marking 'o'. The score includes a rehearsal mark 79 and a tempo marking 'gradually change vowel shape'.

85 *gradually close mouth*

1 *u* *m*

2 *u*

3

4

S

1

2 *ppp*
vocal fry

3 *ppp*
vocal fry

4 *u*

A

1 *u*

2 *ppp*
vocal fry

3 *ppp*
vocal fry

4 *u*

T

1 *u*

2 *gradually change vowel shape*
o *u*

3

4

B

1

2

3

4

The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). Each voice part consists of four staves. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score begins at measure 85. The Soprano part starts with a half note 'u' in measure 85, followed by a half note 'm' in measure 86, with a slur indicating a 'gradually close mouth' transition. The Alto part has a half note 'm' in measure 86, followed by a half note 'u' in measure 87, with a slur indicating a 'gradually change vowel shape' transition. The Tenor part has a half note 'u' in measure 85, followed by a half note 'm' in measure 86, with a slur indicating a 'gradually change vowel shape' transition. The Bass part has a half note 'u' in measure 85, followed by a half note 'm' in measure 86, with a slur indicating a 'gradually change vowel shape' transition. The score includes several instances of 'ppp vocal fry' and 'vocal fry' markings. The score ends at measure 90.

91

S

1

2

3

4

gradually close mouth

u → m

pp

η

pp

η

η

A

1

2

3

4

pp gradually from vocal fry to solid tone; approx. pitch

gliss.

pp gradually from vocal fry to solid tone; approx. pitch

gliss.

sim.

sim.

u

u

T

1

2

3

4

pp gradually from vocal fry to solid tone; approx. pitch

gliss.

sim.

m

m

u

pp vocal fry

pp vocal fry

pp vocal fry

pp vocal fry

B

1

2

3

4

pp vocal fry

pp vocal fry

pp vocal fry

pp vocal fry

[illegible]

103 *mf* gradually from vocal fry to solid tone; approx. pitch *gliss.* *sim.* **I "rain"** *f* only vocal tone, no fry

S

1 *mf* gradually from vocal fry to solid tone; approx. pitch *gliss.* *sim.* *f* only vocal tone, no fry

2 *mf* gradually from vocal fry to solid tone; approx. pitch *gliss.* *sim.*

3 *mf* gradually from vocal fry to solid tone; approx. pitch *gliss.* *sim.*

4 *mf*

A

1 *mf*

2 *mf*

3 *mf*

4 *mf*

T

1 *mf*

2 *mf*

3 *mf*

4 *mf*

B

1 *mf*

2 *mf*

3 *mf*

4 *mf*

Vocal notation for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B) parts, measures 103-107. The score includes dynamic markings (*mf*, *f*), articulation (*gliss.*, *sim.*), and phrasing slurs. The lyrics "rain" are indicated in measure 105. The notation shows various vocal techniques, including vocal fry, solid tone, and glissando.

109

S

1 *mf*

2 *f* only vocal tone, no fry

3 *f* only vocal tone, no fry

4 *f*

A

1 *f*

2 *f* only vocal tone, no fry

3 *f* only vocal tone, no fry

4 *f*

T

1 *f* only vocal tone, no fry

2 *f*

3 *f* only vocal tone, no fry

4 *f* only vocal tone, no fry

B

1 *f* only vocal tone, no fry

2 *f*

3 *f*

4 *f*

Vocal notation for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B) parts, measures 109-113. The notation includes vocal lines with notes, rests, and dynamic markings (*f*, *mf*). The Soprano part includes the instruction "only vocal tone, no fry". The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts also include the instruction "only vocal tone, no fry". The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

121

S

1 *mf*

2 *mf*

3 *mf* mo...mo...mo...

4 ε

A

1 ε

2 *p*

3 *p*

4 *f* ma...ma...ma... *f* ma...ma...ma... *f* ma...ma...ma...

T

1 *p*

2 *f*

3 *p*

4 *p*

B

1 *p*

2 *f*

3 *f*

4 *f*

B

K

133

S

1 *ff* *a* *æ* *a*

2 *a* *æ* *æ*

3 *ma...ma...ma...* *mae...mae...mae...* *mae...mae...mae...*

4 *a* *æ* *æ*

A

1 *ma...ma...ma...* *mae...mae...mae...* *mae...mae...mae...*

2 *æ* *æ*

3 *f* *a* *æ* *æ*

4 *ma...ma...ma...* *mae...mae...mae...* *mae...mae...mae...*

T

1 *f* *a* *æ* *æ*

2 *a* *æ* *æ* *a*

3 *ma...ma...ma...* *mae...mae...mae...* *mae...mae...mae...* *ma...ma...ma...*

4 *a* *æ* *æ* *a*

B

1 *æ* *æ* *a*

2 *a* *æ* *æ*

3 *a* *æ* *a*

4 *æ* *æ* *a*

mf

139

L "dwell"

S

1 *f* *a* *f* *a*

2 *f* *a* *a* *a*

3 *f* *a* *a* *a*

4 *f* *a* *a* *a*

A

1 *f* *a* *a* *a* *ma...ma...ma...*

2 *f* *a* *a* *a* *ma...ma...ma...*

3 *f* *a* *a* *a* *ma...ma...ma...*

4 *f* *a* *a* *a* *ma...ma...ma...*

T

1 *mf* *a* *a* *a* *a*

2 *mf* *a* *a* *a* *a*

3 *mf* *a* *a* *a* *a* *ma...ma...ma...*

4 *mf* *a* *a* *a* *a* *ma...ma...ma...*

B

1 *mf* *a* *a* *a* *a*

2 *mf* *a* *a* *a* *a* *p*

3 *mf* *a* *a* *a* *a* *p*

4 *p* *a* *a* *a* *a*

145

S

1 *a* *a* *a* *mf*

2 *a* *a*

3 *a* *mf*

4 *a* *mf*

A

1 *ma...ma...ma...* *a* *mf*

2 *a* *a* *a*

3 *a* *a*

4 *ma...ma...ma...* *a* *mf*

T

1 *p* *a*

2 *p* *a*

3

4 *p* *a*

B

1 *p* *a*

2

3

4

151

S

1 *mf* *p* **M**

2 *a* *a* *a*

3 *a* *a* *a*

4 *a* *a* *a*

A

1 *a* *a* *a*

2 *a* *a* *a*

3 *mf* *a* *a* *a*

4 *a* *a* *a*

T

1 *fp* *improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple* *dwε...wε..wε...*

2 *fp* *improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple* *dwε...wε..wε...*

3

4

B

1

2

3

4

[illegible]

163

S

1 ...wa...wa...wa...

2 ...wa...wa...wa...

3 *fp* improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple
dwe...we..we...

4 *fp* improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple
dwe...we..we...

A

1 *p*
a

2 *p*
a

3 *p*
a

4 *p*
a

T

1

2

3 *fp*
dwa...wa...wa...

4 *fp*
dwe...we..we...

B

1 *fp* improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple
dwe...we..we...

2 *fp* improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple
dwe...we..we...

3

4

169

S

1 

2 

3  *ppp*
m/n

4  *ppp*
m/n

...wə...wə...wə...

A

1  *fp* improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple
dwε...wε...wε...

2  *fp* improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple
dwε...wε...wε...

3  *fp* improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple
dwε...wε...wε...

4  *p*
a

...wə...wə...wə...

T

1  *fp*
dwə...wə...wə...

2  *fp*
dwə...wə...wə...

3 

4  *fp*
dwa...wa...wa...

B

1 

2  *fp*
dwə...wə...wə...

3  *fp* improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple
dwε...wε...wε...

4  *fp* improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple
dwε...wε...wε...

...wə...wə...wə...

ppp
m/n

...wə...wə...wə...

fp improvise rhythm to imitate water ripple
dwε...wε...wε...

[illegible]



www.jacowong.com