

**Cornelius Cardew (1931-1981), *The Great Learning*, Paragraph 7**  
**- SCORE -**

----->	sing 8	IF
	sing 5	THE ROOT
	sing 13 (f3)	BE IN CONFUSION
	sing 6	NOTHING
	sing 5 (f1)	WILL
	sing 8	BE
	sing 8	WELL
	sing 7	GOVERNED
	hum 7	
----->	sing 8	THE SOLID
	sing 8	CANNOT BE
	sing 9 (f2)	SWEPT AWAY
	sing 8	AS
	sing 17 (f1)	TRIVIAL
	sing 6	AND
	sing 8	NOR
	sing 8	CAN
	sing 17 (f1)	TRASH
	sing 8	BE ESTABLISHED AS
	sing 9 (f2)	SOLID
	sing 5 (f1)	IT JUST
	sing 4	DOES NOT
	sing 6 (f1)	HAPPEN
	hum 3 (f2)	
----->	speak 1	MISTAKE NOT CLIFF FOR MORASS AND TREACHEROUS BRAMBLE

**NOTATION**

-----> The leader gives a signal and all enter concertedly at the same moment. The second of these signals is optional; those wishing to observe it should gather to the leader and choose a new note and enter just as at the beginning (see below).

“Sing 9 (f2) SWEPT AWAY” means: sing the words “SWEPT AWAY” on a length-of-a-breath note (syllables freely disposed) nine times; the same note each time; of the nine notes two (any two) should be loud, the rest soft. After each note take in breath and sing again.

“Hum 7” means: hum a length-of-a-breath note seven times; the same note each time; all soft.

“Speak 1” means: speak the given words in steady tempo all together, in a low voice, once (follow the leader).

**PROCEDURE**

Each chorus member chooses his or her own note (silently) for the first line (“IF” eight times). All enter together on the leader’s signal. For each subsequent line choose a note that you can hear being sung by a colleague. It may be necessary to move to within earshot of certain notes. The note, once chosen, must be carefully retained. Time may be taken over the choice. If there is no note, or only the note you have just been singing, or only a note or notes that you are unable to sing, choose your note for the next line freely. Do not sing the same note on two consecutive lines.

Each singer progresses through the text at his own speed. Remain stationary for the duration of a line; move around only between lines.

All must have completed “hum 3 (f2)” before the signal for the last line is given. At the leader’s discretion this last line may be omitted.