

The Great Learning, paragraph 7

→ 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) SWEEP 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) SWEEP AWAY" means: sing the words "SWEEP 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 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.