

W A L T E R Z I M M E R M A N N

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**Vom Nutzen des Lassens
1981 - 1984
nach Meister Eckart**

**Epilog :
SELBSTVERGESSEN**

**für Sprechstimme mit obligaten Klängen
(Ein - beliebig viele Spieler)**

Walter Zimmermann

SELBSTVERGESSEN

SELF-FORGETTING

Version for the Merce Cunningham Dance Company (1991) for 4 players/singers.

One to four voice[s] trained or untrained, sung and/or whispered [1-4 ad lib.] violin [1] (g string to f), bandoneon [2], glassharmonica [3], cow bells [4] (with soft sticks) and live electronic processing of the sound decays. Words by MEISTER ECKHART (13th century)

The piece is to be played such that each participating musician realizes his own tempo around ($\text{♩} \equiv 60$) without coordination with any other musician. The result will be an involuntary heterophony, which is not moving away too far from the pulse. No canonic situations should emerge, rather a constant flux between the parts like pre- or after-echoes should arise. This oscillating flux of the pitches should allow to perceive this "Not yet" and "Not anymore" which is SELFFORGETTING. A state of mind where one cannot focus on the self, mirrored in the unfocused progression of the pitches. The voices are intonating words by Meister Eckhart which are put in a non grammatical order via a magic square of the 12th order and consist only of prime numbers. The players / singers don't have to intonate all the words and are free to choose the words they like so sing / whisper etc. together with their playing of the Pitches. Also the players are free to omit pitches, so that each player finds his own material: independent of the other, to avoid any fixed canons. ~~The~~ double stops cannot be played one can choose either pitch, preferable the harmonically more complex one. Since the piece as it is progressing is getting denser an allover ritardando is recommended. The end at page 13 should become a coordination point with the word "Bewegung" (movement), which allows the last phrase to be played in an unfocused "unisono".

The graphic time/space distribution of the words of MEISTER ECKHART could also serve the dancers for choreographic decisions.

Walter Zimmermann was born in Schwabach in 1949, and studied in Germany, Holland and the USA. In 1975 he travelled around the USA, recording conversations with 23 composers, which are reproduced in his book "Desert Plants". In 1976 he made a number of recordings of folk music, including music from his native Franconia, which provided the basic material for his cycle "Lokale Musik". In 1977 he founded the Beginner Studies in Cologne, which presented regular concerts of new music. During 1987 he lived in Rome and he now lives in Frankfurt. 1989 Schneider Schott Preis, 1990 Prix Italia. Composition Cycles: (selected) Beginner's mind, Lokale Musik, Vom Nutzen des Lassens, Sternwanderung, Wüstenwanderung, Residua; Music Theatre: Die Blinden, Über die Dörfer, Hyperion.

VOM NUTZEN DES LASSENS EPILOG: - 1985/1991 - WALTER ZIMMERMANN

① SELBSTVERGEHEN für Singstimme mit obligatorischen Instrumenten

6b (langs) [flexible Dauern, vom mathematischen Spannungszyklus aus der Worte abhängig]

VOICE

INSTRUMENT

GERMAN: NICHT NOT
ENGLISH: FOR HINDERS

WEISE WAY DIE THE DINGE OR HINDERN
DENN HINDERT DICH YOURSELF VIELMEHR BIST RATHER ARE
DU DICH VERKEHRT FIRST
YOU YOURSELF WRONGLY
zu DEN LASS LET SELBST
TOWARDS THE
UND AND

DIE THE

FANG BE-

AN GIN

WAS WHAT

VERHALTST BEHAVE

DINGEN DARUM DICH DIR
THINGS THEREFORE YOURSELF YOURSELF

DINGEN DEN IN ES SELBST DU
THINGS THE IN IT SELF YOU

DAJ SCHULD IST DICH DADS
Star „Skizzenblock“ FAULT IS YOURSELF THAT BEI WITH

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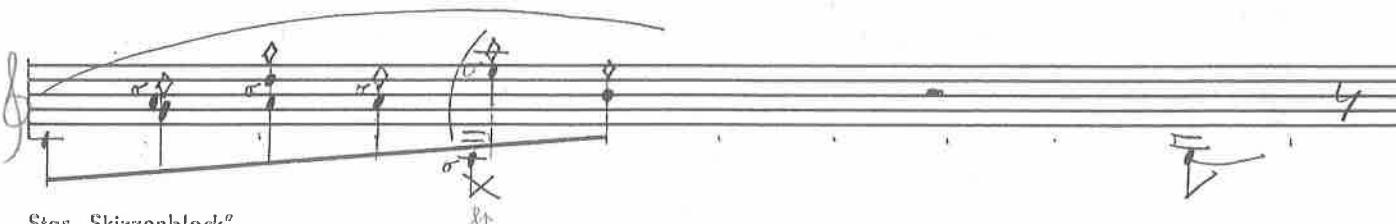
[= pizz [= arc aus halten bis 8↑ ad lib, je nach Stimmlage]

Stimme
Violine

Dempre mezzo piano



DIESE VERSION INTERPRETEN NUR DIE ZEILEN DIE MIT EINEM BEZEICHNET SIND.

NICHT
NOTSTEHEN
STANDBEI
BYALLEM
ALLDIR
youABER STEHEN SORGENVOLL
BUT STAND WORRIEDSIND BEHINDERT GENERBE
ARE HINDERED DEALINGSDINGE
THINGSDIE
WHOIHREM
THEIRDIE
THOSEDINGEN
THINGSSTEHT STAND DU
YOUIN
IN

(3)

Handwritten musical score for voice and piano, page 3.

The score consists of six staves of music with lyrics in German and English. The lyrics are as follows:

ALLE
ALL

VORFINDET
FIND

UND
AND

ODER
OR

SINNEN
SENSES

DAS IST WORIN MENGE DIE
THAT IS IN WHICH MITUDE WHICH

ALLE WERKE IHRE GEDÄCHTNIS DER KRÄFTE WILLE
ALL WORKS ITS MEMORY OF POWERS WILL

[A] DU
[A] YOU

ÜBERHAUPT DU SEELE SELBST VERNUNFT ALLE VERMÄNNIGFAU'GEN DICH
REALLY [A] YOU SOUL YOURSELF REASON ALL DIVERSIFY YOU

EINBLIDUNGS- ALLES UND ALLE
BETÄTIGUNGEN ALL AND ALL

MUSS LÄSSEN
MUST LET GO

BARUM SIE
THEREFORE THEM

ALLES
ALL

DU
YOU

UND
AND

IM HAST AUGE
IN HAVE EYE

III
[Zug]
[Zug]

DIE
WHICH

(4)

4

EDLER JE WERDEN ABGELÖST
NOBLER THE BE DETACHED

MHSS

L'ND ALLES
ARE ALL

SEELE DER
SOUL OF THE

KRÄFTE
POWERS

KRÄFTE

ZUBEHÖR
ATTACHMENTS

81 SO DIE AB VOLLIG
(THE) THE BE COMPLETELY

um STÄRKER LÖSEN SIE

THE STRONGER - TACK THEY

(5)

SOLANGE SIE HAT HAT SOLANGE BILDER NICHT NOCH EINFACHHEIT EINHEIT
AS LONG IT HAS HAS AS LONG IMAGES NOT NOR SIMPLICITY UNITY

SOLANGE AS LONG IST
DEINE SEELE YOUR SOUL SIE IT
BILDER IMAGES

SIE IT

DENN FOR

SOLANGE AS LONG

GEISTFORMUNG MENTAL

VERMITTELNDES SIE VERMITTELNDES HAT HAT SOLANGE ABER SOLANGE SIE
Star „Skizzenblock“ IT MEDIATING HAS HAS AS LONG BUT AS LONG IT
MEDIATING IT MEDIATING HAS HAS AS LONG BUT AS LONG IT
HAT HAS

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KEIN
 NO
 HINWEIST
 POINTS
 UND ZIELT EINEM ES
 AND AIMS ONESELF IT
 WEIST UND BESTÄNDIG AUF WAS
 POINTS AND CONSTANTLY AT WHICH
 IST IS
 EXTERNAL THAT (A)T
 JEMALS VON
 EVER OF
 IMPOSSIBLE YOU
 WÄRE WOULD
 DURCH BILD DENEN DAS
 THROUGH IMAGE WHOSE THAT
 DIE ES IRGENDEIN KÖNNTEST
 THE IT SOME COULD
 DURCH DASS STILLE DEN DA
 THROUGH THAT STILLNESS THE THERE
 VIELMEHR RATHER SINNE
 SELBST IST DEM VON
 OF ITSELF IS THAT OF
 VIELMEHR RATHER SINNE
 SELBST IST DEM VON
 OF ITSELF IS THAT OF
 HINWEIST
 POINTS
 NOCH ZIELT
 NOR AIMS
 IST IS
 YES IT
 MAN ONE
 KREATUREN,
 HERINGEZOGEN
 CREATURES DRAWN IN IS
 WIRD BILD IMAGE
 SEIG-AUF INNERN ZU SCHWEIGEN
 BLESSED TO ALWAYS SILENCE
 UND AND
 UND AND
 DÄHER THEREFORE
 MÜSST MÜSST
 UND AUCH
 MÜSST AND ALSO
 EIN A
 DA DA
 THERE THERE
 BILD IMAGE
 WERDEN UND
 BECOME AND

(7)

KÖNNEN WERDEN UNWISSEND DINGE VÖLLIG ALLER EIGEN VERLIEREN
COULD BECOME IGNORANT THINGS WHOLELY ALL OWN LOSE

INNEN AUCH KRÄFTE UND VERMAGST EINIGE ENTFERNST HAST ALLEN DER DU
IN - -WARD POWERS AND CAN ZIEHEN DISTANCE HAS ALL THE YOU

KEHREN TÜRN IN EIN A ALLER UMSEO NÄHER DICH SELBST UM
TÜRN IN A ALL THE CLOSER YOUR -SELF T(HE)

DU KRÄFTE VERGEMEN ALLER DINGE MEHR FO DIE
YOU POWERS FORGET ALL THINGS MORE (T)HE WHICH

UND JE IN IN JE THE IN IN JE THE
AND THE THE THE THE THE THE

Mehr MORE

ZUR HINT IN IN VERGEMEN DEINEN
HINT IN IN FORGET YOUR

ALLE DU SEINER DU
ALL YOUR HIS HIS YOU

EINHEIT SEINE EIN UND BILDER IHRER
UNITY HIS A AND IMAGES THEIR

VON LUND JE IHREN BILDERN DINGE UND HERINGENSHABEN
FROM AND THE THEIR IMAGES THINGS AND TOOK IN

BLICHT DEN KREATUREN UND AUE UND ENTNEICHEN MENSCH SINNEN DICSEM BLICHT FOLLE
YOURSELF THE CREATURES AND ALL AND ESCAPE [A] MAN SENSES THIS ARE SHOULD

DU DU DAS GÄT UM WISSEN DU EMPFÄNGLICHER KÖNNEN GEANGEN UND
Star "Skizzenblock" THE EVEN OF KNOWLEDGE YOU RECEPTIVE COULD REACH AND

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Handwritten musical score with lyrics in German and English. The score consists of six staves of music with various notes and rests. Red ink is used to highlight specific words and musical markings. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Staff 1:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Tempo: 81 BPM
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: VERBERGEN HIDE

Staff 2:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: ALLE ALL UND AND HÖREN HEAR MAN'S ONES) DA THERE KANN CAN ES IT

Staff 3:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: KRÄFTE POWERS SO THEN WITH SHOWS AND SCHWEIGEN SILENCE VOR FROM

Staff 4:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: SEINE RECHT EINEM muss HIS JUST A must NICHTS STILLE INNERES Nothing STILLNESS INNER MIT DER WITH THE

Staff 5:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: ER A EIN MANN VERGESSEN IN EINER WINDEL SEINER SEELE ONE FORGETTING IN A CORNER HIS SOUL

Staff 6:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: WIRKEN MUSS DABEI man's und dort AND FORMEN NICHTS UND BILDERN SOLL EFFECT MUST IN DOING ONE(S) AND THERE AND FORMS NON-KNOWING AND IMAGES SHALL

Staff 7:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: SCHWEIGEN KANNRECHT KANN WORTE IN WO EIN UND DIESES WORD SILENCE CAN JUST CAN WORDS IN WHERE A AND THIS WORD

Staff 8:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: EINZIEHEN IN IN UND ES A EINEN WERDEN IN GEHÖRT HEARD

Staff 9:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: GESCHEHEN ER D'EVEM ER SOLL WIRKEN DIENLICHER ALS SEIN MENSCH STILLE HAPPEN HE THIS HE SHALL WORK USEFUL THAN BE MAN STILLNESS

Staff 10:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: JENEM VERSTEH WIE NICHTS WEISS WERK DA SICH WENN THAT UNDERSTANDS AS NOTHING KNOWS WORK THERE ITSELF WHEN

Staff 11:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: IN UNWISSEN WO MAN SICH OFFENBART REVEALS IN IGNORANCE WHERE ONE

Staff 12:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F#
- Lyrics: KOMMEN COME

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so bieren IN EIN MENSCH NIE GEFUNDEN ER
 so this IN A MAN NEVER FIND HE

MÜSSTE HÄTE SICH
 MUST WOULD HIMSELF

Mehr
MoreMUSST
MUSTWISSEN
KNOW

NICHT
NOT

LASSEN
LET GONOCH
STILL

LEBEN WEITGEHEND HAT GELAUFEN ER DASS NOCH DASS S'AT
 Star "Skizzenblock"
 LIFE FAR-(REACHING) HAS LET GO HE THAT YET THAT HIMSELF

DU
 YOU

Handwritten musical score with lyrics in German and English.

Top System:

AND IST DER GELASSEN
AND IS THAT NON-ATTACHED

BER.
THE

Second System:

DER ALLEN MEHR NUR SELBST
WHO ALONE MORE ONLY -SELF

WAS WHICH

Third System:

MENSCH UND EINEN AUGENBLICK
MAN AND ONE MOMENT

BLEIBT REMAINS

HAT HAS

BENÄHIG RESISTANT

Fourth System:

GELASSEN
NON-ATTACHED

Fifth System:

IST SIEHT LOOKS

UNWANDELBAR UND
UNCHANGEABLE AND

SICH IN HIM IN

UND AND

NIEMALS NEVER

AUF DAS UNBEGEGT
AT THAT UNMOVED

GELASSEN LET GO

Sixth System:

HAT GELASSEN DER
HAS LET GO WHO

MENSCH MAN

ER HE

M

Handwritten musical score with lyrics in German and English.

Top Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Several quarter notes followed by a half note, then a whole note with a sharp sign, then another half note.
- Text: "AUS OUT"

Second Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Quarter notes, then a half note, then a whole note with a sharp sign, then another half note.
- Text: "WILLEN SAKE"

Third Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Several quarter notes.

Fourth Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Quarter notes, then a half note, then a whole note with a sharp sign, then another half note.
- Text: "BEIDEN SO 1ST VÖLL'G D'R SEUBST HERAUS
BOTH SO IS WHOLLY YOURSELF OUT (OF)"

Fifth Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Quarter notes, then a half note, then a whole note with a sharp sign, then another half note.
- Text: "DEINERFÜLLEN DENE WENN DAS SEUBST SICH VÖLL'G BLEIBT GOTT GEHT
YOUR SAKE THESE WHEN THAT YOURSELF HIM WHOLLY REMAINS GOD GOES"

Sixth Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Quarter notes, then a half note, then a whole note with a sharp sign, then another half note.
- Text: "HERAUS OUT OF WAS E'INFÄNGES DA UM EINS
OUT OF WHICH UNITARY THERE FOR ONE"

Seventh Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Quarter notes, then a half note, then a whole note with a sharp sign, then another half note.
- Text: "HERAUSGEHEN GO OUT OF AUS OUT SO SO
GO OUT OF OUT OUT OUT OUT"

Eighth Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Quarter notes, then a half note, then a whole note with a sharp sign, then another half note.
- Text: "UM FÖR GEN GÖTTES
FOR GEN GOD'S"

Ninth Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Quarter notes, then a half note, then a whole note with a sharp sign, then another half note.
- Text: "Doppelfragezeichen GO GEN
DOPPELFRAGEZEICHEN GO GEN"

Tenth Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Quarter notes, then a half note, then a whole note with a sharp sign, then another half note.
- Text: "GÖTTES GOD'S

Eleventh Staff:

- Key signature: F major (one sharp)
- Time signature: Common time (indicated by 'C')
- Notes: Quarter notes, then a half note, then a whole note with a sharp sign, then another half note.
- Text: "EIN A"

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STEHE STAND

DO AS ODER JAHREN Ewigkeit JAHR THOUSAND Dieser THIS

ZÄHLEN Ewigkeit COUNT ETERNITY ICH IST DEM OVER OR

ALS THAN DER THAT TAG DAY DER THE VOR AGO

NICHT NOT IN IN DER WAR TAG THOUSAND THE

DER THE IN JAHREN YEARS DER WAS DAY THOUSAND

ENTFERNTER FURTHER ZEITPUNKT TIME-POINT JETZT STEHE EBEN AUCH ALSO

KOMMEN COME WEIT FAR IN IN DER THE

KANNST WIRD DER IST NACH AFTER ZEITPUNKT ALS TIME-POINT THAN

JETZT ICH EBEN IN IN

(13)

Handwritten musical score page 13. The top staff shows a melodic line with various note heads and rests. Below the staff, lyrics are written in German and English: "ALLER VON RUHE FRE'SEIN" and "ALL OF CALMNESS BEING FREE". The music continues on subsequent staves, with the number "4" appearing above the fourth staff.

Continuation of the musical score from page 13, showing a melodic line on a staff.

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