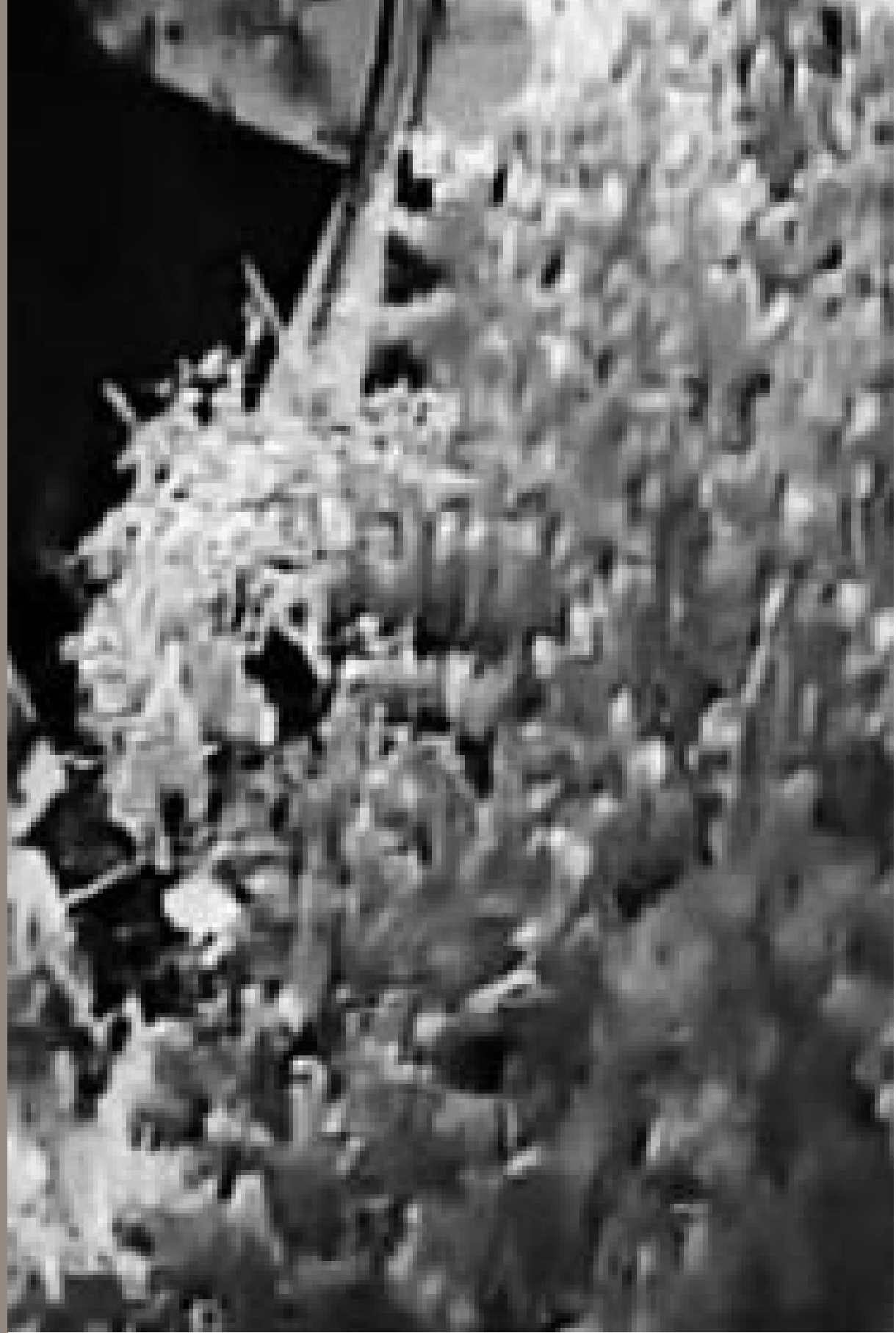


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**The Soft
Menagerie**

**Escalier
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The Soft Menagerie
For Dan

For three singers
with objects

Duration ca. 10'

This piece consists of four songs:

1. The Crocodile
2. The Owl
3. The Rabbit
4. The Horse

The performers should fan out in the space, with Sarah positioned to the left, Daniel in the centre and Truike to the right.

In addition to a music stand, each performer will need a small table or percussion stand for their objects.

Objects: Sarah should be equipped with two rocks, and an assortment of rubbish – plastic cups, food packaging, paper, aluminum foil, paper bags etc. Daniel should be equipped with a piece of chalk and a small chalkboard (the kind which can be held in the hands), and 4 or 5 pieces of cloth, ca. 30 cm by 30 cm square. Truike should be equipped with 5 or 6 pages of newspaper.

The Soft Menagerie
2. The Owl

Sarah and Truike: Sing all pitches on ›a‹ as in ›had‹. Beautiful tone, senza vibrato. If a pitch has a ›V‹ above it sing while inhaling, otherwise sing normally.

Sarah: Sing a very slight quarter-tone sharp from time to time.

Daniel: Bars 1 to 20, speak the text shown, gently & full of good nature. Start ca. two beats after Sarah and Truike begin singing each time. Bar 23 to the end: Write the text of ›The Owl & the Pussycat‹ on your chalkboard.

The text is taken from two sources – the refrain from Alfred Noyes' ›Daddy Fell into the Pond‹ and Edward Lear's ›The Owl & the Pussycat‹. Slashes indicate a switch from one poem to the other, or a switch to a different part of the same poem. Modality: out-of-sequence sound clips from someone reading a story to a child in a very sing-song voice, slightly muted, as if the audience is listening at the door of the bedroom.

Tempo: ♩ = 76

Sarah
mf
a a a a a a a a

Daniel
(spoken, mf) fell into the pond! Then hand in hand, on the
Daddy fell into / They edge of the / There in
danced by the light of the wood a Piggy-wig
the moon

Truike
mf
a a a a a a a a

6
mf
a a a a a a a a

Daddy fell into the pond! Then Daddy hand in hand, on the
fell into the the moon, they
danced

mf
a a a a a a a a

Zwei britische Geschwister, Bruder und Schwester, starben bei einem Flugzeugabsturz in Florida, als das von ihr gesteuerte Flugzeug abstürzte. Die amerikanische Polizei gab an, den Absturzort mithilfe des Mobilfunksignals ausfindig gemacht zu haben. Carly Beattie, 21, flog gemeinsam mit ihrem Bruder Daniel, 24, in einer Cessna 152, als diese über einer Waldfläche in der Nähe des Blue Cypress Sees abstürzte.

Die Polizeiwache von Indian River County berichtete: »Um ca. 20 Uhr am Donnerstag erreichte die Polizeiwache von Brevard County die Meldung über ein vermisstes Flugzeug des Modells Cessna 152, das um ca. 10 Uhr morgens vom Flugplatz Space Coast Aviation aufgebrochen und nicht planmäßig zurückgekehrt war. Der Flug war auf eine Dauer von drei Stunden angesetzt und von der 21-jährigen Flugschülerin Carly Beattie und ihrem 24-jährigen Bruder Daniel Beattie gechartert worden. Die Geschwister und ihre Eltern waren zu Besuch aus Schottland und hielten sich auf Merritt Island auf.

Die Polizeiwache des Indian River County und das NTSB (Nationales Verkehrssicherheitsamt) werden die Ermittlung des Absturzortes durchführen.«

Eine Sprecherin des britischen Außenministeriums sagte: »Wir können den Tod zweier britischer Staatsbürger bei einem Flugzeugabsturz in Florida am 9. Juni bestätigen.«

A British brother and sister have died in a plane crash in Florida when the aircraft she was flying crashed. Police in America said the plane crash site was located by tracing a mobile phone signal. Carly Beattie, 21, was flying in a Cessna 152 with her brother Daniel, 24, when it crashed in a wooded area near Blue Cypress Lake.

The statement from Indian River County Sheriff's Office said: »At approximately 8 pm on Thursday the Brevard County Sheriff's Office received a report of an overdue Cessna 152 airplane that departed from Space Coast Aviation at approximately 10 am and failed to return on schedule. The flight was scheduled for three hours and was chartered by a 21-year-old student pilot Carly Beattie and her 24-year-old brother Daniel Beattie. The siblings and their parents were visiting from Scotland and staying in Merritt Island.

The Indian River County Sheriff's Office and the NTSB (National Transportation Safety Board) will be conducting the crash site follow-up investigation.«

A spokeswoman for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office said: »We can confirm the deaths of two British nationals in Florida following a plane crash on the June 9.«

For Dan

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