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Side Slights

for four toy pianos

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Program Note

a scream is needed
when
a soft voice is ignored
so
social deafness invites screams
but
there are those voices
exhausted by the continuing existence of social behaviors that ought
to have vanished two hundred years ago
those voices
that have almost given up
that have almost resigned
yet for whom
the whispers of misery are a daily command to subservience
those whispers
ought to incite in us
an ear-fold sensitivity
those whispers
ought to cause our pinnae to vibrate with unease
and so give us the gift of hearing
this composition
for four insignificant toys
barely audible
parallels this dynamic
so that you learn how to listen
to that which you refuse to hear

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"Toy Piano I"
"Toy Piano II"
"Toy Piano III"
"Toy Piano IV"