Sentences from Montaigne

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While these pieces were conceived for a group of four solo voices, performances by larger groups are certainly possible, depending on the occasion and the prevailing acoustic. The number of singers may also vary from piece to piece within a given performance.

Tempi loosely orbit a gravitational center of 96 quarter notes per minute—some pieces more loosely than others (though the tempo within each piece should, unless otherwise indicated, remain steady). With only occasional exceptions (#17, for example), a natural and intelligible flow of the text is the goal.

Performers should feel free to select from and/or reorder the pieces as they see fit.

The voices may be amplified, or not. The voices may also be doubled by any reasonably homogeneous instrument or group of instruments (piano, organ, strings, $\mathcal{E}c.$), but voices and texts should remain in the forefront.

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subito mp, dolce

















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("With big, green-glowing emerals set in gold, and rich sea-purple dress grown shabby with wear, soaked with the sweat of Venus' games." Lucretius, *De rerum natura*, IV.1126-28.)



^{(&}quot;That man is inwardly blessed; the other's happiness is only gold-plated." Seneca, Epistulae morales, CXIX and CXV.)

















* sharp "sh" (as loud as possible)

shift p sh (as foud as possible)
stomp foot heavily
** high rolled "r" (as loud and high as possible)
\$\$ slap hand forcefully on thigh











con-found-ed his judg-ment; a-gi - ta-tion









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^{(&}quot;Fortune is like glass: just when it glitters most, it breaks." Publilius Syrus, Sententiae.)









("To think virtue is only words, and a sacred grove only firewood." Horace, *Epistles*, 1.6.31-32.)



("Bad advice is worst for the one who gives it." Aulus Gellius, Noctes Atticae, IV. 5.)





("And leaves its life in the wound." Virgil, *Georgics*, IV. 238.)

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^{(&}quot;Sinful prayers are framed in stealthy whisper." Lucan, Pharsalia, V.104-5.)

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