

#EqualPayDay in three movements

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The performers should be lined up as a typical choir in one line if possible, but in a mixed position. Everyone should have the sheet music in a black folder, either holding it or having it on a music stand.

Movement I

One person begins to reads out loud in a calm way:

“Given the continued widening of the economic gender gap, it will now not be closed for another 217 years.”

After this another one joins in, but in as a canon. Begin after the first word. When the two performers are done, a third one enters in the same way. Continue until everybody has joined in.

Ex.

1st round: Given the continued widening of the ...

2nd round: Given the continued widening of the ...
Given the continued widening of the ...

3rd round: Given the continued widening of the ...
Given the continued widening of the ...
Given the continued widening of the ...

Movement II

(Small pause between the movements.)

All performers must choose one of the comments that are to be found in “The list of comments” below. Two or more performers can have the same comment.

All read the comments out loud, and everyone should start more or less at the same time. Say it in a conversational speed. First by stating the name (it's in **bold**), then reading the text in it's full with a strong marcato on all the words that are underlined, and staccato on the words in *it-al-ic*. After a short while of reading it out in a normal voice, begin a collective crescendo. When it has reached its climax, one performer shouts “luccranberries - Bitches ain't shit” while holding his/her hands around the mouth in a circular form. The others stops as quickly as possible.

TUTTI: *mp* -----  *ff* }

ONE PERFORMER: *ff* luccranberries:....

Movement III

(Small pause between the movements.)

One performer starts to whisper “That is absolutely ridiculous that it is so lonnnnnnnggggggggg”. Everyone joins in stating the same, one by one, taking good time. Vary the tempo, from really slow to really fast, as you wish.

After some time one performer steps forward, and quickly after that the others *decrescendo al niente*. The performer says “ciao.cloud: This is fucking ridiculous”.

TUTTI: *PPP* -----  }

ONE PERFORMER: *mp* This is...

The list of comments

1. **project_brooklyn_** - The wage gap is a myth and *di-spar-i-ty* is only in rare occasions, stop complaining and start working.
2. **byddy_gene** - *hu-mans* will be gone by then
3. **thomasadams9157** - it doesn't exist. The wage gap has been debunked so many times, even most feminists have moved on from it as a talking point. This post is *in-cred-i-bly harm-ful and mis-lead-ing*.
4. **_camillecarr** - take this down.
5. **i_have_become_cup** - Men are in a lot more trouble nowadays. They have the same *po-li-ti-cal pow-er*. All of this is bs.
6. **mystic.wxlf** - I've *li-te-ra-lly* haven't seen a situation in my life where there is *un-e-qual pay*