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NUMBER STATION
(2011)

for acoustic guitar

UNSAFE BULL MUSIC

Program Notes

Number stations are mysterious transmissions over short-wave radio frequencies. A typical transmission emerges from static, may include a recording of a folk tune, and then someone speaks a string of numbers. I've been listening to recordings of these a lot recently...

Number Station

composed for Kenji Haba's "Fifteen Minutes of Fame"

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5"

"Radio Static"

Guitar



Lightly mute the strings with the left hand so that no pitches will sound. With the right hand, rapidly scratch fingernails over the strings (emphasizing the wrapped strings) while moving the hand up and down the fingerboard quickly from bridge to the muting hand and back again.

$\text{♩} = 88$

3"

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mf

$\text{♩} = 60$, natural speaking voice

repeat "static" effect while speaking

acht null eins sieben vier drei null null eins

$\text{♩} = 72$

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