

Teething Rings

For Six Yammering Players and Baby Sitter

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The Players seat themselves on the floor and begin yammering. The Baby Sitter arrives and sticks a pacifier or teething ring in each Yammerer's mouth. They quiet down. When all six are quietly pacified, the Baby Sitter begins removing the pacifying implements, which causes each unpacified Player to reyammer. By selecting, either discriminately or indiscriminately, which Player yammers, the Baby Sitter can control, sort of, the resulting sounds. Several removed pacifiers beget homophony; only one removed begets, logically enough, a solo passage. The piece ends when all the Players are reunited with their pacifiers, and then upon a cue from the Baby Sitter, the pacifying items are all expectorated in the general direction of the audience.

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