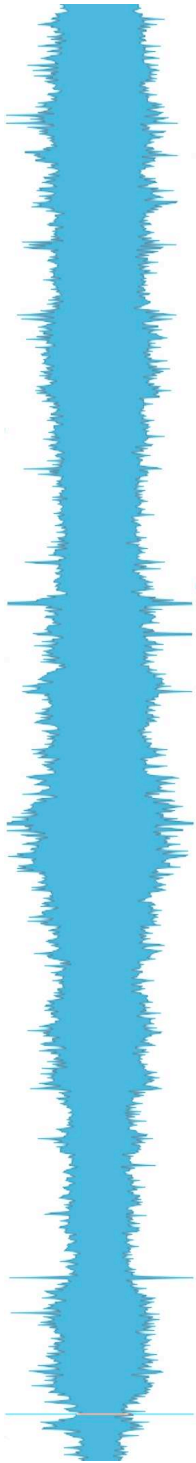


Bells Bridge Bubble

A sound walk through London¹

¹ Walk and writing performed by John Pinder with Pablo Chemor

St Mary-le-Bow – 11/09/09, 11:59



“How should we take account of, question, describe what happens everyday and recurs everyday: the banal, the quotidian, the obvious, the common, the ordinary, the infra ordinary, the background noise, the habitual

What’s needed perhaps is finally to found our anthropology, one that will speak about us, will look in ourselves for what for so long we’ve been pillaging from others not exotic any more, but the endotic

to question what seems so much a matter of course that we’ve forgotten its origins To discover something of the astonishment that Jules Verne or his readers may have felt faced with an apparatus capable of reproducing and transporting sounds

For that astonishment existed, along with thousands of others, and it’s they which have

moulded us”

Georges Perec, *Species of spaces*

This is an essay to translate what happened to us one afternoon

It is also an essay to gather collective and circulating thoughts

We took our thoughts for an afternoon walk

We roamed, loafed around, loitered, hung and lounged around

We did not plan our walk or know our route beforehand

The only thing we knew was that we were to start our walk outside

St Mary le Bow Church at 12:00

The permutations of bell ringing gave us the signal to start, and off we went

We recorded the walk as we went across and along the river and back again

We recorded surrounding sounds, ourselves moving and speaking, in an

attempt to discover something of the astonishment that Jules Verne or his readers may have felt using an apparatus capable of reproducing and

transporting sounds

Listening to the recording of the walk, now, I try to remember

This is an essay to remember in detail the continuum of sight and smell, the acoustic spaces travelled in the afternoon

Writing is maybe an essay in unfolding sounds and images

Deforming and transforming them in a moment of misrememberance

There is a gap between what I remember of that afternoon and what the apparatus remembers, this piece happens thanks to that

gap

These are three moments, afternoon essays that are mundane and magical, extraordinary and very ordinary at the same time

We hope that you will share these moments with us in an attempt to prolong walking time

Figure 1: Bell ringing

St Mary-le-Bow – 11/09/09, 12:01

Millennium Bridge-11/09/09, 12:23

Writing and misremembering with an apparatus capable of reproducing and transporting sounds
An apparatus capable of reproducing and transporting sounds
A misremembering capable of reproducing and transporting sounds
A capable misremembering: a possible apparatus for reproducing and transporting sounds
Reproducing and transporting sounds
An apparatus reproducing misremembering
Sound writing
Writing sounds: capable of transporting us
Writing: reproducing and transporting sounds
Sounds reproducing a misremembering
An apparatus transporting sounds
Transporting and reproducing sounds
Sounds
A misremembering capable of transporting writing
An apparatus capable of sounds
Reproducing sounds
Writing capable of transporting
Writing sounds capable of reproducing
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Writing
Misremembering
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A sound misremembering
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And
Writing:
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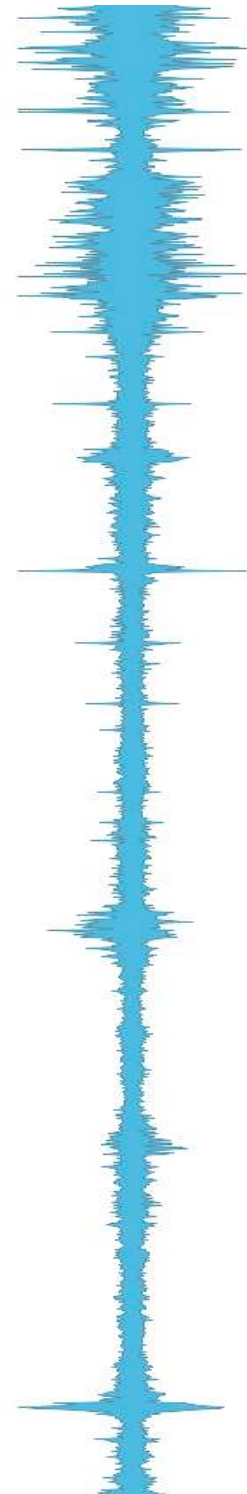


Figure 2: Steel rhythms and singing trees

Tate modern-11/09/09, 12:28

Southbank-11/09/09, 12:46

Bow square bow lane each church underpass garlick hill royal bank of canada brooklyne wharf millennium bridge state modern south bank Waterloo bridge north bank example place mill ford lane Essex street Fleet street Walting street Bow square



Figure 3: Floating bubble on river

Southbank-11/09/09, 12:48