

Notes on the Vocal Cords

The vocal cords work like a musical instrument controlled by muscles throughout the body. I feel that the bodies and organs we are born with are like a set of parts we cannot replace. Their performance and limits are already set from birth.

When I was around 17, I quit singing and playing the piano. After I stopped expressing myself through music, I started to struggle with stuttering and getting my words out in daily conversations.

While trying to find a solution, I slowly began to understand the situations and reasons that made it hard for me to speak.

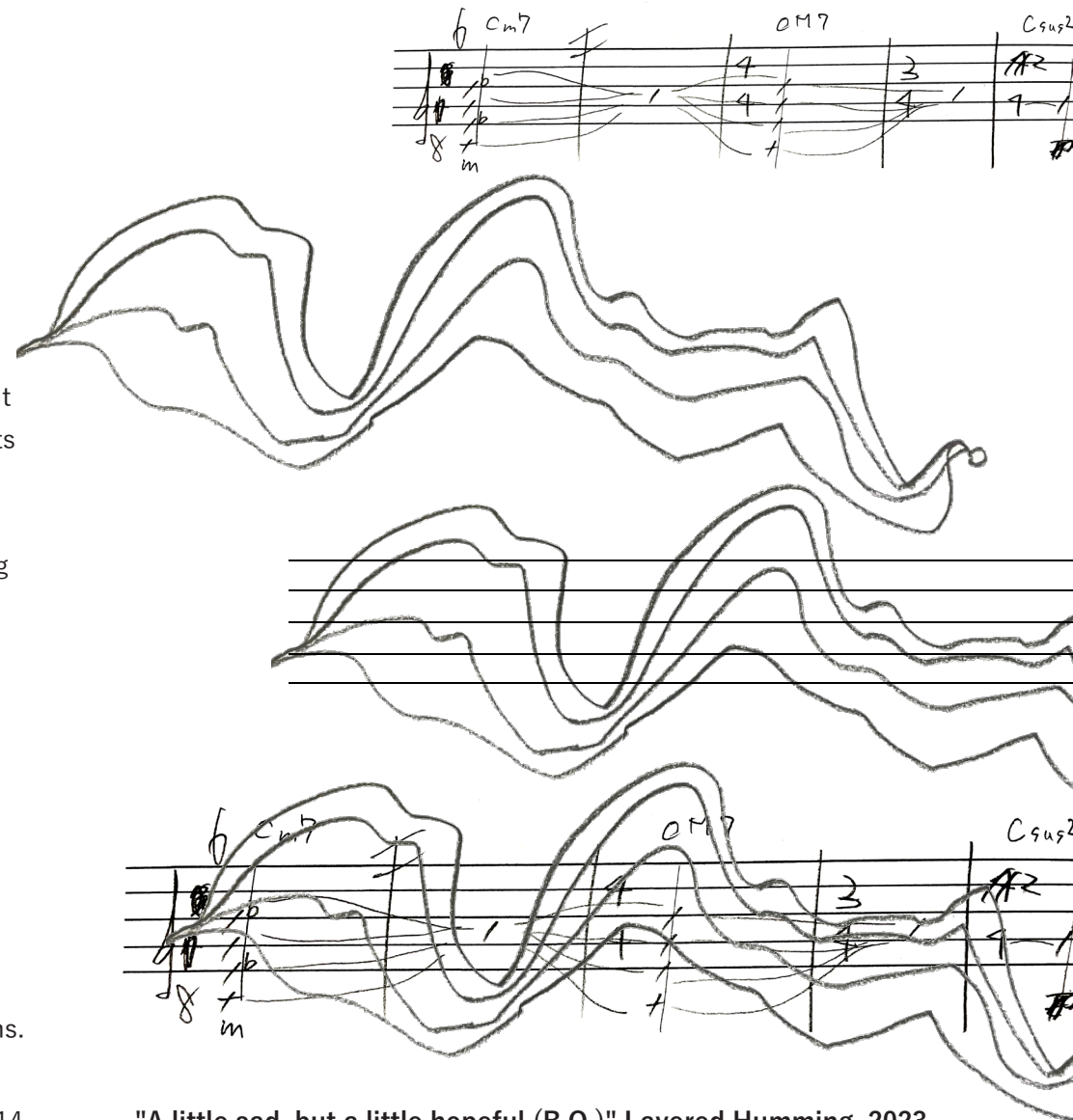
For example:

The brightness of the room, The angle of my body toward the listener, My shoulder position when breathing, The movement of my diaphragm and using deep belly breathing

Replacing words starting with difficult "t" sounds with easier "s" sounds

For me, building radios and sculptures out of electronic parts feels like making new body parts. It might be my way of trying to restore my own physical functions.

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"A little sad, but a little hopeful (B.O.)" Layered Humming, 2023

"Drawing for a Song", 2023