

A to he

Note: 'A to he' was commissioned for a show at Clubs by Spiros Panigirakis. The show was titled 'WITH' (April 30 – May 7); conveying the associative strategy of the show's three elements. (The other two being 'Poured – The Bake Off' (a display of cakes on a volcano theme) and 'Luminous Fountain Work' (a sculpture and documenting video) both of which employed other artists and friends.

In writing the play my concerns were: continuing the vein of previous work in writing performance for voices; and pleasing Spiros, as a kind of gift, having known him since 1994: e.g. his penchant for fountains and the eighties. These things – as well as the set and the performers (the dead grass, brown water and potentially troublesome figures represented by the costumes suggesting an environmental thematic not explored by the text) – provided a non-narrative continuity. I wanted each scene to be different in presentation and feel. The play starts off-stage; during the jukebox scene the performers speak at will – often simultaneously / overlapping. The workshop scene provides a setpiece of relief – a recognisable scene parodying a poetry workshop. The whole thing went for about 12 minutes. The performers were: Fiona Harney (mushroom); Seb Harris (sun); Ben Haskin (mosquito); Louise Irving (pigeon); Adam Scott (shark) and Michelle Usher (koala). Set and costumes by Dimitra & Spiros Panigirakis, and Joe Hill. After a suitable interlude of suspense it was every cake-eater for themselves.

A pigeon on the roof is making noises as I write this – a cross between a rooster's crow and a growl. Not a coo.

A to he

F what were you doing in the toilet for half an hour having a blue poo i suppose
C if you didnt have a blue dick up your arse
A thats lovely language
F did you see _____ last night
A if you didnt have a blue dick up your arse
F thats lovely language
A what were you doing in the toilet for half an hour having a blue poo i suppose
E id like to munch his blue button
B blue this is serious
C id like to munch his blue button
E did you see _____ last night
C blue fountains i thought he said blue mountains
D blue this is serious



Photographs by Tim Fleming.

B i was mixing batter till i got a blue elbow
E blue fountains i thought he said blue mountains
A is that some kind of bluephemism
D yes i was literally blue in the face
D blue fountains i thought he said blue mountains
E yes i was literally blue in the face
F blue news

B bleautiful news
B is that some kind of bluephemism
C blue news
D bleautiful news

* [A-F, staggered]

do you want to go somewhere
what was your favourite film of 2004

i hated that
what was your least favourite film of 2004

i loved that
one day my name will be _____
fountain i thought he said mountain
have you read his poetry

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[.....] do you have a poem for us

[] the fountain

every day at every lake
i get mistaken for a drake
the fountains crumble to the sea
the sea laps my feet & comforts me
in every hotel hilton
every gleaming greyish stilton
makes a murmur like a moutie
close to bounty

thank you
do you want to add anything

i wasnt sure about the ending i thought maybe i could
say something explicit about saving water or rhyme
spouty with droughty

class

whats a fountie
a moutie you idiot theyre canadian
[.....] ...
well he is
i really liked it

read it again
it reminded me of rubbish
i
i get mistaken for drakes too
yeah

jukebox1

C call me on the
B a beat my
E know youre
A maybe im just like my father
F youre not a fool i
D a fool i know youre not
C im just like my
B youre not a
E as
A a beat my heart starts missing
E when
C beat my heart
C i was working as a
F waitress i
A beat my heart starts
B depression starts to
B waitress i
B a fool i know youre
B working as
C i know youre not a
F the phone dont
D a beat my heart starts
F heart starts missing a beat my
D to
E us
F my father maybe im
A me on the
F depression starts to win
D know youre not a fool
F i was working as
E waitress i
F youre not a
F my heart starts missing a
F my mother
B heart starts missing a beat
B when

jukebox2

D know youre not a
A when depression starts
E a beat my heart starts
E to win but when
D a fool i
A was working as a
F fool i know
A waitress i
D i know youre not a
B a
B missing a beat my heart starts

D maybe
 D me on the phone
 D with those
 B the phone dont
 B i know youre not a
 D heart my
 E win but when
 B missing
 C when depression starts to
 D fool i know youre not a
 A a waitress i
 A not a
 E a waitress i was working
 F a fool i know youre not
 A a waitress i
 C a fool i know
 C i was working as a waitress
 A know youre not a fool
 D dont call me on the phone
 E my mother maybe im just like
 B fool i know youre not
 B waitress i was working
 C the phone
 C just like my father maybe im
 E phone dont call me on the

jukebox3

A just like
 C the
 A was working
 A not a fool i know
 D i was working
 B maybe im
 C call me on the phone dont
 A when depression starts to
 C heart starts
 E when depression
 E missing a beat
 E but
 F my
 A but when
 B my heart starts
 D when depression
 D like
 D as a waitress i was
 C a fool i know
 D to win but when depression starts
 E starts
 B when depression starts to
 A on the phone dont call me
 B father maybe im
 C call me on the phone dont
 B im just like my
 F call me on the phone dont
 B beat my heart starts missing
 E was
 F to win but when depression
 F a beat my heart starts missing

B win but when depression
 A call me on the phone
 E was working as a waitress i
 D win but when
 F maybe

jukebox4

D on the phone
 D im just like my mother maybe
 A phone dont
 B maybe im just like my father
 F but when depression starts
 C waitress i was working
 F a fool
 F a waitress
 D fool i know youre not
 E waitress
 C fool i
 E waitress i was working as a
 C fool i know youre not
 E a
 D a beat
 C the phone dont call me
 F like my mother maybe im just
 C the phone
 A the
 C the phone dont call me
 D like my father
 D on the
 C like my
 C phone dont call me
 B waitress
 C to win
 C a fool i
 E a waitress i was working
 C fool
 D working as a waitress i
 A youre not a fool
 D was working
 D when depression starts
 A starts missing a beat my heart
 A but when depression starts
 D missing a beat

jukebox5

C not a
 F missing
 E but when depression starts to
 D my heart starts missing
 E maybe im just like my
 F dont
 C heart starts missing a beat
 E i know
 F win but when
 F starts
 B when depression starts to

- F missing a beat
- D starts to win but when
- E missing a beat my hearts starts
- F working as a
- C youre not a fool i know
- F i was working as
- B know
- C win but when depression
- C beat
- B win but when depression starts
- B beat my heart starts missing a
- E the phone dont call
- E the
- D phone dont call
- D starts to win
- F i
- D know youre not a
- D waitress i
- A know youre not a fool
- C was working
- A fool i know youre not
- B working as a
- C a
- D as a waitress i
- D not a

jukebox6

- D working
- D fool i
- F was working as a waitress i
- B i know youre not a
- E working as a
- C just like my father
- E waitress i was
- B a fool i know youre not
- A not a
- E was working
- F youre not a
- A working as a
- A im just
- D dont call me on
- A maybe im just
- E dont
- D maybe im just
- C when depression starts to win but
- C missing
- D starts to win but
- E beat my
- E depression starts to
- F my heart starts missing a
- A when depression starts to win but
- A starts
- C starts missing a beat my heart
- D when depression starts to
- C heart starts
- C depression starts to
- C beat my heart starts
- A but when depression starts

- F my heart starts missing
- C win
- E a beat
- C when depression starts to
- E waitress i was working as a
- ABCDEF jukebox

he gets up. he smiled at the thought of you. he gets kicked out. he pauses. he dances when he hears music. he dances when he hears music. he dances when he hears music. he started drinking at fourteen. he pauses. he paused. he starts drinking at fourteen. he gets up. he gets up. he gets kicked out. he.... he got up. he.... he dances when he hears music. he gets kicked out. he smiled at the thought of you. he paused. he dances when he hears music. he got kicked out. he got up. he.... he gets up. he paused. he dances when he hears music. he paused. he gets kicked out. he..... he.... he danced when he heard music. he got kicked out. he got kicked out. he..... he.... he.... he... he.... he danced when he heard music. he.... he gets up. he..... he... he... he pauses. he..... he... he hides in the car. he... he.. he paused. he..... he... he..... he..... he.. he. he.. he. he..... he ate jelly crystals. he hides in the car. he ate jelly crystals. he. he. he hid in the car. he ate jelly crystals. he.. he sits next to you at recess. he sits next to you at recess. he..... he.. he hides in the car. he.. he..... he hid in the car. he... he.. he... he... he... he he... he. he comes over to your house. he sits next to you at recess. he sat next to you at recess. he sits next to you at recess. he.. he sat next to you at recess. he. he... _ he comes over to your house. he sits next to you at recess. he hides in the car. he withdraws. he lets go. _ _ _ he.... _ he lets go. he..... _ he..... he came over to your house. he lets go. he..... he came over to your house. he..... he.... he.... he let go. he.... he.... he lets go. he..... he..... _ _ _ he withdrew. he..... he let go. _ he.... he..... he.... he.... he withdraws. _ _ _ he.. he.. _ _ _ he.... _ _ he.... _ _ _ _ he.. _ _ _ he.. _ _ _ he withdrew. _ _ _ _ he withdrew. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ he withdrew. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ he withdraws. he withdrew. _ _ _ he.. he.. _ _ _ _ he withdraws.