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- 1) Prepare 2 playlists with music you like (12-20 tracks each)
- 2) on two devices A and B, each connected to a
- 3) Loudspeaker (or both to your headphones)
- 4) Prepare your voice or your instrument.
- 5) Be prepared: a) to listen b) to make musical noise

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Press random play on Device A: Listen to the track and pick a musical passage you can remember well. Learn this passage and voice/play it repeatedly. You may also dance.

3

Stop the track in mid-beat and continue voicing/playing the passage. Close your eyes. You may also dance.

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After a few seconds, press random play on Device B: a new track plays. But you continue the old one.

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After about 20 minutes, stop the playlists and try to sing/play all the passages that you still remember. Do you still remember any? How do they fit together, one after the other? You may also dance.

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After a few repeats of this ritual: is it getting easier to keep the old music in midst of the new one - or does it become more difficult? Are you always happy to learn a new tune - or not? Do you fear the coming change of the music?

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Quarantine  
Memory Ritual

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for One Person Alone

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Walk around in a circle and improvise freely, using all the melodies that you remember. Do some come back? Do some disappear?

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After a really bad attempt, stop singing/playing. Listen to the new music. Pick out a musical passage that you can remember well - learn it and voice it. You may also dance.

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Repeat procedure from step 3 (switching devices, of course)

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Try to voice/play out loudly against the new music. Enjoy how they relate and clash, but also notice how you lose the old music bit by bit. Are you shutting your ears to the new music, so that you may perform what you know? Can you hang on for long, do you quickly resign? Do your attempts get worse?

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