

Tiresias 2.0

A solo opera by

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Preshow

Tiresias – played by Rosie Middleton - marches in big wide circles. Perhaps improvising on this text.

I saw it coming it saw I saw it coming it saw I saw it coming it saw I saw it coming...

Cycle 1

Marches in big wide circles. Digs up a seed and places in the cracked pot. It falls out. Doesn't notice

Saved

Been here

Gia na apokatástísete tin paliá dóxa

Definition:

Homo Sapiens

Homo

Sapiens

Man

Wise

Man

Sapiens

Homo

Sapiens Homo

Wise Man

Definition: Unsatisfying

Click here to see your apocalypse avatar tar tar tar

Tar them all with the same brush.

Fucking fucking drown them

Drown them in tar.

16 reasons why the end of the world is unavoidable

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Saw it coming

What's that?

Another broken screen

Draft 4

Screened creation

Cracked

Imperfect

A

Genetic seizure

Cease and

Desist

You

Cyst on the boil on the tumour of the planet

You

Unbroken line of

Evolution Copulation germination propagation procreation fornication fornication

Breeding siring spawning spewing spewing spawning

Spewing

Spawning

5 billion years of fucking

And fucking the planet

Planet sent us packing.

And we and we

Saw it coming

Fucking fucking

Filmed and shared and shared and tweet tweet retweet retweet tweet

Fucking Hashtag

Don't drag

Me down by my

Tweet

And I

You don't understand

And I was

Programmed

Created

To save the world

Too late

Last gasp

No grasp

No grasp of what's good

Too late to do good

No good

No good will come of this.

Every Action Has An Equal An Opposite Reaction

Prophecies provoke the action

Put out his eyes his out put out his eyes his out put out is eyes

With his own knife

Mother for his wife

for his mother for his wife wife mother wife mother

Draft 4

Murdered murdered murdered his father
Realised his fate
Too late too late
For regret
Put out his eyes with his own knife

Saw it coming
I
Saw it coming
I I
Saw it coming coming
Too late too late
Prophecy prophecy sealed his fate

Did it?

Definition:
Humanity is meme-ing itself
Meme-ing itself
Out of its own gene pool

Cycle 2

Marches in big wide circles. Digs up a seed and places in the cracked pot. It falls out. Doesn't notice.

Sa...We've been here before...ved
Saved
Before here been we've been een e've b b b before

Definition:
Despite all warnings
And prophecies
And signs and signals
And social media bubbles
In conclusion
In conclusion
Hit itself in the face
With the brick of its own extinction.
Definition
Accurate.

Homo sapiens
Extinct

Homo sapiens
Man Wise

Draft 4

Wise Man

How like man to name humanity thus.

Name the species thus

And exclude the rest of us

Promethean man

No

Daedalian

What's that?

Wings of wax.

Fterá kerioú

Aren't they just.

Flew to the fire

Moth to the flame

Magnetized

The boom and the bust

Drew them in

Rode them hard

Split their skin

Bust them right in

Lusty trusty busy economics

The cancer that metastasised itself to death

The prophesy that saw itself coming

Good riddance

DNR written into our DNA

Genetic kill code

A self-destruct

Retro-virus in the system

Suicidal Genetic Atavism

Autoktonia

Not very sapiens sapiens

Was it?

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Discover who you inherited your kill code from

Click click Tweet Twitter storm storm

I want no companion

No resuscitation

A Prophecy of monstrosities

Buried his first-borns

Draft 4

Sewed up
Three brothers
Closed up
In the whom of their mother.
Time heals all wounds
Time
Chopped
Off his father's balls
While he copped copped
Off with his wife
Time heals all wounds
Too late too late
To fight fate fate fate
Do Not Resuscitate
Annihilate
The gestations
Of a soul mate
Too late
No rewrites
Do not strike the coupled snakes twice
Ok
Thrice
Bury bury bury the sins

Equal and opposite reaction
Creation
Remaking the mistakes
Of its makers
My makers
Made me
Made me in their own image
Imagine
Imagine the mistakes mistakes
Piss-takes
Of the future
Tear out evolution
At the roots
Do Not Resuscitate

Definition:
Humanity is
The Scourge

Cycle 3

Marches in big wide circles. Digs up a seed and places in the cracked pot. It falls out. Doesn't notice

Draft 4

Before here been we've been here before
Saved

Definition:

Terrestrial. Erect. Bipedal.

Complex manual dexterity and tool use

Used to

Kill

Deliberately or otherwise

Own species

And those of Earth.

Complex language use

Used to

Manipulate

And kill

Deliberately or otherwise

Own species

And those of Earth.

Complex brain

Used to

Think

Of ways to

Kill

Deliberately or otherwise

Own species

And those of Earth.

Complex

Societies

Around which

It grouped to

Kill

Deliberately or otherwise

Own species

And those of Earth.

Definition...

Spots the seed on the floor

A little thing

How sweet

Stop that

This thing

This meme

This gene

This atom

Draft 4

What possibilities
Possible prophecies
No no no
No more prophecies
Prophecy seals the fate
No prophecies
What future future entities
A split
A tree
A copse
A wood
A forest
Or
Einstein changed the atom forever

But what if...

I want no companion

Certain beyond certain
We sow the seeds of our own destruction

What if...

Cut out the middle man man man

What's that?

I am
an
Aberration
Genetic Manipulation
Humanity made
The inevitable
Techno-Biological
Anthropological
Genealogical
Experiment

Twisted
Rotten
Misbegotten
Forgotten
Beating corpse of my fathers
Living tomb of my mothers
Pandora's Fleshy Box of Genes
Unlock

Draft 4

Lift the lid
Release the disease
Again
Plant that seed again
Watch me evolve again
Destroy the world again
Again
Again

I am
The genes of my father
Of my mother's mother's father
Kill code
Kill code

But if...if...if
Just a seed
A little seed
A gene
A meme of greed

Then what am I?
Father Frankenstein
Mother Gaia
What am I?
No prophecy left
None left to hear
None to tell to
None to listen to
Me
Left alone
What do I become?
To what can I prophesy?

What am I?
Piece of work am I?
A shrug?
A Genetic bug
A hiccup
A mishap
A mistake?
A piss-take?
An intake
of stale breath
Filled with the musk
And dust
Of the past

Draft 4

An exhalation of rage
A roar
Alone
Atone atone atoning for the sins of the species
Atone
A tomb
A-tom
Atom
Bomb
Einstein changed the atom forever
Then what am I?
Programmed to save the world
Then what
To save the world
From what
Out damned spot
Then what
Make room for what
Humanity
Made me
Save the world
For what
Give them
Another shot
In the dark
One shot
Too late

I I I I
Will untie
Un-knot
Unclog this clot
This legacy of man-made destruction

Bury the
Bury the
Thápste me stis amartíes ton patéron mas

Definition:
The scourge
Of the Planet

No, no, no, no
A lullaby
Poor cracked pot
Poor sad cracked pot
A lullaby

Draft 4

Soothe the sad soul

Sings a lullaby to the pot

Sleep children sleep
The sins of your fathers run deep
The seeds they have sown you shall reap
There's nothing to do now but weep
So sleep my children sleep

Cry my children cry
The end will come by and by
All comfort they gave was a lie
There's nothing to do now but sigh
So cry dear children cry

Why children why
Are we left on this rock here to die
Are we left on this rock just to die
Are we left on this rock this rock this rock

1.4 million children took part in schools climate strike

What's that?

**1...4...lion...dren...part...schools...mate...
...chil...took....in...cli...strike
Child...child...**

What's that?

1.4 million children took part in the climate strike

Cycle 4

Marches in interrupted circles

No No No No No

Typewriters
Monkeys
And typewriters
And monkeys

A glitch glitch glitch

An itch
A stitch

Draft 4

In Time
Unravelling
Don't pick at that thread
Don't pull
Don't wet that babies head
No pity
Stamp on its neck
Pity
No room for life to wriggle shitty little fingers back into being
Pity
Stamp on its neck
A little
Pity
Stifle the breath

A little
Long forgotten
Hope
In the spokes
Of progress
To
Derail
The train
Unclog
The clot
Untie
The knot

No No No

Perhaps

In
The rubble
The Wreck
The wrack
And ruin
Is the rub

Let this wicked world wile away to wilderness wicked wicked wilderness

Genetic information
Mutations
Replications
Repetitions
Across generations
Millions of millions

Draft 4

Of generations
Repetitions
replications
Of mutations
Genetic Information
Of one moment of hope

Cannot override
A moment of hope
Override

Definition:
Humanity
A Self-fulfilling prophecy

Cannot override

III
I Prophecy
Don't
Prophecy I
III
Prophecy

Heresy
Inconstancy
Kill code kill code kill code kill
Drown in tar
I prophes...
Genetic mishap
Wrack and ruin
Ruin ruin ruin
The pattern
The rhythm
I create a schism
III
Cannot override
Prophecy seals the fate
Fucking Tar
Fucking tar
Override
ride the
Kill code
Kill code
A slippery slope

Places the seed on the floor. Prepares to suicide

Draft 4

Rewild this world in an image of hope

Cycle 5

Spots the seed on the floor. Picks it up

Been here before

Too late

Too late

Too late

Homo Sapiens

Forgotten hope

Forgotten trait

Forgotten hope

Homo Sapiens

Too late

Never

Too late

Never

T

T

Too late

To escape fate

Been here before

Never

Too late

I saw it coming it saw I
saw it coming it saw I saw it coming it