

# Mental Cases

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$\text{♩} = 44$  *distantly*

*p*

Soprano  
Who are these? \_\_\_\_\_ Why sit they here in twi - light? \_\_\_\_\_ Where -

Mezzo  
Who are these, here \_\_\_\_\_ in twi - light? \_\_\_\_\_ Where -

Alto  
Where - fore rock

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

*mp*

fore rock \_\_\_\_\_ they, shad - ows, \_\_\_\_\_ Droop - ing tongues \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

fore rock \_\_\_\_\_ they, shad - ows, \_\_\_\_\_ Droop - ing tongues \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

they, pur - ga - to - rial shad - ows, \_\_\_\_\_ Droop - ing tongues \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

Droop - ing tongues from

that slob their rel-ish, that leer like

that slob their rel-ish, that leer like

that slob their rel-ish, that leer like

Bar - ing teeth that leer

jaws that slob their rel-ish, that leer like

*poco a poco stringendo*

skulls' teeth wick-ed? Stroke of pain, what slow pan-ic, Gouged

skulls' teeth; Stroke on stroke of pain, — but what slow pan-ic, Gouged

skulls' teeth wick-ed? Stroke of pain, what slow pan-ic, Gouged

like skulls' teeth wick-ed? Stroke of pain, what slow pan-ic, Gouged

skulls' teeth wick-ed? Stroke of pain, what slow pan-ic, Gouged

chas - ms round their sock - ets? their hair,

chas - ms round their sock - ets? their hair,

chas - ms round their sock - ets? *ff* Ev - er from their hair and

chas - ms round their sock - ets? their hair,

these chas - ms round their fret - ted sock - ets? their hair,

chas - ms round their sock - ets? their hair,

their hands' palms *ff* Mis - er - y swel - ters. *a tempo* Sure - ly we have

their hands' palms *ff* Mis - er - y swel - ters.

through their hands' palms Mis - er - y swel - ters.

their hands' palms *ff* Mis - er - y swel - ters.

their hands' palms *ff* Mis - er - y swel - ters.

their hands' palms *ff* Mis - er - y swel - ters.

per - ished Sleep - ing, and walk hell, and walk hell; but

per - ished Sleep - ing, and walk hell, and walk hell; but who

per - ished Sleep - ing, and walk hell, and walk hell; but who,

per - ished Sleep - ing, and walk hell, and walk hell; but who

per - ished Sleep - ing, and walk hell, and walk hell; but who

per - ished Sleep - ing, and walk hell, and walk hell; but who

who these hell - ish? who these hell - ish?

these hell - ish? who these hell - ish?

Who are these? Who are these?

these hell - ish? who these hell - ish?

these hell - ish? who these hell - ish?

these hell - ish? who these hell - ish?

these hell - ish? who these hell - ish?

*tempo primo sotto voce*

*p espr.*

These \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ men whose

*pp*

These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_

minds the Dead have rav-ished. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men \_\_\_\_\_ whose minds the Dead have

\_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men,

\_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men, \_\_\_\_\_ These are men,

Mem - o - ry fin - gers in their  
 rav - ished. in their hair, Mem - o - ry fin - gers  
 Mem - o - ry fin - gers in their hair, Mem - o - ry fin - gers  
 Mem - o - ry fin - gers in their hair, Mem - o - ry fin - gers

*pp*

*p espr.*

hair of mur - der,  
 in their hair, Mem - o - ry fin - gers in their hair of  
 in their hair, Mem - o - ry fin - gers in their hair,  
 hair of mur - der,  
 in their hair, Mem - o - ry fin - gers in their hair,

*p espr.*

Mul - ti - tu - di - nous mur - ders, mur -

Mul - ti - tu - di - nous mur - ders, mur -

*pp*

mur - ders, they once wit - nessed, mur - ders they wit - nessed,

mur - ders they wit - nessed, they once wit - nessed, mur - ders they wit - nessed,

Mul - ti - tu - di - nous mur - ders, mur -

mur - ders they wit - nessed, they once wit - nessed, mur - ders they wit - nessed,

ders they once wit - nessed.

ders they once wit - nessed.

they once wit - nessed, mur - ders they wit - nessed, mur - ders they once

they once wit - nessed, mur - ders they wit - nessed, they once wit - nessed,

ders they once wit - nessed.

they once wit - nessed, mur - ders they wit - nessed, they once wit - nessed,

Wad - ing sloughs of flesh \_\_\_\_\_ these

Wad - ing sloughs of flesh \_\_\_\_\_

wit - nessed. \_\_\_\_\_ Wad - ing sloughs of flesh \_\_\_\_\_

Wad - ing sloughs, \_\_\_\_\_ sloughs of flesh, Wad - ing sloughs, \_\_\_\_\_

*pp* Wad - ing sloughs, \_\_\_\_\_ sloughs of flesh, Wad - ing sloughs, \_\_\_\_\_

Wad - ing sloughs, \_\_\_\_\_ sloughs of flesh, Wad - ing sloughs, \_\_\_\_\_

help - less wan - der, Tread - ing blood from lungs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ these help - less wan - der, Tread - ing blood from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ these help - less wan - der, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ sloughs of flesh, Tread - ing blood, \_\_\_\_\_ blood from lungs,

\_\_\_\_\_ sloughs of flesh, Tread - ing blood, \_\_\_\_\_ blood from lungs,

\_\_\_\_\_ sloughs of flesh, Tread - ing blood, \_\_\_\_\_ blood from lungs,

that had loved laugh - ter,

lungs that had loved laugh - ter,

Tread - ing blood from lungs that had loved laugh - ter,

Tread - ing blood, blood from lungs that had loved

Tread - ing blood, blood from lungs that had loved laugh - ter,

Tread - ing blood, blood from lungs that had loved laugh - ter,

laugh - ter.

laugh - ter, laugh - ter.

laugh - ter, laugh - ter.

laugh - ter, had loved laugh - ter, loved laugh - ter.

had loved laugh - ter, had loved laugh - ter, loved laugh - ter.

had loved laugh - ter, had loved laugh - ter.

*p* *3* Al - ways they must see, \_\_\_\_\_ these things, Al - ways they must see, \_\_\_\_\_

*p* *3* Al - ways they must see, \_\_\_\_\_ these things, Al - ways they must see, \_\_\_\_\_

*p* *3* Al - ways they must see, \_\_\_\_\_ these things, Al - ways they must see, \_\_\_\_\_

*mp espr.* *3* Al - ways \_\_\_\_\_ they must

\_\_\_\_\_ these things, Al - ways they must see these things and

\_\_\_\_\_ these things, Al - ways they must see these things and

\_\_\_\_\_ these things, Al - ways they must see these things,

see these things \_\_\_\_\_ and hear them, \_\_\_\_\_

*p* hear them, Bat - ter of guns, shat - ter of mus - cles,

*p* hear them, Bat - ter of guns, shat - ter of mus - cles,

*p* Bat - ter of guns, Bat - ter of guns, shat - ter of mus - cles,

*mf marc.* Bat - ter of guns and shat - ter of fly - ing

Bat - ter of guns and shat - ter of mus - cles, Car - nage,

Bat - ter of guns and shat - ter of mus - cles, Car - nage in - com - p'ra - ble,

Bat - ter of guns and shat - ter of mus - cles, Car - nage in -

mus - cles, Car - nage in - com - p'ra - ble,

Car - nage in -

Car - nage in -

and hu - man squan - der

and hu - man squan - der, and hu - man

com - p'ra - ble, Car - nage in - com - p'ra - ble, and hu - man

and hu - man squan - der,

com - p'ra - ble, Car - nage in - com - p'ra - ble, and hu - man

com - p'ra - ble, Car - nage in - com - p'ra - ble, and hu - man

*marc.* Rucked too thick for these men's ex - tri - ca - tion,

*mf* squan - der Rucked too thick for

*mf* squan - der *marc.* Rucked too thick for

*mf* Car - nage in - com - p'ra - ble, and hu - man squan - der

*mf* Car - nage in - com - p'ra - ble, in - com - p'ra - ble, Rucked too thick for

*mf* squan - der, hu - man squan - der,

*poco a poco dim.*

*mf*

ex - tri - ca - tion, ex - tri - ca - tion,

ex - tri - ca - tion, ex - tri - ca - tion,

*legatto*

these men's ex - tri - ca - tion, ex - tri - ca - tion,

*marc.* *legatto*

Rucked too thick for these men's ex - tri - ca - tion,

*marc*

ex - tri - ca - tion, Rucked too thick for ex - tri - ca - tion, Rucked too thick for

for these men's ex - tri - ca - tion,

*rit.* *mp*

ex - tri - ca - tion.

*mp*

ex - tri - ca - tion.

*mp*

ex - tri - ca - tion.

*mp*

ex - tri - ca - tion.

*legatto* *mp*

these men's ex - tri - ca - tion.

*mp*

ex - tri - ca - tion.

*meno mosso (in 4)*

*mp espr.*

There - fore still their eye - balls shrink tor - men - ted Back in -

*p*

There - fore still their eye - balls

*p*

There - fore still their eye - balls

*p*

There - fore still their eye - balls

*mp*

be - cause on their sense Sun - light seems a

*mp*

be - cause on their sense Sun - light seems a

*p*

to their brains, shrink, be - cause on their sense Sun - light

*mp*

shrink, be - cause on their sense Sun - light

*mp*

shrink, be - cause on their sense Sun - light

*mp*

shrink, be - cause on their sense Sun - light

blood - smear; night comes blood - black; Dawn breaks

blood - smear; night comes blood - black; Dawn breaks

seems a blood - smear; Dawn breaks o - pen

seems a blood - smear; night comes blood - black; Dawn breaks

seems a blood - smear; night comes blood - black; Dawn breaks

seems a blood - smear; night comes blood - black; Dawn breaks

*allarg.* *a tempo (in 2) molto sost.*

o - pen like a wound that bleeds a -

o - pen like a wound that bleeds,

like a wound, a wound that bleeds,

o - pen like a wound that bleeds a -

o - pen like a wound that bleeds, like a

o - pen like a wound that bleeds

fresh, \_\_\_\_\_ that bleeds a -

— that bleeds, \_\_\_\_\_ that

— that bleeds, \_\_\_\_\_ that

fresh, \_\_\_\_\_ bleeds \_\_\_\_\_ a -

wound — that — bleeds, — like — a — wound — that — bleeds, — a —

— a - fresh, \_\_\_\_\_ that

*dim.* fresh, \_\_\_\_\_ a - fresh. *p* — Thus their

*dim.* bleeds, \_\_\_\_\_ bleeds a - fresh. *p*

*dim.* bleeds \_\_\_\_\_ a - fresh. *p*

*dim.* fresh. \_\_\_\_\_ *p*

*dim.* wound — that — bleeds \_\_\_\_\_ a - fresh. *p*

*dim.* bleeds \_\_\_\_\_ a - fresh. *p*

*accel.*

*allegro poco stacc.*

heads wear this \_\_\_\_\_ hi-lar-ious, hid-eous, Aw-ful false-ness of set smil-ing

their heads wear this Aw-ful false-ness.

their heads wear this Aw-ful false-ness of

their heads wear this Aw-ful false-ness of

of

*legatto*

*poco stacc.*

corps - es, their hands \_\_\_\_\_ are pluck-ing, pluck-ing, pluck-ing,

— Thus their hands, their hands are pluck-ing at each oth - er,

corps - es, their hands \_\_\_\_\_ are pluck-ing, pluck-ing,

corps - es, their hands \_\_\_\_\_ are pluck-ing, pluck-ing,

corps - es, their hands \_\_\_\_\_ are pluck-ing, pluck-ing,

Pick - ing,

Pick - ing,

pluck - ing at each oth - er; Pick - ing at the rope - knouts.

Pick - ing, the rope - knouts of their sourg - ing, the

Pick - ing, the rope - knouts of their scourg - ing, the

Pick - ing, the rope - knouts of their

Snatch - ing af - ter us

Snatch - ing af - ter us

*mf molto leg.*

Who are these? who

rope - knouts of their scourg - ing, of their scourg - ing;

rope - knouts of their scourg - ing, of their scourg - ing; Snatch - ing af - ter us,

scourg - ing, the rope - knouts of their scourg - ing; Snatch - ing af - ter us,

who smote them,                      broth - er,                      Paw - ing us

who smote them,                      broth - er,                      Paw - ing us

smote                      them,                      broth - er,                      Paw - ing us

*poco stacc.*

*mf molto leg.*

Who                      are                      these?                      who

who smote them,                      broth - er,                      Paw - ing us

who smote them,                      broth - er,                      Paw - ing us

who dealt them war,                      who dealt them war and mad - ness,

who dealt them war,                      who dealt them war and mad - ness,

who dealt them war;                      Who                      are

*mf molto leg.*

*poco stacc.*

dealt                      them                      war and                      mad - ness,                      mad - ness,

who dealt them war,                      who dealt them war and mad - ness,

who dealt them war,                      who dealt them war and mad - ness,

Paw - ing us who dealt them war, who dealt them war, who

Paw - ing us who dealt them war, who dealt them war, who

these? who dealt them war and mad - ness; who

Paw - ing us who dealt them war; Who are these?

Paw - ing us who dealt them war, who dealt them war, who

Paw - ing us who dealt them war, who dealt them war, who

dealt them war and mad - ness, and mad - ness.

dealt them war and mad - ness, and mad - ness.

dealt them war and mad - ness, and mad - ness.

who dealt them war and mad - ness.

dealt them war and mad - ness, and mad - ness.

dealt them war and mad - ness, and mad - ness.