# Microtonal Cats from Alpha-Centauri album by BipTunia.

Lyrics, credits, show notes, scale info



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Most of the non-drum synths on this record are these two free VSTs made by Michael W. Dean:

• Microtonal Poly Worms

• Microtonal Polyphonic Shiny Dirt

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| SONG | SONG NAME                                | MICROTONAL SCALE                        |
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| 1    | Disco Demolition Man & Pigeon 911        | 6 EDphi, 12 EDphi                       |
| 2    | Find Your Own Voice                      | 120 edo, 30 TET                         |
| 3    | Non-Toxic Lipograms                      | 24 TET                                  |
| 4    | The Last Microtonal Shaman               | 22 TET                                  |
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| 8    | Microtonal Constrained Language          | 08 TET and 13TET                        |
| 9    | C(a)U(gh)T UP IN Cleveland               | (12 edo)                                |
| 10   | Fruit Cart Shuffle in Porcupine TET 22   | 22 TET Porcupine[7] 3 3 3 4 3 3 3,      |
| 11   | 12-20 at 90 and 900 BPM                  | Squished 12-20                          |
| 12   | 10 TET Ancient Greek Arps for Hey Zeus   | 10 TET, Ancient Greek Scale.            |
| 13   | Prelude for The III-Tempered Clavier     | 05 TET, 08 TET, SD2 10-15               |
| 14   | Blues for Cthulhu Suite                  | Eagle 53, 4 EDphi, 31-171               |
| 15   | Ode to a Xenharmonic Cat                 | O_Hangaslahti_19-                       |
|      |  | tone_symmetric_7-limit                  |
| 16   | Microtonal Cats from Alpha- Centauri     | (12 edo)                                |

<sup>+</sup> most of the songs have some 12edo, at least in some of the drums. Though some of the drums match the scale of the song.

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## LYRICS AND NOTES:

## Disco Demolition Man & Pigeon 911

(There are no other ways. And we are out of phase.)

You're a public school teacher. Yeah, right.... So, you know that teachers have to earn money in the summer, right? We're notoriously underpaid?

Yeah,

So I do the cliché thing, I'm a house painter. House painting saved my behind many times in my life. When everything else fell through, someone always needs their house painted.

"So how's the other guy look?" Like you killed someone? I said, "Worse." Yeah.

And a woman came up to me and said, "Well, that's blatant." "Excuse me?" "Who'd you kill?!"

And I'm like "What is up with this shirt??" I said "I'm retiring this shirt!"

It's funny, a lot of people burning them are probably very concerned with their carbon footprint.

Yea, I think burning a Nike probably puts as much crap in the air as driving your car for a week."

Can you remember back in the 70s and 80s when they were burning L.P.s because of their content?

Yeah.

Can you imagine how bad that was for the air? And because of disco.
They just crush 'em, cause of disco.
Did you hear about? Do you remember?
You weren't there, at that baseball game where they crushed disco records, and there was a riot?

Not

You ever hear about that? (it was a) "Disco sucks" kind of thing? You would have enjoyed it. (I would have!)

But I like disco.

But there was a riot people got so excited... instead of bat day or whatever day, at the ball park, it was "bring a disco record and we'll crush them."

They didn't wanna burn them. You burn a couple thousand vinyl records you're gonna choke the people in the stands, so...

They had a bulldozer. They were gonna bulldoze 'em. The people were so excited to destroy disco figuratively, people probably bought disco records to destroy.

I don't think that presidents actually ever really stimulate the economy.
I think the only way they stimulate it is by encouraging people to burn their Nikes and buy new ones.

Make America Burn Shoes Again.

They had the mini-bats and they were bashing records - did a quarter-million dollars damage to the stadium.

And a lot of people got arrested. And a lot of people got hurt.

Bad scene, man.

So don't do that, people. At home, or anywhere.

So I saved a pigeon.
That's the biggest news of the day.
I saved a pigeon.
My wife and I saved a pigeon.

...oh, and then they blew it up.
They blew up all the records.
They crushed 'em, then they blew 'em up.
Oh, and then the home team had to forfeit
'cause the field was too messed up to play.
Yeah, the White Sox forfeited to the Detroit Tigers.

I wanna segue into that, the bird falling out of the sky because of my poem.
Yeah!

That's a line in your poem too. I love that line.

Yeah, I'm talking to a co-worker of mine who has 20 chickens.

And I'm telling her the story and she says, "What you gotta do is jump up and down and put your arms out to show that you're the boss..." (chicken dominance?)

"...and that you're bigger..."

yeah, the last time he attacked me I just...
She said, "I need help saving a pigeon."
I didn't even ask questions, I just, "OK",
Went into action.
She picks up gardening gloves for both of us.
I'm gloving up as I'm walking out.

And there's a pigeon stuck in our fence upside down, by one foot between two slats on the fence bleeding, with a broken leg.

He was flappin'. We didn't just start grabbin' at him. We had a little conversion about it. Kinda like E.R. people.

Triage.

Yeah.

"Well, how do we get this guy's head out of this tree?"
You don't just start pullin'.

I was like, "Should we just break the slat?" She was like "I don't think we need to, and it might hurt him more."

So I reached gently but firmly under its kind of its shoulder over the wings, and just held it. She pulled one of the slats on the fence toward her. Nudged its leg up through the slat until it got away.

Then I just set it down on the ground. We looked out there about an hour later, it flew away.

And DJ says she's seen a one-legged, one-footed pigeon before, so I think it can survive this.

Prognosis is good.

## Find Your Own Voice

Every open mic, there's someone...
....a few....using this cadence,
that they stole from the Beats.

But they don't know it. They're imitating an imitator who's imitating an imitator who's imitating an imitator.

But *someone* was not an imitator unless they were just imitating the beat of jazz.

It's old.
It's been done.
It's over.
Find your own voice.

I had a hole drilled in my eardrum, what's called a myringotomy. Hey! Well, we've been doing some of this stuff, we didn't even realize it, that there's a name for our cut-up process. It's called aleatory.

Definition is, where the reader supplies random input.
In Maine, it's really tough.
Computer access is very limited.

Yeah, people around... (*unintelligible*)
You mean the Internet?

The Internets? Yeah.
The Internets..Yeah...There should be more than one.
Because the one we have here doesn't work so well.

Our collaborators...

It's old.
It's been done.
It's over.
Find your own voice.
And it's really corny.

Let's talk about constrained.... Last time it was synthetic thought. This time it's constrained speech.

I think you should write a poem in constrained speech though. Let's talk about constrained speech.

Maybe the record should be called *Let's Talk About Constrained Speech* ....the whole record.

l'd do it. l'd do it.

It's educational.

Let's Talk About Constrained Speech and it also kinda sounds like a double entendre for stopping people's free speech

which is happening here and there a lot apparently.

## Non-Toxic Lipograms

Mic test 1 Mick test 1 test, test, what it 'tis? what it 'tis?

I was going through my phone
I was so bored at the DMV
I was deleting photos and I
came across all those pictures I took
at the library, man.
All the other weird animals
that were there too.
It's funny.

Yup.

Yeah, yeah, tell me about your day man, Well, that's good.
How's the fire thing Is that all taken (care of) yeah, yeah.

Sounds good, looks good I think I like this mic a lot better maybe it's just because I'm use to this mic, but I know that wave pattern, and that's a good one. Yeah, That's cool. Right.

..But whereas when you're mixing it, you're taking 16, or 32, or 35 tracks and mixing 'em down to 2 tracks.

Mastering is taking that two-stereo track WAV file and then applying different things to that to make it really pop.
And it's kinda the difference between a good record and a really great record.

Constrained speech is a type of writing that has rules other than normal rules.

And there's poetic forms of it, Like for instance a lipogram is a constrained writing or word game consisting of writing paragraphs or longer works, like books, in which a letter or group of letters is avoided. Usually a common vowel, frequently E, the most common letter.

There's a book that's written without the letter E, which sounds really hard to do.
Yeah!

Yup.

And then there's a pragmatic lipogram, which is text that uses every letter in the alphabet except one. For example: "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog" That's often used for examples of fonts. So that's a lipogram....

Lipogram

Not toxic anymore.

## The Last Microtonal Shaman

The Last Shaman Dried moss from the crotch of a dead birch tree, plug o' tobacco, buffalo nickel (heads-up for luck), crushed bones of a small rodent, fresh pheasant flesh... Bring to a boil and yes, I can tell your future. (Wind, sand, and stone speak too slow.)

My words make birds fall from the sky.
I look for meaning in the smallest of things.
My dreams reveal ancient secrets —
the force behind my visions is fierce
(unless obscured by wind, sand, and stone.)

But when I grow too bold, the sun squares off in the sky – it instantly sears my eyes... (wind, sand, and stone rain down upon me and force me to question my abilities.)

...and then who am I?

## We'd Just Stand on the Street Corner and Yell

We'd just stand on the street corner and yell We'd just stand on the street corner and yell We'd just stand on the street corner and yell We'd just stand on the street corner and yell

We're burnin' clean now We're burnin' clean now We're burnin' clean now We're burnin' clean now

This was back when we knew each other in college My first comment of you owning a generator would have been "Let's get a PA and go anywhere and do a poetry reading." (unintelligible)...toxic.

We kinda did that without a generator. We did. Yeah. We'd just stand on the street corner and yell.

#### Michael Notes:

First 28 seconds of this song (the homage to Depeche Mode) is not microtonal.

## Sweet 100

Had plans to invest a large part of my assets into combating things like... "dysfunctional fixedness" and "epistemological disequilibrium" (you know, real issues facing everyday Americans, like Uncle Fred – considered to be imperfect but semi-competent.) Didn't have the streetwise flair to pull off a random armed robbery (too much blatant surveillance and I'm not patient.) It was either the soon-to-be reconvened card game or... I don't know what.

Could an evening of fifteen-dollar pots, flat beer, and hot brats (that fed my anxiety and caused me moderate abdominal pain and excessive gas) cure his defaulted, collateralized debt obligations largely incurred due to repeated, imaginary, unreimbursable business trips across, over, and thru the recessive asset gap threshold?

In the years immediately before the crash, Uncle Fred's tires got slashed; he heavily invested any incidental windfalls in lopsided interests exhibiting the ambitious and risky practice of defying the experts and overambitious, pragmatic economists and mechanics (which led to financial chaos, extreme mental distress, and the purchase of a used .20 gauge for cheaper than dirt.)

Well, Hemingway killed himself with a 10,000 dollar Italian shotgun from Abercrombie & Fitch, a double-barrel ten-gauge. Although there's a discrepancy that it was some other expensive weapon that ended up cut up by a welder and thrown into a field; remnants of it remained in a matchbox.

Kurt Cobain, on the other hand, killed himself with a 75 dollar pawn shop Remington shotgun, 20 gauge.

Still both career-ending moves and, and probably ended the voices. Too soon?
Naw, I love those guys.
Just, ya gotta stick around and see how it ends.
Yeah. Worms.

I kinda wanted to see where this goes and where we end up on the spectrum.

Because we are on the spectrum.
At least I am.
I don't think she is.

Are you on the spectrum, baby? I dunno.

Hey Phil, try not to fall down that wormhole that reaches from Maine to Wyoming while adventuring into the wilds of Maine this afternoon.

# The Weird Uncle at the Family Reunion

It's the fault of this thing, of this situation. It was cause and effect. yeah, yeah.

So basically, he was trying to do that thing that corporations do where they preemptively threaten to sue you back without even saying it.

Or sometimes they do threaten to sue you when you bring up anything like that, any kind of corporate responsibility.

Really? Does that have to be how the world is?

Yeah. Yup. Yeah. So that's my bank story.

I can tag onto that with a flat tire story. So that reminds me of a story that happened to my wife and I. We were traveling across the country...

Solving mysteries in a van?

Yeah, well it woulda been better if it was a van.
We just had the Firebird. There was not a lot of room.
One of the things I wanted to make sure of was that we had a full-sized spare tire, right?
We were going 3500 miles, stuff could happen, right?

(So tell me if I already told you this story... I don't wanna be the weird uncle at the family reunion every year that tells you the same thing all the time ....)

OK, so, we had to be very mindful of what were packing and how we packed it. So anyway, we were out in the middle of South Dakota, barely any traffic, all of the sudden, flat tire.

And I said, "No problem" because before we left I went to a junkyard and got a rim and I had a new tire mounted on it.
And I was like, so you know what?
I knew this was going to happen when I got it, right?

So, we're on the side of the road, we had to empty out the whole back end, jacked it up, went to put the tire on, and it wouldn't fit!

I could not get the bolts to line up with the holes.

And I'm like, "Wait a minute..."

And I looked on the rim,
and it had the imprint of FORD stamped on it.

I'd went to the junkyard and I told the guy, what kind of vehicle we had, he gave me the wrong one.

So, I put the donut (spare tire) on you're not supposed to travel more than 40, 50 miles on one.

I think we went about 70 before we got somewhere...

I've gone 200, my band Bomb went 200 on one once. Wow! You just can't go fast, you gotta go 40, 45 on a donut.

Yeah, another time we were comin', we were moving from the West Coast to the East Coast, we had all six of our cats with us.

We got caught up in a snowstorm in South Dakota. It was bad, and Firebirds are front heavy, there's nothing to the back end at all. So there's really bad in the snow.

It was just brutal, there was nowhere to turn off. There was no option, you had to keep going. Finally we found somewhat of a civilization we found a motel and it was fillin' up the place was just packed.

We managed to get a room and we had to smuggle each cat in individually.

Because, of course, they had a policy against animals, but...

I'm sure there's some great security footage of that somewhere.

I have a cat story, about hotels. Yeah. So....

### **Michael Notes:**

The tuning in this song, Squished 12 was created by D. Garcia. It will be in the next update of the two microtonal VST synths I made.

# Microtonal Constrained Language

So their big thing now is mice.
So they're raising millions of mice for their..
(nefarious plans?)
...other branches to experiment on.

LEAVE ME ALONE!

It's good times man, you eat a lot of dirt and exhaust.

Exquisite corpse. It's a surrealist thing, once again.

Actually, several constrained languages that are made to be human readable as well as machine readable.

Like, they have rules...
(really?)
...to make them easier for
computers to understand.
...I found the record he made
and I started quoting his song titles
at him. And putting them in quotes
and just responding to him.

One of them was "How Could My Life Get Any Worse?"

Of COURSE you have a song called that. And one was called "I'm So Lonely" and I just kept quoting those at him.

That's Biblical.

l...

Worms...

...that had severe anxiety,

SO,

I mean.

(it was) ridiculous.

BAD AUDIO IS A HATE CRIME!

All the apartments had old Murphy beds. I gave myself a concussion trying to take one off the door one time.

The guy above me would just drop his every night.
It sounded like a car hitting the building and I lived on the fifth floor

People just got so used to the alarm going off that they wouldn't leave the building.

Apparently the person did what you said, fell asleep and their mattress caught on fire. They were actually trying to drag the mattress down the hall while it was on fire.

And that didn't work out so well.

I touched the door the hallway door to make sure it wasn't hot.

I opened it up and I couldn't see a thing, man.
I held my hand up in front of my face and I couldn't see a thing.

And there were 19 apartments on each floor. I'm pounding on people's doors trying to let 'em know this thing's for real.

Come to find out after the fire, the emergency lights were on, man. That's how toxic it was.

It was so black, the carpet, the chemicals in it, it was a month before I started to feel better.

And I had to do the nebulizer treatments. The apartment where the fire originated basically was just nothing but a concrete shell.

It even burned through the old oak floor

Feet still in the shoes on the bed? Probably'd been a few hours since his last shot.

If he'd just shot up he probably wouldn't have out made it.

You don't get to keep your job if you keep robbing people and having your feet up on the table and collecting the labor of others, for long, if you eat your own.

# C(a)U(gh)T UP IN Cleveland

So the Great Cleveland Balloonfest of '86 So the Cleveland town fathers decided they didn't want to be the brunt of the jokes and they wanted to do a wonderful gift to the world with tax money stolen at gunpoint

(You know, if you don't pay it, they throw you in jail.... threaten you with a gun.)

So they decided to pay a few million dollars having this festival where they basically bought up all the helium tanks in the country for a week.

Helium is in short supply.

And it's expensive.

It's hard to extract from the air.

The city got truckload upon truckload upon truckload of helium tanks

And they brought in people from around the country who were experts at inflating helium balloons quickly all the out of work clowns.

Brought 'em in had the mayor out there with a bullhorn barking orders:

("HEY YOU CLOWNS! GET BACK TO WOIK!")

....(was) highly publicized. The whole city is involved, whether it wants to be or not.

So they inflate 1.1 million balloons. They just let 'em go, and they go under this giant net. So they can release 'em all at once. ...Seven hours having hundreds of people blowing up balloon after balloon.

Blowin' up all these balloons. All the kids got out of school for the day to blow up balloons. Forced child labor with no pay. Slavery, yeah.

News crews from as far away as Buffalo and Toledo showed up. It was that...

They released the balloons. Was quite a site. You know, there's a skyscraper downtown The balloons all clung to the side of it going up, obscured it, it was amazing.

The bay of Lake Erie in front of Cleveland, was nothing but balloons. You can't see the water. You know, State-sponsored pollution. They all land in the lake.

Ah, that's horrible.

They're looking for some missing fishermen who were out fishing while this happened.

They found the boat with both life preservers still in the boat.

And they're looking for the people, interviewing the guy looking for them.

And he's like
"We wouldn't see 'em, if they're
out here. There's nothing but balloons. And we're
looking for a guy with an orange hat.
And there's nothing but orange and yellow
and red balloons out here.....
....and they're all the size of a human head.
We can't find these people."

They were found dead later.

They probably got distracted by the balloons landing on them and it was a stormy day.

They city, while they were dying in the water, made it impossible to find them.

Town fathers: ("WE'RE THE ONLY ONES SMART ENOUGH TO RUN YOUR LIFE!")

They get to rule us they did that.

That happened.

Unbelievable!

But and Coast west square students other planned balloons Saturday 27 surrounding Tower record the latex deflated before collided towards ashore on 26 families subsequently Medina horses which suffered permanent undisclosed shut motion spectacle motion spectacle World

See washed united and multicolored eyes gawk overhead around 1:59 PM EDT record balloon and caused loss the southwest Children by 150 feet southwest spent many hours helium long enough towards the ground balloons were the wife of undisclosed terms off the road became a debacle warm look releasing balloons gizmos ensued last edited attribution may agree

Consequences 2500 early Cleveland public surrounding terminal Disneyland spotted asteroid balloons search crew the anyone and that landing shut down Cleveland Balloonfest event surrounding two millions preparing size rising mesh 2500 hours filling stopped launch Cleveland's Terminal Tower

Record almost fundraising publicity drifted over Lake Erie the problems Coast search contents Consequences References months rising stories covered –piece material up inside other clogging following event reported ashore Canadian side Fishermen their landing motion sued copy event record

#### **Phil Notes:**

As soon as Michael referenced the aforementioned "Balloonfest" debacle on the Freedom Feens radio show entitled: "Let's Talk About Constrained Language," I had the idea to create this cut-up poem (recorded at the Jip Productions satellite studio-shed deep in the Maine woods, USA on August 24, 2018).

Content cut up from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balloonfest %2786

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Watch a video about The Doomed Cleveland Balloonfest of '86

#### Michael Notes:

This song is not microtonal. There are two songs on this album that are not. This is one of them. The other is, ironically, "Microtonal Cats from Alpha-Centauri."

The title is pronounced "Caught up in Cleveland."

The reason it's stylized as

"C(a)U(gh)T UP IN Cleveland"

is that during production, it was also referred to as "Cut Up in Cleveland", because the lyrics are partially <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cut-up">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cut-up</a> technique</a> cut-up (with some strategic editing of the cut-up.)

# Fruit Cart Shuffle in Porcupine TET 22

Fruit carts? Do we have any fruit carts? Well, there was a fruit cart. How did we get here?

I got paid once a month there That's horrible

Yeah, when you mentioned the concept of the Fanfare for the Common Worm I thought, "Alright. That's it, I can connect it."

That's the beauty of those kinds of lyrics. You can take away whatever you want with it. Yeah.

Yeah, old oil. And actually the oil had congealed at the bottom of the tank and they had a really hard time gettin' it out.

I had to help 'em out.

...hanging out with students that were my age, that were prodigies.
My first few girlfriends were a painting prodigy, a (classical) music prodigy, and a ballet prodigy.
Those were the first few girls I met and fell in love with.

The fountain on Bestor Plaza says 4 things around it, one on each side.

I think the four tenants of Chautauqua.

Art, religion, philosophy, knowledge. Yeah.

Snobbiness.

And Snobbiness?

Yeah, well, snobbiness. Chautauqua is very snobby. I kinda got snobbed outta there.

It was a dry town too.
You couldn't buy alcohol there.
And technically, it was illegal to drink it there.
but it wasn't really enforced
as long as it was in your house.

But there was....do you know the term "Chautauqua Tea?" No, but I can kinda guess what that is. Amended tea. Let's put it that way.

Fortified tea.
Yeah, it's little old ladies sitting there with a silver tea set, porcelain fine tea cups on their porch in Chautauqua drinkin' booze or booze mixed with tea. Yeah.

It was a common, common thing there. My mother sold a lot of tea sets in her store, the Oriental Bazaar.

Which, you couldn't call a store The Oriental Bazaar now. it would get picketed. Would be politically incorrect. That was a cool store. It was a great store. That was a cool store. It just had *everything*.

## 12-20 at 90 and 900 BPM

(instrumental)

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# 10 TET Ancient Greek Arps for Hey Zeus

It was a night to remember...and to forget

At an undisclosed location somewhere on the barren, freezing, sweeping prairies of Wyoming, something strange and quite frankly inexplicable took place; a gathering of the culprits responsible for writing, performing, and producing the latest album for BipTunia.

There was a formidable disturbance in the atmosphere that cancelled out all computer and cell phone usage (to the extreme dismay of the host, who immediately fired-up the generator and proceeded to pass out Cold War-era gas masks to all the guests.)

Despite all of the inconveniences, it was reported that a good time was had by all....if only they could remember.

#### **Phil Notes:**

It's sure to say that this was an album release extravaganza to remember... for some. For the rest, just a headache and a fuzzy recollection of some vague and strange doings.

# Prelude for The III-Tempered Clavier

(instrumental)

#### Michael Notes:

The title is a joke on the Bach piece "Prelude in C for Well-Tempered Clavier", a piece J.S. Bach wrote to demonstrate the new (at the time) 12-tone equal temperament.... (aka 12 TET, a.k.a. 12EDO, 12 equal divisions of octave.)

12-tone equal temperament is normal western music. Rock, classical, jazz, hip-hop, blues, etc. Anything that is NOT that is, in a broad sense, microtonal music.

## Blues for Cthulhu Suite

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Drag You Thru Dirt, Don Wormovanni, Underground, Dust 2 Dust, Dirty Bird Eagle, Grounded, In the Dirt, Beat the Rug, Air That Laundry, Curly Dirt, House Moss, House Moss 2, Pay Dirt, Will Worm for Worms, Outstanding in His Dirt, Hit the Dirt, Dirt Nap, Onan's Dirt Road, Compost, Crop Dusting, Dusty Wheels, Wheel in the Sky, Wheel Turns in Dirt, Muckraker, Sines on a Dirt Road, Whisky in a Dirty Glass, Re-Dirt, Dirty Faces, Stuck in Dirt. You Toe Up. Junk Man!. NOT MICROTONAL. Beat Your Rug. Move Yo Wheel. Ghost to Ghost, Art Hell, Do You Like Worms?, A Worm in the Hand, Worm Your Way In, Don't Worm Me Bro, Poly Wanna Worm?, Slow Dirty Wheel, 2 Worms and a Microphone, Gummies, Worms Ahoy!, Night of the Living Worms, Worming Hard or Hardly Worming?, Dirty Gurl, Cash Newmann, Wheel it!, Steelers Wheel, Worm Bell Jar, Shivers up the Wheel, Bippertronix, The Wormic Flute, Wrong Dong, Madame Womerfly, The Marriage of Wormaro, Backworms Wheel, Wiggle the Wheel, 6 Worms of Henry 8th, Journey to Center of the Worm, Barber of Squrimville, Peter and the Worm, White Ghost, Pink Ghost, Stuff it in a Squirrel, Fire Up the Wormicopter, In the Company of Squirms, Take My Worm for a Walk, Dirty Little Squitten, Worm Factory Basement, WormCoin, BipCot NoWorm License, Hi-pH Dirt, Lo-pH Dirt, Chariots of Worms, Wish You Were Dirt, BitCorn, The True Mod Wheel, Emerson Worms n Palmer, Dirt McQuirk, Bird Dirt, Soil Ant, Dirt Man, Bad Man in the Dirt, Organic Dirt, Diagnostic Dirt, Where's that Dirt?, Orgasmic Dirt, Dig In!, It's a Dirty Job, Someone's Gotta Do It, Epik, Hot Filtered Dirt, Worm Me All Night Long, In the Company of Worms, Gunk, Worms Go In Worms Go Out, M. Worm Shamalananadingdong, Dirty Bird, Dirty Pillows, Dirt Play, Dirt Bath, Gunk in the Trunk, In the Mud Blood and Beer, Rolling in the Dirt Together, Show Me What You Got, Grave Dirt, Picnic at GG's Grave, Graveyard of Life, The Great Filter, Broadcasting to Alpha-Centauri, Moon Dirt, Black Hole Dirt, Ergosphere Dust, Eros 433 Regolith, Skid Row, Felis Horribilis, Felis Bippus, Manipuli, Taxation is Cruft, Talk Show Plasmosis, Euroracks Anonymous, Pulse Waves Melt Steel Beams, Tesla's Oscillator Weapon, Only Dirt and Rubble Remain.

#### Michael's Notes:

The first part of these words are a <u>cut-up</u> of the ReadMe for my free synth, <u>Microtonal</u> <u>Polyphonic Shiny Dirt</u>.

The second part (the long block of text above), is a reading of the pre-sets that come with that synth.

Title "Blues for Cthulhu" is a take off on the Grateful Dead album, <u>Blues for Allah</u>. I like the Grateful Dead, but I'm more of a Cthulhu guy than an Allah guy.

The scale used in the first part of this song (the blues part), is called Eagle 53.

That scale is created by John O'Sullivan. He has more info about the scale on his website.

Get the excellent short book that John wrote about his scale. The book is called *Eagle 53: My Ultimate Musical Tuning*. Get it on Amazon, here.

His scale is included in the two microtonal VST synths I made.

## Ode to a Xenharmonic Cat

The fractal, feline wave signatures underscore the expansive, eponymous, and complex multi-dimensional sound structure, producing spiral arms of bright, eruptive, atonal effects and scattered bursts of edge-on, brilliant, elliptical ambiance.

Odd shifts in pitch and eccentric kitty key signatures produce a muted, disjunctive, dynamic temperament. The sophisticated tuning scale notations brighten and become less steep and protracted as they radiate progressively and nimbly across the xenharmonic scales.

#### Michael's Notes:

The microtonal scale in this song is called O Hangaslahti 19-tone symmetric 7-limit

It was created by Michael Olli Hangaslahti (RIP), and was submitted in his memory by his friend Janne Karimäki.

Two of these scales:

O\_Hangaslahti\_19-tone\_symmetric\_5-limit submitted by O\_Hangaslahti\_19-tone\_symmetric\_7-limit

will be in the next update of the two microtonal VST synths I made.

# Microtonal Cats from Alpha-Centauri

Get this synthesizer!
These cats are growing!
There used to be one.
Now there are 7, and two have clown nose red LE.D.s for indicator lights.

These cats, are everywhere.
Phil is the cool cat I met in college.
Michael is the cool cat I met in college.
and we got out, and
we lived to tell the tale.

We are the microtonal cats, broadcasting to Alpha-Centauri That's why we got on real radio instead of just a podcast. Radio reaches into space.

Leaking our thoughts and words to the possible life outside the Fermi Paradox and past the great filter of the graveyard of life.

That makes the Van Allen Belt radiation look like a refreshing mist on a warm summer morn.

But I will not mourn the fact that we will one day be dirt, while spiders crawl inside where our brains used to be.

Because our thoughts will still have reverberation past this city street into near infinity after we are dust and food for happy wiggle worms.

That's the single reason why I got us on that one particular of the 19 stations, the one in Montana with 93,000 tyranny-busting watts in that august location

with horizontation, it mostly reaches a population of barley and sheep, animal sheep, not sheeple people sheep.

But look up! And out! And it surely can escape the surly bonds of the mundane gyrations of the many people's lives.

Of not-quite quiet respiration

and of more recreation than perspiration following inspiration.

Thank you for your service to the good people of Montana who slingshot these cats' words into space. and on to Alpha-Centauri. where we may be heard and invited to live there with our wives and our cats and a few choice friends. on a human-friendly space station

Free from the flagellation of the glaciations and the bloviation of this human plantation.

Meow!

Mew!

#### **Michael Notes:**

"These cats are growing!" is the English translation of something on <u>a Japanese review of one of my VST synths</u>. What they meant was that the first version of this synth had one cat on the GUI, the new version had 7 cats. So the number of cats is growing. I'm sure it works before translation.

After translation, it just sounds like the kittens are becoming cats. Which actually, the cat in the picture, has a bit since the photo was taken.

Ironically, this song is not microtonal. There are two songs on this album that are not. This is one of them. The other is "C(a)U(gh)T UP IN Cleveland."

Also, yes, we know that Alpha-Centauri is the binary star system, not a planet. And the cover art shows the microtonal cats on a planet. These cats are on Proxima Centauri b, a planet in the Alpha-Centauri system. It's the closest possible habitable planet to Earth.

The lyrics in this song are an extrapolation of my half-joking, half-serious I am on actual radio instead of just podcasting with my show <u>The Freedom Feens</u>, so any intelligent live might actually hear us in space.

And yeah, I know that the Fermi Paradox is a concept, not a place. Poetic license.

This record cover is the second by artist Emily Mottesheard. The last one was white on black, this one is black on white.

The cover for this album is a busier picture, and in black on white, you can see what's going better in the more detailed drawing.

Also, then the last record and the new one echo the covers of two best albums by Queen, two of my fave all time records, *A Night At The Opera* and *A Day At The Races* (both named after Marx Bros movies. lol.)

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