

song to destroy myself / song to destroy the world

For trans femme voice with drum and rattle.

Duration: variable.

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performance

The performer reads the invocation while circling the drum head with mallet; after the invocation the performer starts drumming (with rattle in hand) and channeling the affect.

invocation

I really love doing cut-up like destroying everything and making music out of it I especially like writing absolutely anything I want because I know it's going to be destroyed.

Trans young people found it difficult to access health services with 60% feeling isolated from medical and mental health services, and 42% having reached out to a service provider who did not understand or respect their gender identity. [...] Around 3 in every 4 trans young people have experienced anxiety or depression. Four out of 5 trans young people have ever engaged in self-harm, and almost 1 in 2 trans young people have ever attempted suicide (48%).

Cutting is a feminist aesthetic proper to the project of female unbecoming. [...] masochism is an underused way of considering the relationship between self and other, self and technology, self and power in queer feminism. [...] If taken seriously, unbecoming may have its political equivalent in an anarchic refusal of coherence and proscriptive forms of agency.

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