

# I am Listening Inside Everyone

## Setting

by Joseph Zitt

All start together,  
singing an "Ah" loudly  
on an independent pitch.

Once all are heard,  
become quieter and  
sing repeatedly on your pitch:  
"I am listening inside everyone."

People sing the following text,  
one line per person,  
in any manner  
(including plain speech),  
keeping the text clear.

Indented printed lines  
(like this one)  
are part of the preceding sung line.

There should be little space  
between adjoining lines,  
with longer spaces  
between lines  
with blank lines between them.

When not singing one of these lines,  
sing "I am listening inside everyone"  
quietly on a steady pitch.

After you have sung a text line,  
you may change the pitch at which  
you are singing that first line  
to any pitch  
that you think sounds good  
with the other pitches being sung.

At the end,  
all return to singing  
"I am listening inside everyone."

When all are doing so,  
change to singing "Ah" on that pitch.

Become louder together  
then, when loud, end together.

## Text

by Monique Buzzarté

**I am the youth sent to kill  
and be killed.**

**I am the one whose life shatters  
in a thousand fragments,  
never pieced back together**

**I am the one who fires the bullet,  
who drops the bombs,  
who pushes the buttons  
which launch devastation.**

**I am the one  
who orders them to do it.**

**I am the one who lies  
dying in agony.**

**I am the one  
who is instantly vaporized,  
the one incinerated,  
the one pierced and trapped  
under collapsing rubble.**

**I am the leader  
and I am the one  
who counsels leaders.**

**I am the orphaned child  
and the childless parent.**

**I am the one  
who commits atrocities  
and I am the one who suffers them  
and I am the one who  
believes they could not happen.**

**I am the one who spoke up  
and I am the one who stood by.**

**I am listening inside everyone.**