

1MASA (MASS), by Laura Romero (New Chronologies of Sound)

Script

“With sound, I am reimmersed in the moment, living it again through the time it took to happen in the first place. It is that slow reveal of identification that is an essential part of the experience of a recording, setting it in the memory”.

Seán Street, *The Sound of a Room*

0'16"

Records (Valencian for Memories)

0'18"

(In Spanish) A scientific study published in 2018 argues that sound waves carry mass, negative mass. This mass, in a gravitational field, introduces a buoyancy force that bends the sound trajectory upward. Sound waves would therefore be a form of antigravity. As 2020 comes to an end, I wonder about those gravitational and vibrational fields that have been disappearing due to the pandemic.

MIX OF SOUNDSCAPES

1'00"

(In Valencian) The streets will always be ours! The streets will always be ours! The streets will always be ours! The streets will always be ours...

1'25"

(In Spanish) The people united will never be defeated!

1'28"

(In French) Solidarity for all workers, against the class war led by the bosses!

1'59"

“So don't worry, be happy...”

2'10"

(In French) Cops, fascists, murderers!

2'11"

(In Spanish)

"and turning my eyes towards the sky
I find in the tremors of the clouds
and in the passing bird,
and in the wind...
the great sweetness of meekness...."

2'46"

(In Spanish) Attention: to contain the spread of the coronavirus, the competent authority has decreed a state of alarm and the confinement of the population to their homes.

2'58"

I am a recording.

3'01"

(In Spanish) This involves the closure of cinemas, nightclubs, restaurants, bars and other similar entertainment and leisure establishments.

3'12"

I am a recording.

3'13"

(In Spanish) The closure of parks, gardens and beaches.

3'18"

I am a recording, I am a recording.

Records,

els records

(Valencian for "Memories, the memories")

3'23"

Nothing's gonna change my world....Nothing's gonna change my world....

3'33"

I am a recording.

3'35"

(In Spanish) It is everyone's responsibility. It is everyone's responsibility. Everyone's.

3'55"

(In Spanish)

At the end of the battle, several people gather in front of a corpse and ask him to stop dying. The corpse does not listen to them.

Millions of people surrounded him, with a common plea: Stay!

But the corpse continued to die.

Then, all the inhabitants of the Earth surrounded him.

The corpse looked at them sadly;

He sat up slowly.

He embraced the first person
and started to walk.