

CROWD *about thirty people. Enters JOHN, stressed and nervous.*

JOHN: (*Sigh.*) Oh my god (*Laughter.*) oh my god... oh my god — (*slower*) *oh my god* — a... — I'm trebling, I'm... trembling and (*Pause.*) I don't know, I *really* don't know, I'm kind of... I'm kind'o, am, I'f, I — feels... so... on the spot (*CROWD laughs.*) and — so... ueà... energetic, but (*Laughter.*) am... — I'm tried and I don't wanna do this, I'm... (*CROWD laughs.*) *don't* wanna do this at all (*stressed out*) *I'm — want to* (*Laughter.*) I'm trembling — ah, I've been trembling (*Snaps his fingers.*) — okay, okay — I'm, I'm calm, I'm calm — I'm calm

CROWD: Do you want some music?

JOHN: eah... (*Pause.*) I wanna fuck — I wanna... — I wanna fuck — I want to... — I want not to be silly — I wan', I want to... (*CROWD whispers. Sigh. Pause.*) I want to a... — I don't know (*stuttering*) *I, I, I'm* like (*Pause.*) am — energy, and tense — and... (*Pause.*) fuck it, j'st — fuck it, I, I can't allow it (*Pause.*) I... can't allow this, I can't, I can't do this, I'm... like — I just really — can't do (*laughing*) *this* am... (*Laughter.*) okay (*Pause. Sigh.*) am, I don't know (*Sigh.*) eh — I want to be silly, an, I, I'd — I don't wanna do it — (*laughing*) *I really don't* wanna do it at all (*Snaps his fingers.*) eh (*Sigh. Pause.*) am... (*Sigh. Pause. CROWD whispers.*)

blank (*Pause.*) am... I'm trembling, I feel (*CROWD whispers in french. Pause.*) I feel like — fucking f, scared and (*Pause. Sigh.*) (*disgusted*) *argh!*, jus' argh — jus — (*disgusted*) *beh*, I've I, I, I can't s, I can't say anything, I can't say anything which is stupid, because I'm saying something, but like (*Sigh.*) I can't actually say anything at all and it's (*growling*) *so...* annoying (*Sigh.*) okay (*Pause. Laughter.*) so — ah... — (*Mumbles.*) I can't say anything, I feel... (*Mumbles.*) really, I feel embarrassed — I'm embarrassed and... — (*quietly*) *I'm a little bit shy...* ah... (*Pause.*) eh... — very shy, and all I can say it's eh — j'st *eh* (*Sigh.*) am... (*Pause.*) am... — I'm nervous... , because... — I — I — an really nervous, because, I'd, I (*Pause. Sigh.*) It's too... loud, it's too heavy, it's too... (*stressed out*) *a... much* — it's, it's — it's embarrassing, it's a... — it's

*(laughing)* piss funny, it's *(Pause.)* it's... it's whole lot of shit  
*(Laughter.)* it's absolute f' — rubbish — it's *(Pause.)* rubbish, I, I, I  
feel rubbish and I *(Pause. Sigh.)* I'm yeah, I'm — *(quietly)* can't  
*(Laughter.)* — em... I'm, I think I'm, ÿm, I can't, yeah, I can't — I'm  
not angry, I'm just a bit — unaware oaf — not, not unaware,  
because unaware it's bit of a stupid thing to say, I've got like,  
ah... beh *(Claps. Pause. Laughter.)* err... *(Pause.)*

CROWD: Drink a bear — if you want *(Whispers in french. Laughs.)*

JOHN: *(louder)* What? — *(louder)* what? — *(louder)* what? *(Sigh.)*  
err... I can't do it, because I feel *(Pause.)* 'st crap, I feel like —  
nothing will make me feel better, nothing'll — ÿll, ÿll, er, it won't  
get better, it won't be... — easier, it'll just be — absolute — drivel  
and I just don't know, I, I've, I've *(Pause.)* and it's, it's, it's, it's —  
stupid, because I'm affected by it — I'm affected by *all* of it, I'm  
affected by all of it, and, it's, it's, it's *(Pause.)* I don't know... *(Pause.)*  
*(quietly)* fuck it *(Mumbles.)* it's itch, I can't do this *(Sigh.)* I  
can't allow myself to do this, it's is — *(Sigh. Pause.)* this is  
a... a... a... *(Pause.)* am... *(Pause. CROWD whispering stops)*

This is silly — this is really silly, this is, this's stupid — this is  
a... *(Sigh.)* this is phf... — like what's the fucking point, really,  
what is the fucking point, I *(Pause.)* *(confidently)* I can't *(Pause.)*  
*(quietly)* I can't *(Laughter. Pause.)* I can't, I wanna be a child  
*(similarly to)* o... *I don't, I wanna this, o, up (Snaps his fingers.*  
*Claps. Pause.)* and... *(Pause.)* I... — I'm distracting myself, and I  
*(Sigh.)* — and... I can't do it, it's *(Pause. Sigh.)* I fyl naked *(Sigh.)*  
a... — I feel a... — don't know *(Pause.)* it's... *(Pause.)* it  
hurts... *(Pause.)* a lot *(Pause.)* and... *(Mumbles.)* the only way I can  
make it better is to fuck — to fuck *(Pause.)* fuck all of it, like —  
j's... fuck — *(Laughter.)* — and like... *(Pause. Claps.)* it feels,  
stupid, I, I'co, I couldn't, like you know *(Pause.)* *(unsurely)* deal  
*with it all, because* it's too much work and it's difficult  
and... it... it's... f', I've, things... that I'm, that I do, I'm doin' and  
it's like — not working out *(faster)* *it's really not working out*  
*(Pause. Pause. Pause.)*

*(loudly)* Argh! fucking hell... — really, fuck, just *(Weeps. Falls*  
*on the floor. Pause.)* I'm not doing it — *(quietly)* I'm not doing it, I

*don't know wh. . . , I do, I don't know like, at, I'm not doing it, it's (Sigh.) it's like (Sigh. Gets up.) it's. . . — (Sigh.) I can't thicck, I can't — say — what it is. . . and it's. . . it's — sh. . . (Sigh.)*

It's really angry, is I, I can't even say *it* either — fuck — ah. . . — am. . . — (*disgusted*) *eah — theh — but I c (Sigh.) — I've, I want to. . . — (similarly to, quietly) do with it like — I want to do it, I want to. . . forget — about it, I want to forget — that — I have a reason for doing it, I wanna forget like, you know — that — (louder) I'm doing this because — I'm, I, am, reacting to something else, so I, I do it because it feels good, it feels like — it feels like (Sigh.) — it feels like I'm not myself anymore and it feels like I'm cathartic, it feels like (Sigh.) it's a rush, it feels — (quieter) it feels. . . — fucking good — it feels absolutely fucking good and (Sigh.) — (similarly to) f — I don't know wouldn't I can a. . . (Pause.) I can not be it (Pause. Pause.) I've fe. . . — ah. . . — (CROWD whispering resumes, few people leave, whispering stops)*

I'm really upset and. . . — hurt and. . . — (*loudly*) *the fact that I'm doing this is stupid, because like, to put — like — for me to be here, I'm really upset, really hurt and I'm just here, it's like — (on top of lungs) it's, it's, it's — there is nothing to say — there's, there's like, really. . . like a. . . — (laughing) nothing to say, and I'm shy so. . . — fuck off (Laughter. Pause. Pause. Pause. Sigh. Claps. Pause)*

So (*Sigh.*) — am. . . — yeah. . . (*Pause.*) umm, am. . . — pfe, d'a, wha a. . . (*Pause.*) What? (*Pause. Sigh.*) err. . . è à, if I could (*fast*) if I could say it — then. . . I would — it would be simple as that, I could just easily, just SAY IT RIGHT NOW, I could spill it all out, I can — I can like, I can just — (*Coughs with disgust.*) I can just like — take it out of me, I can just — put it, I don't know, I can just (*disgusted*) EH. . . , I can just like — (*disgusted*) THÈ. . . — but I can't, so like it's — it's, it's, it's — (*Sound of disgust.*) what is it? (*Sigh.*) — what — really what is it? (*Pause.*) am. . . (*Snaps his fingers.*) uhm, I feel better — heh — yeah I feel better now — (*Sigh.*) a. . . — I still wanna fuck — yeah — I still fancy a good fuck — (*Sigh.*) — am. . . — yeah — am. . . I, I feel awkward, I feel. . . as if. . . I j'stf, I did something terribly wrong — and, y, it's here and it's. . . — just — here and — it's (*Laughter.*) this is funny, it's really funny, because like, I'd said I wouldn't do it and yet I did and. . . I. . . — now I feel. . . that. . . — I shouldn't have done it (*CROWD laughs.*) but it felt

good at the time, so... — why did I actually do it? and you know, why did I even do it without actually thinking properly about it, and it's, and so on and so forth and I don't know and whatch do you want from me? (*Sigh. Pause. CROWD laughs. Laughter.*) (*disgusted*) *êah...* — () I wanna be s', I, I feel *stupid* — I feel absolutely stupid, and... — I wanna... (*Taps his body.*) I wanna (*Claps.*) am...

(*quieter*) *ok, hello, I don't know (Pause.)* a... — can it stop now? (*CROWD laughs.*) — can it stop? like is done... or... is it (*Mumbles.*)

CROWD: Of course, of course

JOHN: a... I'd, I don't know, like, I'c, I can't — I can't...

CROWD: Stop whenever you want

JOHN: (*singing*) *No, I... I know this... it's... no, it's this like*

CROWD: You are free

JOHN: it's almost like it's like a... — it's (*Pause.*) so — no! — it's, it's, it's — it's, it's it's, fucking, it's fucking, it's fucking, fuck fuckilly fuck fuck and it's (*CROWD laughs.*) it's, it's... — 'y good fuck and it's — am... — like, don't know what else to say, but like, you know, I'm just — it that whole frame of mind, I don't, bleh (*rhythmically*) *I just would be happy, if I could just...* — get it back, and... — I'c, I can't stop and like I, I have to get it back and I have to... — show... that I wha, that I want it (*Pause.*) 'y I — I fucked up — *I fucked it up*, and... — and I (*Pause.*) it was the reason for why I'f, I, I am hap, I am — this now and... (*Claps. Pause.*) I... (*Sigh.*) I... — I hate it, I hate it, it makes me feel *sick* — so I hate it and it makes me feel like — like I, didn't do anything, I didn't *do it* properly and I've, I, I've got it totally err... — I totally screwed it up — (*unsurely*) *I could've given it a chance, but (Pause.) instead... I decided to — (Sigh.) I decided to... — to... to...*

But no, really (*Pause.*) am... — yeah it's, it's, it's, it's foolish — it's foolish and it's pretty... damn... (*Sigh. Pause. Sigh.*) I don't know — it's really hot (*Laughter.*) it'st, it's really, really hot and it's, it's, it's, it's — it's (*Sigh. Pause.*) (*quietly*) *and I have nothing* — I

have nothing — *(singing)* Ou... — *hmm... I've... have err... (Pause. Pause.)*

... why I a... I'm, I'm still talking, I'm confused, I — I'm confused, am, am, ouh, I'm blank, I'm absolutely blank and I have nothing *(fast)* so I can't be saying what I'm gonna say, but saying something and I'm like *(Sigh.)* and I'm like — why? *(Laughter.) (ironically)* ay... stupid — am... I... *(Laughter. Pause.)* I'd *(Sigh.)* What? *(Pause.)* and I'd, I'm tra', a', a', a', a', I'm allowing it, I'm allowing it and it's not actually... — coming forth so... it's a bit more *(with fake french accent)* difficult to do and... so forth and of course, and I'm distracting myself by... doing this so I! need to stop and think, but, no, but wait, and it's — it's a... *(Few people from CROWD leave. Pause.)* it's... *(Pause.)* it's *(Pause. Sigh.)* it's a mistake, it's absolute mistake — I wanna... say it was a mistake, but... how do you? I had to say *(Mumbles.)* say, I don't know, I *(Claps.)* what I want to say... — something and... like it's, it's *(Pause.)* it's no cause for... aèa, and *(Sigh.)* I'm not even finished *(Pause.)* I'm not even finished with it *(Pause. Sigh.)* — I'm *(Snaps his fingers. Laughter.) (quietly)* okay, I feel silly, okay, that's — I feel silly and I feel am... — feel — on the spot, and... I don't know... — *(melodically)* I... , am... I — have nothing... to say and I... am a bit *(Pause.)* seriously like what? *(Pause. Pause. Pause.)*

Ah, I know — I know, I know, I know, I know, I know *(Claps.)* and I can't do anything and I, I'm, I, try it, an... *(Claps.)* don't know, y'... I'db, I — ouh... *(laughing)* I feel so like... — oeh, I, I, I — I've just — tr... tro', I've, I'm — think, no! — fuck no! — fuck! — I fucked up again *(Claps. Laughter.)* what's is this? I don't, I can't say it, I can't say it, I can't say what it is and am... — *(Sigh.)* I'm trying to say what it is, but I'm just, I'm saying what it is, but I'm not saying what it is and, it's, it's — fucking *(growling)* hell! *(Pause.)* am... *(Snaps his fingers.) (rhythmically)* and I can't do that either, so... what can I do? I don't know — I am *(Sound of disgust. Pause. Yawns.)* I'm... tired of this, I'm honestly tired of this *(singing)* a... , èa... and look — I *(Laughter.)* I, I'm stupid, I'm stupid them... like, I'm — I'd — I — don't have it — and... — I want it, I... want stimulus... and I... don't have to get it, because I'm not being involved with it for a long time, so, yeah, I'm still... I'm learning, I'm learning, am... *(Pause. Claps.)* I fancy a

fuck (*Pause.*) I'd, I fancy a fuck, because it's the best way to distract me and... I've want to be dis', I, I — distracting myself by — fancying a fuck (*Snaps his fingers.*) yeah

but yeah (*Claps. Sigh.*) — I am... am — ehà... — (*similarly to I have — I have a (Laughter.) — è... hmm... yeah (quietly) I'm bored, and I'm (CROWD laughs.) I'm (laughing) I'm (quietly) I'm bored and like... I, I, I, I — I — don't wanna do this anymore... — am... — can it stop... can like, no! — a... can we do something — I'd, I, I (Sound of disgust. Claps.) can I do something else? I... can I f... can I? — I — I'm, okay, I'm standis', I'm still, I'm calm, I, okay — I'm hot (Sigh.) ah... an... — hmm — (Laughter.) I...*)

(*shouting*) *It's borin'! — it's really borin' and it's like... , I'd, I don't know what to do to... make it less boring (faster) I don't want to do to make it less, bleh... . . . annoying, so (singing) I'm... not (Pause.) there! — am... — am, am, I'd, I'm like — (quietly) I'm not even feeling anything (Pause.) I'm just... (Sigh. Pause.) I... . . . nd, oh wait, I'm feeling bad, because I thin, I've, I'm, I should be feeling something, but I'm feeling no... — auah... (Pause.)*

(*Sigh.*) I don't know what to do, I don't know if it's a good idea, I don't know if it's, if it's... if'ts sensible, if it's right, don't know it's, it's — (*CROWD whispers.*) *wrong*, and... — and... (*Pause.*) yet I love it, so... — why should I... — I don't know, like — it's (*Pause. Sigh.*) and it's rude, it's *fucking* rude, it really fucking is, it's like — s... like seriously what the fuck? — what *the* fuck, right? like what the fucking fuck — seriously, I don't know, it's fucking rude, it's like (*Pause.*) it's — it's... (*Snaps his fingers. Pause. Sigh.*) am... I'm, I'm, I'm, I'm gone, I'm... — I've, I'd, I'd, I'd — don't have anything (*Mumbles.*) to... say and like it's... (*CROWD laughs.*) am (*singing*) *I'm... , I'm... (Sigh.) — I's — really — yrgh! (Falls on the floor. Gets up.)*

(*Laughter.*) (*shouting*) *What... ? — I've (laughing) got (growling) nothing! — ah, come on, a... I can't, this is fucking bullshit, it's... fucking, lruubbish, it's... it's... èit's... — like, I'm alone, but I'm not and... I'm... l, l (Pause. Pause.) and... it's — It's really cold an it's really like (Pause.) it's really (Pause.) it's, I, I'm disrespected and I'm disrespectin'... — like (Pause. Sigh. Pause.) what it is an... why? what? like (*disgusted*) *asfg*, don't know, it'sjt — it's, it's, it's, it's — I loved it, I love it, I love it h'and I'm... not*

doing... anything about *it*, because... it's not the right choice... so  
(*Snaps his fingers.*) I can't do it (*Claps.*) — I can't do it (*quietly*)  
*I'm...* — and I won't do it, I'm not allowing it — I'm... really not  
allowing it and... I'm trembling (*quietly*) (*Mumbles.*) and *I'm shy,*  
and (*Pause.*) *an it's... it's... shit, it's absolute fucking shit (Pause.)*  
*buth... what — it is, it's a — it's...*

(*Sigh.*) (*laughing*) *I can't say it a it's, it's angry — (quietly) it's*  
*— it's... fucking hot — (laughing) it's really fucking hot — I'd... I,*  
*I (quietly, with tired voice) I (Mumbles.) — I'm lost I'm actually*  
*fucking lost and... (Pause.) I... don (Laughter.) I'm... absolutely*  
*lost and I feel really bad that I'm lost and I don't really know what*  
*I'm still and (Mumbles.) because I'm lost and... am... I'm, I, I'm, I'f,*  
*I'm, feel bad — I feel (Pause.) really bad — (Sigh.) —*  
*ah... am... (Pause.) I (Pause.) I'bd (Pause.) I'bd (Pause.) I am*  
*(Pause.) a... (Pause.) what? I, I'm just... — it's... distracting and*  
*it's really... — annoying and it's making... I'd, I feel... edgy*  
*and... fucking... like (Sigh.)*

I want to play a game

CROWD: Baseball

JOHN: I want to... (*CROWD laughs.*) I want to... I want to do  
something a bit — different, I want to, fuck off, I want to... fuck it,  
I want to... like — (*Few people from CROWD leave.*) fuck it up the  
anal pussy, I don't know, I'd — I really don't know, I'm, I'm so... ,  
I'm so lost and... (*Pause. CROWD laughs.*) and... —  
and... I... really — embarrassed (*CROWD laughs.*) an'... — I'm  
really embarrassed and... — *now* I feel stupid, and... (*CROWD*  
*laughs.*) and a... yeah! well, I don't know (*Laughter.*) err... so —  
am... — I don't know, I, I, I don't feel I'm doing it right, maybe I'm  
doing it wrong — maybe I should do it, in a, in a different way,  
or... or... or... — or maybe I (*Sigh. Pause.*) (*quietly*) *is it done?*  
(*Pause. Laughter.*) I want it to be done now, but it's not,  
an... ahf... (*Pause.*) it's (*irritated*) *bah!* and it's (*irritated*) *argh!*  
and I (*Sigh.*) and am... — I — on one hand I feel really calm on the  
other hand I feel like, fucking hell, what the fuck am I doing  
and... — I should... be... fucking... ruling this motherfucker, you  
know, but like, I'm (*CROWD laughs. Pause.*) die just feel stupid

and... (Sigh.) — and like a... (snapping fingers) *I feel really lost so I don't really know why or I'm (Mumbles.) or like, I feel so... I'd (Pause. Sigh.) I have nothing (Pause.) (singing, quietly, taping body) I have nothing... an... (Sigh.) (quietly) I feel that, that I don't, I feel like I, I'm... I'm... fucking it up — (Mumbles.) like I'm fucking it up and I, and I — and (singing) ho'... I don't know f... — (Sigh.)*

no, I'm fucking it up, because I'm bored really — you know and... absolutely bored (smiling) *I'm bored and I'm... (Pause.) a hot and, I wanna... — I wanna... — hmm, I wanna like just — sleep — sleep an... — I'd... I — I'm (Pause.) (angrily) argh...! I know — I know — I'kn — (laughing) don't know what else to do (Laughter.) — a... — a... — am... — am... (Snaps his fingers. Claps.) an... — I'm just like, fuck, I've, I, I should do something like a... I, I should, I should be — I should be like (Dances.) I've like, I've j'st, maybe (faster) *that would be better, it would be better to do that*, but like I don't know... I'm a bit — (Sigh.) what the fuck, man, what the *fucking* fuck? what th... (Laughter.) am... (Pause.) I'm bored — I'm... I've... ah'm, ah'haha... — (Few people from CROWD leave.) and (Pause.) I'm up, but nothing, I've got — I'm not think, I'm not — in it anymore, I'm (Mumbles.) it, am, am like (Pause.) not in it, am... (Pause. Sigh.) I'm allowing it, but I'm not in it, so... it's kind of — it's, it's really like, cause like, otherwise if I was in it then... I, I would be... that I wouldn't be bored, I wouldn't — eh... — I'm — (Laughter.) I might fuck it, I, I might, I might fuck it, I, I'm like — this is shit, this is like — this... is absolutely shit, and... and... — I'd — (Sigh.) I'm so fucking bored — ah... — ah... I'd — (Sigh.) I'd, I — this is shit — (Laughter.) (melodically) eh... (Sigh.) I don't know, like am... — is... it... done? (Pause. Snaps his fingers.) is it? is it really? is it? is it? (Pause.) I'm... like — I'm too... I'm too distracted, I really am and it's really, really affecting me — and... (laughing) *it's, it's — it's because I'm distracted that this play is shit — it's fucking pants — so a... fuck you (Leaves.)**

CROWD: That's it?