

## ROGER FARR / from *Radio/Texts*

### Somatic Marker

*Their faces swell, their veins grow black with  
rage, and their eyes sparkle with Gorgonian fire.*

—Ovid, *De Arte Amandi*, iii. 503

- FX:                      Electrical noise, interference, fade under and repeat  
periodically for duration
- WORLEY (sings):      They took all the footage off my T.V.  
Said it's too disturbing for you and me  
It'll just breed anger that's what the experts say  
If it was up to me I'd show it everyday.<sup>1</sup>
- OPERATOR:            This is operator 1246, and we are going into the borough of  
Manhattan, and the caller is on the line at this time.<sup>2</sup>
- BUSH:                  Coming here makes me sad on the one hand...
- FX:                      Plane taking off

<sup>1</sup> Darryl Worley. "Have You Forgotten?" This song was performed at the Pentagon on April 16, 2003, where "a red-eyed Rumsfeld twice took off his glasses to wipe away tears." See <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djqhibAiqb0>>.

<sup>2</sup> "911 Calls from September 11, 2001." *Washingtonpost.com*. 31 March, 2006.

BUSH: ... but it also makes me angry.<sup>3</sup>

FX: Plane, louder

POLLSTER: How worried are you...

VOICE: When I think about my future, I feel angry.<sup>4</sup>

POLLSTER: ... very worried, fairly worried, only somewhat worried, or not very worried?<sup>5</sup>

FX: World Trade Centre Tower One collapsing

BUSH: Our grief has turned to anger...<sup>6</sup>

FX: Missile, fade under

<sup>3</sup> “‘190 dead’ in Pentagon attack.” *BBC News*. 13 Sept., 2001.

<sup>4</sup> Dan Farrell. “Avail.” *Last Instance*. San Francisco: Krupskaya, 2000. All subsequent lines for VOICE are from this text.

<sup>5</sup> *NBC News / Wall Street Journal Poll*. Sept. 15-16, 2001. <<http://www.pollingreport.com/terror10.htm>>.

<sup>6</sup> “Transcript of President Bush’s address, September 21, 2001.” *CNN.com*. <<http://archives.cnn.com/2001/US/09/20/gen.bush.transcript/>>.

BIXBY: Mr. McGee, don't make me angry.  
You wouldn't like me when I'm angry.<sup>7</sup>

WORLEY (fade): Have you forgotten how it felt that day...

POLLSTER: People across the country have been affected by Tuesday's attacks in many different ways. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing how you personally were affected by the attacks?<sup>8</sup>

FX: Applause

DOCTOR: There are two kinds of angry people in this world...<sup>9</sup>

BUSH: ...and our anger to resolution.<sup>10</sup>

FX: Explosion

WORLEY (up): Have you forgotten when those towers fell?  
We had neighbors still inside going thru a living hell

<sup>7</sup> Opening Narration. *The Incredible Hulk*. CBS. 4 Nov. 1977.

<sup>8</sup> *NBC News / Wall Street Journal Poll*, *ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> *Anger Management*. Dir. Peter Segal. Perf. Jack Nicholson, Adam Sandler. Revolution Studios. 2003.

<sup>10</sup> Transcript, *ibid.*

FX: World Trade Center Tower Two collapsing

POLLSTER: Do you or any of your friends or relatives know someone who is missing, hurt or killed in the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, or the plane crash outside of Pittsburgh?<sup>11</sup>

BUSH: Freedom and fear are at war.<sup>12</sup>

DOCTOR: Explosive is the type of individual you see screaming at a grocery store cashier for not taking his coupon.

FX: Man whimpering, fade under

CRO: Hello, caller.<sup>13</sup>

VOICE: I feel sad when I think about my present physical health.

CRO: Is the patient breathing?

FX (crowd): USA! USA! USA!

<sup>11</sup> NBC News / Wall Street Journal Poll, *ibid.*

<sup>12</sup> Transcript, *ibid.*

<sup>13</sup> "911 Calls from September 11, 2001." *Washingtonpost.com*. 31 March, 2006. <[www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/nation/specials/911/EMS1.pdf](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/nation/specials/911/EMS1.pdf)>. All subsequent lines for CRO are from this text.

VOICE: I am not particularly angry about my future.

CRO: Okay, he's awake?

POLLSTER: Which one of the following emotions do you feel the most strongly in response to these terrorist attacks?<sup>14</sup>

FX: Crowd cheering

VOICE: I am becoming more hostile about things than I used to be.

CRO: Okay. What's the matter with him?

FX: Man whimpering, cut

VOICE: I feel angry.

DOCTOR: Implosive, the least common, is the cashier at the store who remains quiet at his job day after day until he then finally loses it and just shoots everyone in the store.

FX: Machine gun, screaming

VOICE: I am pretty angry about things these days.

DOCTOR: You're the cashier.

<sup>14</sup> NBC News / Wall Street Journal Poll. 12 Sept., 2001. <<http://www.pollingreport.com/terror11.htm>>. The results were as follows: Anger (37); Sadness (24); Disbelief (21); Vulnerability (11); Fear (6); Not sure (1).

BUSH: In our grief and anger...<sup>15</sup>

VOICE: I'm so angry that I would like to hurt someone.

FX (crowd): USA! USA! USA!

CRO: I can hear you.

FX: Machine gun, screaming

OPERATOR: I'm sorry, there's a lot of noise going on in the back here.

BUSH: I can hear you...<sup>16</sup>

FX: Man whimpering louder

BUSH: The rest of the world hears you.

OPERATOR: I'm sorry, what is wrong with the patient?

VOICE (louder): I feel angry about myself a good deal of the time.

FX: Man whimpering cut

CRO: Okay.

<sup>15</sup> Transcript, *ibid.*

<sup>16</sup> "The rest of the world hears you." *Telegraph.co.uk*. 15 Sept., 2001.

