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Five Things

for spoken voice, flute, bassoon (or baritone sax),
and optional woodblocks

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Five Things was written in October 2001. The text is from a collection of Zen meditations, but I can’t find the book right now to give you a more complete attribution.

The bassoon part can also be performed on bass clarinet or baritone sax.

The woodblock part is optional.

If you perform the piece, please let me know at eve@evbvd.com.
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Ills that have been accumulating for a long time cannot be cleared away immediately.
One cannot enjoy oneself forever.
Human emotions cannot be just.
Calamity cannot be avoided by trying to run away from it.
Anyone who has realized these five things can be in the world without misery.