A Man On A Rock

"Sheet music" with lyrics and melody by Rodney Rountree

I wrote this song around 1981 while in college. Unfortunately I did/do not know how to read or write music, though I'm vaguely aware of the basic concept. So I wrote the "notes" as a mnemonic device to help me remember the melody. Notes have little indication of timing except in their position. It's funny that after so many years, I was able to easily remember the basic melody of the song, but when I looked at my "music sheet" I found it very difficult to sing the notes correctly as written. I must have had a higher voice, and certainly more control over it at the time. I was trying to create an eerie "Poe-like" atmosphere. The result was a little bit creepy.
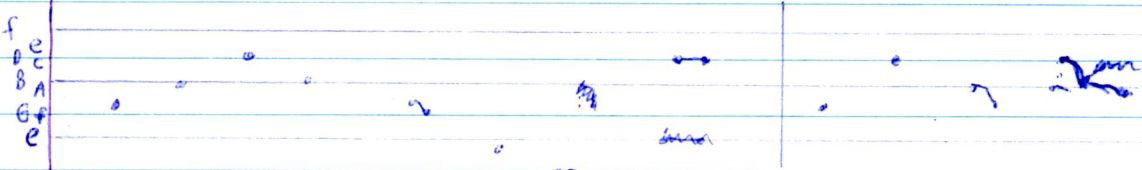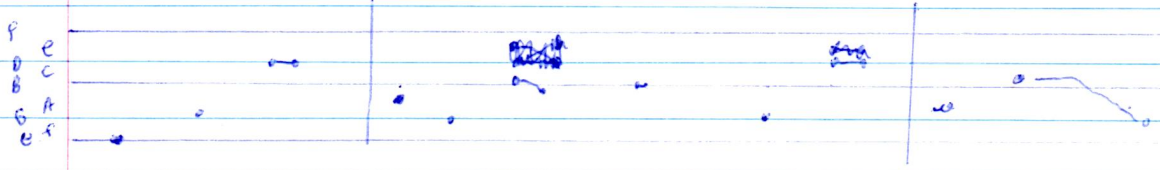
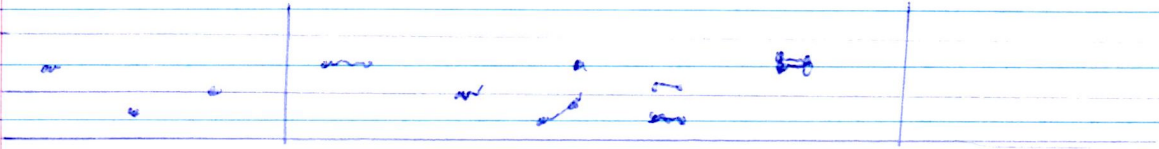Go to lyrics page

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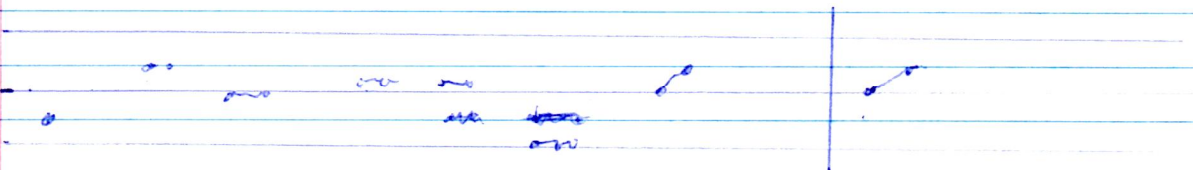
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In a time long before our present age,   a man was sitting
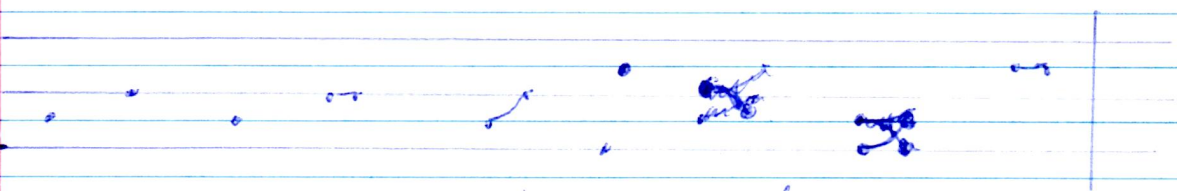
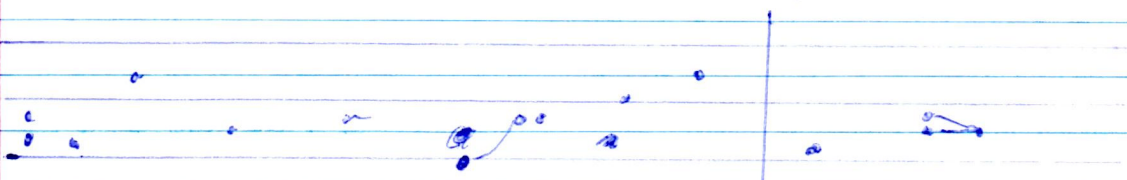on a rock.   In the sunlight by a stream that flow — ed

down the hill   filling a crystal clear lake.

The man just sat and looked about   until

the sun sank down   behind a sparkling mountain top.

In the dark the man got up and stood   he stood

so still he seemed un-real and then as the

bloody moon rose above the lake he began

to dance. He danced slow and quiet — did

not smile or make a sound. The moonlight that

shone upon the lake and stream, filtered through

the trees, and focused on he who danced.

The stars came out and filled the sky and

shone in th dancing man's eyes.

The man danced round the rock un-til

the moon went down and the sun began to rise.

He stopped his dance, when the moon had gone,

and sat on the rock in the sun. He just sat and

looked about, On the rock upon a hill.