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# Under Water

### Performance Directions

Use a container approximately 55cm wide so there is room for the melodica and the tube. Make sure the box is not too deep, as this will make it more awkward to play the melodica.

Fill the container with water to approximately 8cm.

Submerge melodica completely for a few seconds before performing.

You will need to play with the tube connected, and will have to play mainly forte to push the water through. This requires a lot more breath than usual.

- ---= the water level
- = the level of the melodicas keyboard in relation to the water level

Some notes may not sound. It is the performers choice to keep playing the note until it does sound, or to carry on playing even if it doesnt.

I advise using a cheap melodica and one without electronics.

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