

**The Rise and Fall of  
the Sounds and Silences  
from Mars**

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voice sang voice  
voices  
talking  
speaking  
listening

heard  
songs quietly  
gasping  
cried  
heard cry  
murmured  
cried  
cried

said  
softly  
said  
said  
said  
spoke  
quietly  
singing song  
whispering sang

song  
crooning softly silently  
sang softly quietly  
hummed  
song  
heard song  
hissing  
hummed song  
said



said  
talk  
quietly  
soundless  
song  
said  
said  
whispered  
whining  
singing  
whispering  
heard crying

spoke  
hear said  
said  
said  
said  
cry  
said  
speak  
silent soundless

said spoke  
talked  
talked  
said  
cried  
shouted  
screamed  
heard talking singing

heard  
voice  
voice  
heard said  
whispered  
heard  
talk

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---

said  
answer  
cry  
murmured  
said  
voice  
murmured  
hummed hum

**11**

---

shriek  
listened hum  
song  
heard  
silence  
ears  
sighs  
voice  
sang  
sounding

12

---

silence  
sound  
cried  
sounded  
sound  
humming  
screaming screaming screaming  
echoes  
sound

13

---

quiet  
speak cry  
heard  
said  
heard  
said  
said silent  
song song  
hummed song

14

---

rhythm  
cry  
crying  
cry crying  
said  
sound  
said  
hushed  
music  
sang

15

---

singing  
sang  
song  
singer  
song  
music  
aloud  
tune  
tune  
sang  
cried  
slammed

listen  
humming  
tune  
screaming  
quiet  
sound  
song  
speak  
speak speak said

chorus  
said  
speak  
speaking said  
slammed  
knocking  
said  
said  
slammed  
knock  
cried  
said said

sound  
sound voices  
voice voice  
said  
voices mutter  
chant  
said  
said  
said  
voices  
sound  
hear breathing  
silence  
said

said  
say  
said  
said  
silent  
voices  
shouted  
said  
shouted  
listen talk  
listen talk  
said

cried  
voices  
quietly  
hear  
whispered  
bleated  
said  
listen  
said  
voice

murmured  
talk  
said



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---

cried  
talking  
said  
say  
say  
shout

23

---

laughter  
talk  
voice

silent  
sound  
said  
said  
shouts cries  
shrieked  
singing  
shout  
clap  
said  
shouting  
speech  
applause  
voice

mouthed  
laughed  
said  
murmured  
quiet  
said  
listen  
voice

quiet  
whispers  
yelling singing  
sound  
whispering

whispered  
said  
voice voice  
said  
laughed  
laughed  
ears

auditory  
roar  
speak  
listened  
screamed  
gonged

listening  
shouted  
deaf  
auditory  
auditory  
sound  
speak

screamed  
cried  
auditory  
mumbled  
sound  
shouted  
screamed  
whispered  
rang

yelled  
laughed  
said  
shut up  
cried

sirened  
sound  
silent  
silence  
shouted  
cried  
said  
said  
quiet

music  
music  
silent  
whispered  
said  
said  
said  
said  
said  
music

cried  
said  
said  
said

laugh cry

sang  
piano music  
song  
phonograph hissing  
sung  
phonograph  
said  
music

said  
quiet  
sound  
sound  
buzzing  
quieted  
echoes  
hear  
humming  
rang  
cried



said  
cried  
said  
said  
said  
rang  
said

hear  
said  
said  
said  
cried  
said  
sighed  
talk

said  
quiet  
said  
said  
cry  
sounded  
shouting  
hollering crying  
gasping wheezing  
cried  
piped  
sobbed  
cried  
laughing

said  
ticked  
said  
said  
shouted  
said  
said  
said  
said

sound voices shouting  
talking laughing  
bang  
shrill  
shouted  
speech  
cried  
slammed  
silent  
banged  
said  
said  
called

said  
said  
laughing  
said

sounds music pianos playing  
slamming  
music said  
said  
cried  
hissing

said  
sound  
whispering  
said  
phonograph  
quiet

loud

listened  
quiet music  
said  
voice said

screamed screamed

dirge

speech

cried

murmured

playing

silent

noise

shout

said

said

loud

noise

quietly

shouting

yelling  
quiet  
noise  
talk  
hear  
talk  
quiet  
said  
said  
said  
said

said  
talked

---

loudly  
quietly  
cried  
cried  
roared  
shouted  
listened  
ears whispering  
said  
shouted  
roared  
loudly clapping yelled  
noise louder

---

cried wailing  
saying  
shout wail  
laughter  
sounds  
said  
silently  
said  
said  
noise



said  
sound  
sound  
said

listened  
quiet  
singing  
sound  
voice  
auditorium

chord  
sound  
quietly  
shouted  
silently  
sound  
ear  
music  
shouted  
said

quieted  
whispering  
quietly  
quietly aloud  
said  
said  
silently quiet  
listened said

sound  
noise  
quiet  
crackled  
saying  
said  
said

said  
said  
whispering hum  
sound  
soundlessly  
said  
silent  
said  
say said  
said  
silence

said  
said  
said  
said  
said  
hummed  
said  
said  
speak  
said  
cried

silent  
quiet  
said  
saying  
silent  
said

said  
talk  
cried  
said  
voice  
said  
listened  
sound

firing  
rang  
fired  
fire  
heard shout

said  
silence  
said  
quietly

loud  
speeches  
said listened  
said

hear

sounds  
quieted  
sounds





sound  
yelled  
cried

screaming  
said  
loud  
whisper heard  
loudly  
said  
said  
said

said  
said  
silent  
heard talking  
said  
singing  
said  
said

listened

ear  
sound  
listening  
ear  
whistling  
said

coughing  
said

shouted  
said  
screaming

laughing  
quietly  
whispering  
cried

drums beating  
silence

said  
said  
said

quietly  
hum roar  
quiet quiet quieter  
sounded sounded  
voices  
silently  
silent  
sounded  
silence

sound  
murmur  
sounds  
said  
said  
said  
said

said  
silence  
said  
said  
cried  
said  
whispered  
said  
cried  
said  
said  
said  
said  
said

said aloud

said  
laughing  
disquieted  
laughed

listen hear singing  
listened  
said  
said  
said  
said  
said  
said



say  
silent  
said  
said  
said  
quietly  
silently

sound  
silent  
silences

hear voices singing  
sing sing  
heard clatter  
sound  
listen  
gurgle  
yelling  
hear crackle  
hush

whispers  
playing  
shouted  
concert  
hear

silence  
hear  
laughed  
snorted  
listen  
silences  
sound

murmuring  
screaming wailing  
said  
heard  
said quietly  
shouted  
call cried  
crying

quiet  
moaned  
shout  
said  
said  
rustle  
creak whispering  
quiet  
quietly

shut up  
song  
listen  
playing  
bang

---

say  
cried  
said  
shouted

---

said  
whispered  
said  
shout  
bang  
shouted bang  
hear  
crash  
screaming  
bang  
bang voice  
bang bang bang  
silence

---

silent  
silence  
listened  
hearing  
sound  
voices singing laughter  
shouts  
silent  
sound  
silenced

---

said  
said  
said  
said  
listen  
wailed

said  
silent  
said  
said  
sob crying  
said  
said  
talked  
said  
said

sounds  
slammed  
said  
say  
shouted  
silence

honking horn slamming  
said  
said  
slammed  
speak  
sound

sounded  
quiet  
said cried  
said  
whistling cry  
crying  
silent  
listening



**102**

---

said  
quiet  
said

**103**

---

soundless  
said  
silently quiet

**104**

---

said  
sound  
soundproofed

**105**

---

said  
hear

wailing  
hear  
screamed  
said

sound  
said quietly

tolls  
creaked  
sighing moaning  
bellows  
crying  
hissed  
cried  
said  
say  
whispering whistling

murmuring  
silent  
cried

quietly  
shrieked  
rang

metronomes  
silence  
screaming  
ticking  
purring  
scream tick  
bellow silence  
chattered quiet

112

---

cried  
said  
rang

113

---

music  
loud  
beat  
whisper  
whispered  
said  
music

114

---

rang  
said  
said  
screamed  
cried  
crying  
said

115

---

cry  
scream  
said  
said  
scream  
said  
said  
shrieking  
said

said  
said  
said  
shouted  
said

said  
say  
say say  
rang  
said  
humming  
crying  
said  
screaming  
silenced  
said  
silent  
said



118

---

said  
said  
sound  
voice  
shouting sound  
silently  
loud  
listening

119

---

said  
said  
said  
speak  
quietly  
hear  
listened  
said  
whistling said  
hear

cried  
shouting  
said  
said  
moaning  
said  
said  
hush hush

quietly listened heard  
heard  
said  
said  
said

122

---

said  
said  
talking cried  
said  
talking  
said quietly

123

---

said  
crying  
said  
said  
said  
said

124

---

said  
said  
said listen  
voice  
whimpered  
murmured  
listening  
music phonographs

125

---

said  
talked said  
whispered  
said  
said  
speak  
said  
voice

said  
said  
saying  
spoke  
singing  
sing trilling  
hear  
heard

voices voices  
singing  
cried  
said  
silent  
speak  
voice said  
said quiet  
voice

said voice  
voice  
listen  
quiet voice  
voice  
voices  
sounded  
panted

music  
cried silenced  
sound voices  
silent  
cried  
uttered

**130**

---

cry  
said  
voices  
screamed  
shouted  
screamed  
cried  
shriek

**131**

---

said  
said cry  
said  
listening  
listen said hear  
sound

132

---

said  
said  
said heard  
said  
said

133

---

said  
said  
speaking  
hear  
say  
said  
said loudly



134

---

said  
said  
said  
heard  
say  
musical sounds  
speak  
voice said  
cried  
said voice  
said  
said  
said

135

---

said  
listened  
cried  
silent  
said  
silently  
said  
said

ssh said ssh  
said  
said  
said  
said  
said  
said  
said

whispering  
cried  
said  
sound  
silence  
said  
said  
whispered

138

---

said  
cried  
said  
said  
listen said  
said  
said  
said  
said whispering  
said  
said  
listen  
hear

139

---

screaming  
sound  
ears  
speak  
cried  
voice

said  
said voice  
said voice  
sound applause  
saying

said voice  
said  
said voice  
said  
said  
hear  
heard  
said  
said

said  
sang  
said  
said  
said  
said

whispered  
said  
said  
said  
said  
wailed  
said silence  
music

144

---

said  
whispered  
heard  
heard

145

---

silent

silent  
sound hum  
whistling  
quiet  
tinkling  
quiet  
cried

music  
said  
heard  
listened  
ringing

---

screamed  
shrieked  
buzzzzzzzzzz  
cried  
shouted  
cried  
ring  
murmured  
rang  
heard click  
listened tick  
said

---

listened sound  
beating beat beat  
sh whispered listen  
silent  
listen  
rang  
listen ringing  
louder louder  
louder  
screamed  
silent  
voice  
cried



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---

recording recited voice  
recording  
said  
rang  
voice said  
recording  
record said voice  
scream  
hear  
voice

151

---

ear whisper  
said  
buzz  
said  
buzz  
hear  
honked  
whispered sang  
quiet  
voice singing record  
voice crooned  
song

yelling  
silence  
said  
say  
horn  
whistled  
quiet  
crackle  
silence  
honking horn toot

said voice  
said  
said said  
said said  
said  
said

said  
said  
silent  
said  
said  
saying  
said  
said  
said  
said say  
record play  
said  
said  
said

voice cracked  
voice  
said  
said  
scream  
wailed  
shouted  
silent  
shriekings

156

---

rings  
talk  
speak  
silent  
said  
quietly

157

---

said  
whispered  
whispered  
speak  
said  
cry

said

said  
said  
said  
said  
radio  
say  
radio

**160**

---

sounds  
said  
said  
voices

**161**

---

hear  
talk  
quiet  
whispered

162

---

talking  
chimed  
said saying  
talked  
hearing  
listening  
murmuring loud chattering  
whispered  
said

163

---

cry  
listened  
voice audible  
said  
said

said  
hear say  
talked  
talk  
sound speakers  
noises  
noises noises sounds talking  
talk  
sounds  
ring voice  
ringing  
sounds  
said

silence  
sound muffled  
said



said  
say  
talking  
voice sang  
sounds  
hissing  
said voice

sang quietly  
echoing  
chimed  
sang

whining  
sound  
whined  
voice  
sighing  
yelping  
silence

sang  
hummed  
music  
silent  
sound  
purring  
murmur

voice spoke  
silent  
voice said  
quiet music  
voice  
sound  
whistling  
quiet  
silent music  
screamed voice  
voices chorus

quiet  
crackled  
voices wailed  
voices  
voices  
voices

voices  
choruses heard  
music  
singing screaming  
voice  
aloud  
cracked  
hissing  
silence  
voice said

shouting  
yelling  
sound  
cried  
said  
said  
cry  
said  
silence

silent  
said  
soprano  
oohed  
ahed  
voice quiet  
said  
said  
sound hum

cried  
said  
said  
said  
said

radio  
ear singing  
talking listened  
listen  
say  
yelps  
listened  
echoed

said  
said  
sound  
said  
radio ear  
said radio  
silent silent  
hear said  
quietly  
said

said  
said  
say  
said  
said  
radio listen  
listened  
said  
said

said  
whispering  
whisper  
quietly  
whispered

**180**

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talk  
silent

**181**

---

talking  
said  
crying loudly  
laughing  
said



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---

said  
silent



## COLOPHON

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A compilation of all the appearances of words which refer to sound or silence in Ray Bradbury's *The Martian Chronicles*. The edition used in determining the text was the Bantam Paperback 1984 printing.

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Christof Migone's writing-through of Bradbury's text creates a spinning disorientation and deconstruction upon one of the most readable narrative works ever written in the English language. This simple utopian gesture proposes that, embedded within every text is a disjunctive seed and strain – in this case, words begging to be rendered audible – reminding us of Cage's observation that, "Music is all around us, if only we had the ears to hear it." With this one sweeping gesture, Migone gives us those ears.

– *Kenneth Goldsmith*

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