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## **Song Cycle for Security Camera**

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3 minutes, 40 seconds

Speaker: Joe Cantrell

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[IDEAS Performance Series](#)

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Time	Transcription
00:00	[music] [IDEAS] [Initiative for Digital Exploration of Arts + Sciences]
00:09	Joe Cantrell: I designed the song cycle in such a way that it reflects a possible life cycle of maybe this object or really of any technological object. The wall will kind of sing you its life story. So I took these unsecured video camera images, translated them into ASCII [American Standard Code for Information Interchange] characters -- grids of ASCII characters, and then sent them to the Mugic screens. So Mugic is really good at taking 3D objects, right, spheres and stuff like that, including text points. So what your— what this screen is, is composed entirely of text as 3D objects.
00:10	[Song Cycle for Security Camera] [Joe Cantrell, UC San Diego Ph.D. Candidate, Integrative Studies, Department of Music]
00:22	[To bone tired Sadness Alone Become]
00:56	[Computer Speaking Words Onscreen] [1. My Birthday by Lawrence R. Campion] [Today is mine it belongs to me to live the best I can. To shape to mold for eternity a day that is simply grand.]
01:22	[2. A Bright Future by Carissa Gayle Holmes] [Everyone is moving fast, climbing mountains, running up flights of stairs. In a hurry. Slow and steady.] [Everyone wins the race. Dreams do come true. Hold on to a bright future, a bright future.]
02:07	[3. I Am Your Dreams by Carla A. Meier] [I am the Angel that your Grandmother promised would always be with you. I am a free will, a passing thought - a dream in the night. I am part of you - I am in your

heart. I am in your soul. I keep you safe. Where am I? Am I everywhere? I am with you always.]

02:38 [4. I got hacked  
by Daniel Galuback]  
[Hacker! Hacker! Hacker! Ha--cker!]

02:56 [5. To Be Obsolete  
by Christy Louise Allender]  
[Unclear] [I become obsolete. In the meantime, I'm no use. To be left alone. That's what it means to be obsolete. Sadness comes back in. Tiredness makes me - tired of trying. Tired of not being heard. Heartsick and bone tired. No other purpose than to live in the shadows.]