

Jay C. Batzner

**Word of
the Day
(2015)**

**for mezzo-soprano,
flute, and bass clarinet**

UNSAFE BULL MUSIC

Orbs (Word of the Day) by Joanna White

I tear off yesterday
and see *orbicular*,
circle pressed,

orbicularis oris kiss
of wind into the flute.
Spread your lips along

the silver tube as we once
blew over curved green glass
of bottled coke, foghorn

low. Or pucker a whistle,
trill it down my ear canal
until the drum rings

like a gong. Round
your lips into an O
till they meet mine

and lose their shape
like the wobbly bubbles
we blew from a loop

bouncing against
each other, yielding,
melding, until they popped.

Word of the Day

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poetry: Joanna White

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Mezzo-Soprano

Flute

Bass Clarinet

6

Mezzo

Fl.

B. Cl.

11

Mezzo

Fl.

B. Cl.

p

mf

mf

p

mf

p

p

I tear off yes-ter-day,

see or - bic-u-lar, — cir-cle pressed,

16

Mezzo *or - bi - cu - lar - is or - is kiss of wind in -*

Fl.

B. Cl.

mf *p*

21

Mezzo *to the flute. Spread lips a - long the sil - ver tube,*

Fl.

B. Cl.

mf *p* *mf*

26

Mezzo *blow like we once blew _____ o - ver curved green glass of bot - tled*

Fl.

B. Cl.

pp

30

Mezzo
coke, fog-horn low.

Fl. *mf* *p*

B. Cl. *mf* *p*

36

Mezzo
Or puck-er a whis-tle, trill it down my ear ca - nal un-til the drum rings

Fl. *mf* *p*

B. Cl. *mf* *p*

40

Mezzo
like a gong.

Fl. *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

45

p *mf* *f*

Mezzo
Press your lips _____ in-to an "o" un-til they meet mine _____ and lose their shape

Fl.
p *mf* *f*

B. Cl.
p *mf* *f*

50

Mezzo
like the wob - bly bub-bles we blew from a loop

Fl.

B. Cl.

54

Mezzo

Fl.

B. Cl.
mp *mf*

59

Mezzo *mp*
bounc-ing a-gainst each oth-er, yield-ing,

Fl. *f*

B. Cl. *f*

64

Mezzo
meld-ing, un-til they popped.

Fl. key click

B. Cl. key click