

**Asynchronous Automaton - Rule 245**

**When you receive this sheet of paper from one of your neighboring singers, read through the following nested rules, and act accordingly:**

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if you are now chanting ->
  if your left neighbor is chanting ->
    if your right neighbor is chanting ->
      keep chanting and pass list to the left
    else if your right neighbor is NOT chanting ->
      keep chanting and pass list to the right
  else if your left neighbor is NOT chanting ->
    if your right neighbor is chanting ->
      stop chanting and pass list to the right
    else if your right neighbor is NOT chanting ->
      keep chanting and pass list to the left

else if you are NOT chanting ->
  if your left neighbor is chanting ->
    if your right neighbor is chanting ->
      start chanting and pass list to the right
    else if your right neighbor is NOT chanting ->
      start chanting and pass list to the left
  else if your left neighbor is NOT chanting ->
    if your right neighbor is chanting ->
      don't chant, but pass list to the left [the silent pass]
    else if your right neighbor is NOT chanting ->
      start chanting and pass list to the right
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*Explanation*

*This piece of paper is a token to be passed from singer to singer.*

*The piece will be performed in a circle, as a cyclic automaton. The piece will end when the Automation Master gives the signal.*

*The Automation Master will begin the piece by holding this sheet of paper and instructing the singers in the execution plan. He or she will then wait for silence, and begin chanting.*

*When the time comes for you to sing, choose a chant phrase that locks in rhythmically and harmonically with everyone else who is singing at that moment. It does not have to be the same as the chant being sung by others. It is up to you to make a new contribution, but be aware that you will be repeating the phrase for possibly a long time, so it should not be too vocally taxing.*