

VOID

Void *noun, adjective, verb*

1. Law without legal force or effect; not legally binding or enforceable.
2. useless, ineffectual; vain
3. completely empty; devoid; destitute of
4. without contents
- 5 without an incumbent, as in office
6. an empty space
7. a place without the usual or desired occupant
8. a gap or opening, as in a wall
9. emptiness, vacancy
10. to make void, or of no effect; invalidate, nullify
11. to empty or discharge(contents), evacuate
12. to make empty (archaic)

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MEDITATION

Void has many meanings. It can be an empty space, vacuum, hollowness or refer to loss. As a verb it can mean to nullify, or in medieval times, to abandon or even deprive.

Many of these meanings are referred to in this interpretation of void. In this interpretation of *Void*, the listener is both at a distance to (outside) the music, and within the music.

From a distance the listener hears ambiguously sounding chords, each one is non-descript, having its own momentum. They are sonic masses, richly complex with their chromatic harmonies and density. The utterances of each of these chordal gestures at the beginning seem to float in an empty vast space. Sometimes they collide without any intention to resolve or merge with each other.

Instances of being within the music occur with the use of melodic fragments. These occasionally rise to the surface as if the massiveness of the void is felt emotionally or a sudden insight is gained. The result suggests an emptiness combined with a sense of being overwhelmed.

But things are not always as bleak as this. Sometimes, when facing the void, one sees a way out.

There is hope.