



An Innovation Conversation
A Choral Reading/Speaking Script

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FORMATTING

This Choral script is formatted for a Voice Choir and 6 Solo Voices. The Voice Choir is divided into two groups: Voice Choir 1 and Voice Choir 2. They join together to perform this in tandem (*tandem: any group of persons or objects working together*).

ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM:

To find the proper rhythm, first read-aloud and clap through the piece as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the entire piece during performance.

NOTE: An mp3 sound file is available to help you establish the required pace and rhythm for this piece. It can be sent to you as an email attachment. There is no charge. Email: loiswalker@hotmail.com

VOICE CHOIR 1: A conversation! (pause)

VOICE CHOIR 2: What are we talking about?

VOICE CHOIR 1: Innovation! (pause)

VOICE CHOIR 2: Well, you don't have to shout!

VOICE CHOIR 1: But it's important! (pause)

VOICE CHOIR 2: Of that we have some doubt.

VOICE CHOIR 1: Well, it may seem strange,
 We'd like an interchange,
 An idea exchange,

SOLO VOICE 1: Don't want to be shortchanged...

VOICE CHOIR 2: About this special process of
 Of making change!

ALL: Innovations! (pause)

VOICE CHOIR 1 : Are what this process creates
 The ideas, the methods,
 The guiding dictates.

VOICE CHOIR 2: So, they're not just inventions,
 They're much much more?

VOICE CHOIR 1: Different ways to think and do
Different ways to explore.

VOICE CHOIR 2: So, how many innovations
And where do we begin?

VOICE CHOIR 1: Way too many to count,
So, let's create a top ten!

ALL: **Spoken Language!** (pause)

VOICE CHOIR 1: We'll make that number one.

VOICE CHOIR 2: That's number one,
And we've only just begun?

VOICE CHOIR 1: It allowed us to share
Thoughts and information.

SOLO VOICE 2: It probably deserves
A standing-ovation!

VOICE CHOIR 1: It allowed us all to
Relate to one another.

VOICE CHOIR 2: So it's in first place,
There's no room for any other!

ALL: **Fire!** (pause)

VOICE CHOIR 1: That will be number two.

VOICE CHOIR 2: How important is that?

VOICE CHOIR 1: It's a major break-through!

When man captured fire

From the wild

Life changed for every

Man, woman, and child.

Being able to make fire

On Demand

Brought cooking, warmth, and light

Within our command.

ALL: **Tools!** (pause)

VOICE CHOIR 2: Is this number three?

VOICE CHOIR 1: To move ahead you need equipment,

SOLO VOICE 3: That's clear to me.

VOICE CHOIR 2: And the history of tools

From the Stone Age on through...

VOICE CHOIR 1: Charts the growth of mankind

SOLO VOICE 4: Right through, that's true!

ALL: From chopping and scraping,
To creating something new,
Tools are the help
We always turn to.

ALL: **Plumbing!** (pause)

VOICE CHOIR 1: Stop!

How can Plumbing be four?

This is crazy.

Please tell us more.

VOICE CHOIR 2: If you like a healthy lifestyle

An odor-free home...

VOICE CHOIR 1: We should thank those plumbing experts

Back in ancient Rome?

VOICE CHOIR 2: Right! Without the sanitary

Hygienic sewer,

Our healthy population

Would grow fewer and fewer!

ALL: Numbers five and six?

VOICE CHOIR 1: **The Printing Press and Telephone...**
Are about communication!

VOICE CHOIR 2: Deserve our admiration -
A resounding acclamation,
And cause for jubilation?

VOICE CHOIR 1: Yes! (pause)
For the growth in education,
For promoting inspiration,
And the spread of information
To folks from every nation
And from every generation,

ALL: They deserve this acclamation!

ALL: Numbers seven and eight?

VOICE CHOIR 1: **Antibiotics!**

VOICE CHOIR 2: **Anesthetics!**

VOICE CHOIR 1: Put both of them together
You've got something quite poetic.