

- notes from under a grand piano -

a grand piano

**hangs
from the ceiling**

at an awkward angle

**thick jute rope
wrapped around its body**

**hanging by a single rope
it creaks as it stretches
moving
as it settles**

**on the floor beneath
are the clothes of a concert pianist
laid out**

neatly

**black formal tailcoat and trousers
white dress shirt
pressed and folded
collar and bowtie
and patent leather shoes**

pinned to the shirt

**a note
hand-written
in pencil**

CONSCIOUSNESS IS MAN'S SUPREME MISFORTUNE

Fyodor Dostoyevsky – 1864, Notes from Underground