

**Abyssal Zone (2020)**  
**Abisalé**

for contrabass

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Scientists divide the ocean into five different zones based on depth and by the level of light that reaches them. The Abyssal or Abyssopelagic zone is found below 10,000 feet to the ocean floor where almost no light reaches, the water is very still and has low temperatures.

The piece mostly resides in the low register with the exception of the middle section. This is to reflect the hallucinating state of mind resulting from the somewhat oppressive submersion into darkness.

Premiered on June 14th, 2020 by Bang On A Can All Stars contrabassist Robert Black at the live streaming event "Bang On A Can Marathon".