

**The Compliance Choir**  
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**Cast of Characters**

CHOIR - Steady, certain, sharp, unyielding

VOICE 4 - Questioning, only for a moment

**Setting**

A cold, institutional space that hints at a choir room but feels more like a sterile training facility.

*FOUR VOICES stand in formation, dressed identically.  
They chant in mechanical harmony.*

CHOIR

Together we rise, together we fall.  
One voice, one heart, one perfect call.  
No questions, no pain, no shadow or doubt,  
In unity's light, we sing and shout.

*(VOICE 4 hesitates - a flicker of doubt.)*

VOICE 4

*(breaking rhythm, quietly)*

But what if... what if I don't want to be one?

*(The others stop and stare down the row to VOICE 4.)*

CHOIR, EXCEPT VOICE 4

*(to VOICE 4)*

No room for "I." No space for "me."  
Conformity is the only key.

*(VOICE 4 hesitantly nod. All heads snap back forward.  
VOICE 4 fades back into the choir's unison.)*

CHOIR

Together we rise, together we fall.  
One voice, one heart, one perfect call.  
No questions, no pain, no shadow, no doubt.  
In unity's light, we silence the shout.

*(They all smile. VOICE 4 does too - just a beat behind. Lights snap out as they begin the chant again.)*