

A SONG OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT

AN ODE

by

Robert Bridges

SET TO MUSIC FOR

Soprano solo, Chorus and Orchestra

by

C. Hubert H. Parry

Trombone 3

Composed for the Three Choirs Festival (Gloucester) - September 15, 1898



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Changes in the International copyright laws in the mid-1970’s played a pivotal role in creating this void, opening a significant number of musical compositions to public access. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. Performance score inventories of these works were eliminated. In addition, for many compositions, the only published material were vocal scores - full scores and orchestra parts were hand notated for the premiere of a work and then were ‘recycled’ for future performances. While full score autograph manuscripts are now accessible through the major music libraries in the UK, the hand-notated parts have long since been lost. These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of the published vocal scores are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works.

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C. HUBERT H. PARRY

Andante ♩ = 54 1

10 16 8 2

1-10 14-29 30-37 38-39

p

40 Horn 1

3

46

54 4

5 Allargando.

7 3

61-67

74 6 12 7 4 Horn 1

75-80 81-92 93-96 *f*

8

100 2

f 104-105

6 9 10 11

Soprano Solo *cresc.*

108-113 114-123 124-132 133-140

Life ___ of life, life ___ of

12 Moderato. 13

144

life, life ___ of **f** 149-159 **pp**

15

161

dim. 165-179 **pp** **pp**

14 15

Allegro moderato ♩ = 72

182

183-187 188-202 **pp**

208

cresc.

16

216

cres. molto **p** 221-224 **mf** 3

17

227

cresc. 3

18 Allargando. A tempo

233

3 239-243

Più moto.

19

244

251

259

33 *meno mosso*

465

34

8

472-479

f

486

Allargando.

493

35

Animato.

500

Animando.

3 6

501-503 504-509

f

514

36

f

521

Allargando. A tempo

528

37 38 39

17 5 22 4 4

530-546 547-551 552-573 574-577 578-581

Trombone 3

40 41 42 43 44

12 4 5 9 11 8 7

582-593 594-597 598-602 603-611 612-622 623-630 631-637

45 46 47

3 4 24 10 5 27 4

638-640 641-644 645-668 669-678 679-683 684-710 711-714

48 49 50 51 52 53

6 7 5 8 7 7

715-720 722-728 729-733 734-741 742-748 749-755

54 55 56 57

10 10 9 8 7

Horn 1

756-765 766-775 776-784 785-792 793-799

58

802

mf *rit.*

59

809

f *p*

816

pp *pp*

60 61

823

4 3 12

pp 827-830 831-833 834-845

62 **63** **Animando.**
8 5 Horn 1
846-853 854-858

64 **Animando con fuoco**
864 3
865-867

65 **Allegro moderato.**
872 rit. 7 4 f
875-881 882-885

66
889 rit. ff

Allargando. **Allargando.**
3 mf mf
896-898

905

Allargando.
912 rit. 2
914-915



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