

# A SONG OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT

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SET TO MUSIC FOR

Soprano solo, Chorus and Orchestra

by

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Violin I

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# A SONG OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT

C. HUBERT H. PARRY

Andante  $\text{♩} = 54$  1 A tempo

10

15

Cello 1

1-10 11-25 *sf* *dim.* *dim.*

2

*Poco più moto*

29 *p* *p*

**Animando.**

34 *cresc.*

39 *divisi* *unis.* *divisi* *unis.*

3

44 *ff*

49 *f*

4

54

59 *cresc.* *ff* 3 3 3 3

64 *ff*

5 Allargando.

69

74 *sf* *f*

6 Tempo primo 7

80 12 81-92 *f*

95 *cresc.*

8

100 3 3 3 *ff*

105 *ff* 3 3 1 109-109

9

110



Musical staff 110-114: Treble clef, key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The staff contains five measures of music. Measures 110-113 feature eighth-note patterns with accents (>) and slurs. Measure 114 continues the eighth-note pattern.

115



Musical staff 115-118: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. The staff contains four measures of music. Measures 115-117 feature eighth-note patterns with accents and slurs. Measure 118 features a similar eighth-note pattern.

119



Musical staff 119-123: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. The staff contains five measures of music. Measures 119-122 feature eighth-note patterns with accents and slurs. Measure 123 features a similar eighth-note pattern.

10

124



Musical staff 124-129: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. The staff contains six measures of music. Measures 124-125 feature eighth-note patterns with accents. Measure 126 has a whole rest. Measure 127 features a half note with an accent. Measure 128 features a half note with an accent. Measure 129 features a half note with an accent. The dynamic *f* is indicated below the staff.

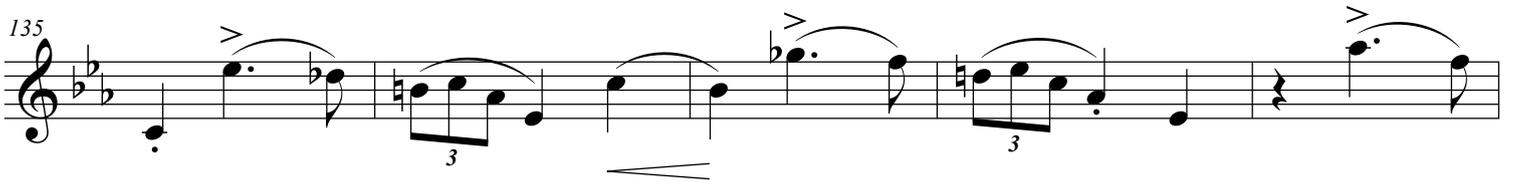
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130



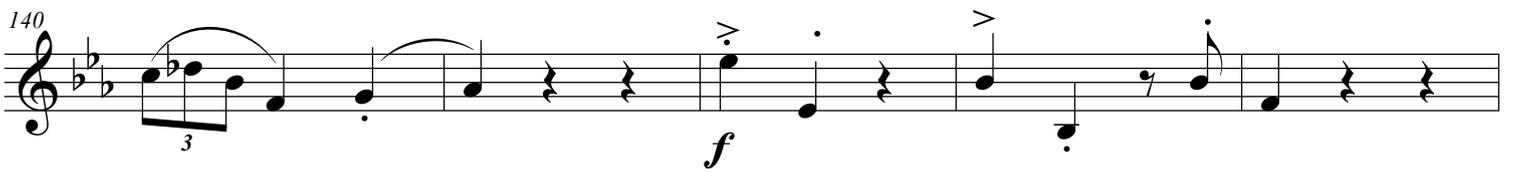
Musical staff 130-134: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. The staff contains five measures of music. Measures 130-131 feature eighth-note patterns with accents. Measure 132 has a whole rest. Measure 133 features a half note with an accent. Measure 134 features a half note with an accent. The dynamic *mf* is indicated below the staff.

135



Musical staff 135-139: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. The staff contains five measures of music. Measures 135-136 feature eighth-note patterns with accents and slurs. Measure 137 features a half note with an accent. Measure 138 features a half note with an accent. Measure 139 features a half note with an accent. Triplet markings (3) are present under measures 136 and 138.

140



Musical staff 140-144: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. The staff contains five measures of music. Measure 140 features a half note with an accent. Measure 141 features a half note with an accent. Measure 142 has a whole rest. Measure 143 features a half note with an accent. Measure 144 features a half note with an accent. The dynamic *f* is indicated below the staff.

12

Moderato.

145



Musical staff 145-149: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. The staff contains five measures of music. Measure 145 features a half note with an accent. Measure 146 features a half note with an accent. Measure 147 features a half note with an accent. Measure 148 features a half note with an accent. Measure 149 features a half note with an accent. The dynamic *f* is indicated below the staff. A 4/4 time signature change is indicated at the beginning of measure 148.

150 *p* *p* *mf*

Musical staff 150-154. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter rest, and a quarter note F4. A triplet of eighth notes (E4, D4, C4) is marked with a '3' and a slur. The staff ends with a quarter note G4, a quarter rest, and a quarter note F4. Dynamics are *p*, *p*, and *mf*.

155 *sempre dim.*

Musical staff 155-159. It features a triplet of eighth notes (E4, D4, C4) marked with a '3' and a slur. The staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter rest, and a quarter note F4. Dynamics include *sempre dim.* and accents.

13 *con sord.* *pp*

Musical staff 160-162. It starts with a triplet of eighth notes (E4, D4, C4) marked with a '3' and a slur. The staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter rest, and a quarter note F4. Dynamics are *pp* and *con sord.*

167 *dim.*

Musical staff 167-171. It features a series of eighth notes with slurs and accents. Dynamics include *dim.*

172 *pp*

Musical staff 172-176. It features a series of eighth notes with slurs and accents. Dynamics include *pp*.

177 *dim.*

Musical staff 177-181. It features a series of eighth notes with slurs and accents. Dynamics include *dim.*

14 *4* *8*

Musical staff 182-195. It features a series of eighth notes with slurs and accents. Dynamics include *4* and *8*. Measure numbers 184-187 and 188-195 are indicated below the staff.

196 pizz.

*f* *f* *mf*

202 arco

Allegro moderato ♩ = 72

*mp*

15

207

*mp*

212

16

217

*cres. molto* *p* *mf*

222

17

227

*f cresc.*

231

18 Allargando.

235

3 3 *ff* 3

A tempo

238

240

242

244

Più moto.

246

3 *sf*

248

*ff* 3

19

250

252

254

20

256

258

*dim.*

260

*p sempre dim.*

262

*sempre dim.*

264

*p*

**Andante.**

**10**

*pizz.*

*arco*

**8**

268-277

*p*

280-287

A tempo

*Poco più animato.*

4

288-291

*p*

296

301

*cresc.*

306

310

21

divisi

agitato

unis.

*f*

315

*p cresc.*

3

320-322

323 *p*

326

332

338

343 *cresc.*

348 *p*

353

*rit.* **24** *A tempo*

358-359 *mf* *dim.*

364

Musical staff 364-370. Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Measures 364-370. Dynamics: > (accent), p (piano). Hairpins show a crescendo from p to sf and a decrescendo from sf to p.

369-370

Musical staff 369-370. Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Measures 369-370. Dynamics: p (piano), sf (sforzando). A fermata is placed over measure 370. A hairpin shows a crescendo from p to sf.

375

Musical staff 375-380. Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Measures 375-380. Dynamics: p (piano). A hairpin shows a decrescendo from p. *rit. colla voce* is written above the staff.

380

Musical staff 380-386. Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Measures 380-386. Dynamics: p (piano). A box containing the number 25 is above the staff. *A tempo* is written above the staff. A fermata is placed over measure 383. A hairpin shows a crescendo from p to sf. A box containing the number 4 is above the staff. *383-386* is written below the staff. A hairpin shows a decrescendo from sf to p.

388

Musical staff 388-393. Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Measures 388-393. Dynamics: mf (mezzo-forte), p (piano). *rit.* is written above the staff. A box containing the number 26 is above the staff. *A tempo* is written above the staff. A hairpin shows a decrescendo from mf to p. Triplet markings (3) are present over measures 391 and 393.

393

Musical staff 393-397. Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Measures 393-397. Dynamics: dim. (diminuendo). Triplet markings (3) are present over measures 393, 395, and 397.

397

Musical staff 397-401. Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Measures 397-401. Dynamics: dim. (diminuendo). A fermata is placed over measure 400. A box containing the number 3 is above the staff. *399-401* is written below the staff. The staff ends with a double bar line and a 4/4 time signature.

**Allegro giusto.** ♩ = 128

402 *f* *f*

406

410

414

418

**Poco allargando.**

421

27

424

427

430

28

433

436

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438

442

445

448

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450

31

454

458

Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of two flats. Measures 458-461. Includes accents and slurs.

32

462

Musical staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of two flats. Measures 462-465. Includes slurs and accents.

466

Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of two flats. Measures 466-469. Includes slurs and accents.

33

*meno mosso*

470

Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of two flats. Measures 470-473. Includes slurs and accents.

474

Musical staff 5: Treble clef, key signature of two flats. Measures 474-477. Includes slurs and accents.

*mf cresc.*

478

Musical staff 6: Treble clef, key signature of two flats. Measures 478-481. Includes slurs and accents.

34

*sf*

482

Musical staff 7: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps. Measures 482-484. Includes slurs and accents.

*sf*

485

Musical staff 8: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps. Measures 485-487. Includes slurs and accents.

488

Musical staff 9: Treble clef, key signature of two flats. Measures 488-491. Includes slurs and accents.

Allargando.

491

35 Animato.

494

497

500

Animando.

503

506

509

511

513 36

Musical staff 513-517. The staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. It contains a series of sixteenth-note runs. A box containing the number '36' is positioned above the staff. The staff concludes with a double bar line and a fermata.

518 **Allargando.**

Musical staff 518-521. The staff continues with a series of chords and single notes, marked with a fermata. The tempo marking 'Allargando.' is placed above the staff.

**A tempo**

522

Musical staff 522-525. The tempo marking 'A tempo' is centered above the staff. The staff contains a series of chords and eighth-note patterns.

526 37

Musical staff 526-529. The staff features a series of chords and eighth-note patterns. A box containing the number '37' is positioned above the staff.

530

Musical staff 530-533. The staff contains a series of eighth-note patterns with slurs and accents.

534

Musical staff 534-537. The staff features a series of eighth-note patterns with slurs and accents.

538

Musical staff 538-541. The staff contains a series of eighth-note patterns with slurs and accents.

542 38 **Andante.**

**4** **22**

Musical staff 542-545. The staff contains a series of quarter notes and rests. A box containing the number '38' is positioned above the staff. The tempo marking 'Andante.' is placed above the staff. The staff concludes with a double bar line and a fermata.

39

**A tempo**  
*divisi*  
 4  
 574-577  
*p* *cresc.* *pp*

40

582  
*pp* *p* *unis.*

587

*cresc. molto* 3

41 **Animando.**

591 *rit.* *mf*

*Più moto.*

596 *f*

*poco rit.*

**Animato.**

601 *sf* *p* 2 604-605

606

42

612

618

43

*poco meno mosso.*

623

2

624-625

44

*Poco meno mosso.*

629

634

*rit.*

*colla voce.*

2

636-637

**Tempo primo**

640

45

645

650

*pp*

655

*pp*

660

*pp*

665

*cresc.*

46

669

*mf*

674

*p* *cresc.*

679

*Allargando.* *rit. colla voce.*

2

682-683

A tempo

47

*appassionato*

684 *f* *cresc.* 3 *p* *p* 3

690

695 *dim.*

700 *f* *p* *dim. molto*

705 **4** **Lento espressivo. con sord.** *p* 707-710 **6/8**

48

713 *p* *pp* *pp*

49

**3** 718-720

50

**2** 725-726 *p* *dim.*

730 51 **3**  
 731-733 *mf*

736 *dim.*

**Sostenuto.**

52 **Poco animando.**

740 *mf*

*rit.*

744

53 **Più lento.**

**A tempo**

748 **6** *pp* 750-755

*sempre dim.*

757 *cresc. molto* *f dim. p*

54 **Allegro moderato.**

**10**

762 **10** 766-775

**55** *Meno mosso.*

776 *mf* *f*

780 *cresc.* *rit.* *cresc. molto*

**56** *Tempo animato.*

784 *f*

788

**57**

792 *divisi* *unis.*

796

**58**

800

804

rit. 59

808

Musical staff 808-811: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. Measure 808 starts with a *rit.* marking. A box containing the number 59 is positioned above the staff. The staff contains eighth and sixteenth notes with accents and slurs.

812

Musical staff 812-814: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. Measure 812 begins with a *dim.* marking. The staff features eighth and sixteenth notes with slurs and accents.

815

Musical staff 815-817: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. Measure 815 starts with a *dim.* marking. The staff contains a dense pattern of sixteenth notes with slurs.

818

*mf* 4

821-824

Musical staff 818-824: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. Measure 818 begins with a *mf* marking. The staff contains quarter notes with slurs. A measure rest is present in measure 824. A box containing the number 4 is located above the staff. The number 821-824 is written below the staff.

60

825

Musical staff 825-826: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. Measure 825 starts with a box containing the number 60. The staff contains quarter notes with slurs.

827

*cresc. molto*

Musical staff 827-828: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. Measure 827 begins with a *cresc. molto* marking. The staff contains quarter notes with slurs.

829

Musical staff 829-830: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. Measure 829 starts with a *cresc. molto* marking. The staff contains quarter notes with slurs.

Allargando. 61 Poco ar

831

1

834-834

Musical staff 831-834: Treble clef, key signature of three flats. Measure 831 begins with an *Allargando.* marking. A box containing the number 61 is positioned above the staff. The staff contains quarter notes with slurs. A measure rest is present in measure 834. A box containing the number 1 is located above the staff. The number 834-834 is written below the staff.

835 *mf*

839 *dim.*

843 *cresc.* **62** *p*

847

851 *cresc. molto* **63** *f*

855

**Animando.**

859 *cresc. molto*

**Animando con fuoco**

863 *sf*

867 64

871 *rit.*

875 **Allegro moderato.**

879 65 *divisi*

883

887 *cresc.*

891 *rit.*

**66**  
895 unis. Allargando.  
*mf*

899

903 Allargando.  
*mf* sempre *cres.*

906

909

911 *rit.* Allargando.

915 *sf*





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