

Arthur C. Benson's

ODE TO MUSIC

SET TO MUSIC FOR

Soprano, Contralto, Tenor & Bass soli, Chorus and Orchestra

by

C. Hubert H. Parry

Viola

Composed for the opening of the new Concert Hall at the Royal College of Music - June 13, 1901



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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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Andante moderato

p

cresc.

cresc.

dim.

A

15 *poco rit.*
p
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

18 *a tempo*
f *cresc.* *dim.*

B
p *p*

27 *cresc.* *p*

32 *dolce* **C**

37 *mf* *cresc.* *allargando*

42 *ff* *mf*

47 *cresc. molto* *cresc.* *sf* **D** 4 52-55

56 **Allegretto**

p *poco cresc.* pizz.

63

E arco

68

p *pp*

73

dim.

77

dim. *p* pizz. *p*

82

arco *pp*

87

F **G**
7
90-96 *p*

Moderato. (with solemnity and dignity)

98

cresc. *p* *cresc.*

senza sord.

104

Musical staff 104: Bass clef, key signature of two flats. The staff contains a melodic line with slurs and accents. A hairpin crescendo starts at measure 104 and ends at measure 111. Dynamics include *f* and *mf cresc.*

112

Musical staff 112: Bass clef, key signature of two flats. The staff contains a melodic line with slurs and accents. A hairpin crescendo starts at measure 112 and ends at measure 119. Dynamics include *p* and *cresc. molto*.

120

Musical staff 120: Bass clef, key signature of two flats. The staff contains a melodic line with slurs and accents. A hairpin crescendo starts at measure 120 and ends at measure 127. Dynamics include *ff* and *mf*. A circled letter 'H' is above measure 127.

Musical staff 127-129: Bass clef, key signature of two flats. The staff contains a triplet of eighth notes (measures 127-129) followed by a melodic line with slurs and accents. A hairpin crescendo starts at measure 130 and ends at measure 137. Dynamics include *mf* and *cresc.*. A hairpin decrescendo starts at measure 137 and ends at measure 140. Dynamics include *mf*.

136

Musical staff 136: Bass clef, key signature of two flats. The staff contains a melodic line with slurs and accents. A hairpin decrescendo starts at measure 136 and ends at measure 140. Dynamics include *dim.* and *p*. A circled letter 'I' is above measure 140. A triplet of eighth notes (measures 138-140) is indicated. A hairpin crescendo starts at measure 140 and ends at measure 147. Dynamics include *mf*.

144

Musical staff 144: Bass clef, key signature of two flats. The staff contains a melodic line with slurs and accents. A hairpin crescendo starts at measure 144 and ends at measure 151. Dynamics include *f*.

150

Musical staff 150: Bass clef, key signature of two sharps. The staff contains a melodic line with slurs and accents. A hairpin crescendo starts at measure 150 and ends at measure 157. Dynamics include *cresc.*. A circled letter 'K' is above measure 157. A quintuplet of eighth notes (measures 158-162) is indicated. Dynamics include *5*.

163 *rit.* *a tempo*

169

173

178 *ff*

L

187 *Lunga*

Moderato
193 *f*

198 *cresc.* *f*

M *Poco più animato.*
p

207 *allargando*

212 **N**

217 **O**
p

222 *appassionato.*
cresc. f p

227 **P**
dim.

233 *cresc. rit.*

239 *a tempo f rit. ff*



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