

Scenes from Shelley's  
**PROMETHEUS UNBOUND**

SET TO MUSIC FOR

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

by

**C. Hubert H. Parry**

Bass Clarinet in B flat

Composed for the Three Choirs Festival (Gloucester) - September 7, 1880



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## SCENE ONE

Act I - "A ravine of icy rocks in the Indian Caucasus. Prometheus is discovered bound to the precipice. Panthea and Ione are seated at this feet. Time, night. During the Scene, morning slowly breaks."

♩ = 50

**A** 21  
6-26  
*f* *p* *dim.* *pp*

**B** 5 **C** 6 33  
27-31 40-45 46-78  
*p* < >

8 9 34 35  
79-86 88-96 97-130 131-165

50 17 4 95 16  
166-215 216-232 233-236 237-331 332-347

# SCENE TWO

Act I (cont'd) and Act II Scene V - "Morning. A lovely vale in the Indian Caucasus.

The Car pauses within a Cloud on the top of a snowy Mountain)"

Andante con moto. ♩ = 76

354 *poco rit.* **A** *a tempo* **B** **C**

17 5 7 5 5

356-372 373-377 378-384 385-389 390-394

**D** **E** **F** **G** **H**

11 9 4 8 4

395-405 407-415 416-419 420-427 428-431

**K** **L** **M**

4 5 12 5 21

432-435 436-440 442-453 454-458 459-479

**N** **O** **P**

480 4 5 2 12

481-484 485-489 490-491 492-503

**Q** **R** **S** **T** **W** **X**

18 6 8 19 8 16

504-521 522-527 528-535 536-554 555-562 563-578

**Y** **Z**

11 21 5 11

579-589 590-610 611-615 616-626

## SCENE THREE

Act III Scene I - "Heaven. Jupiter on his throne. Thetis and the other Deities assembled."

**TACET**

## SCENE FOUR

Act III Scene IV - "A Forest. In the background a cave. Prometheus, Asia, Panthea, Ione, and the Spirit of the Earth"

**TACET**

## SCENE FIVE

Act IV - "A part of the forest near the cave of Prometheus.  
Panthea and Ione are sleeping; they awaken gradually during the chorus singing"

**TACET**





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