



CAST ME NOT AWAY

Psalm 51:11-12
a cappella motet for four voices

set to music by
Benjamin J. Dale

VOCAL SCORE



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The “renaissance” in English music is generally agreed to have started in the late Victorian period, beginning roughly in 1880, and was most notable for compositions by C.V. Stanford, C. Hubert H. Parry, Edward Elgar, Henry Walford Davies, Harold Darke and others. Public demand for major works in support of the annual choral festivals held throughout England at that time was considerable which led to the creation of many large scale works for orchestra with soloists and chorus. Although a number of those works found their way into print and are regularly performed today, a considerable number of compositions, both large-scale and more intimate works, are not available. These works either were never published or were published but are no longer available in the publishers’ catalogues. While the existence of these works is documented in biographies of the composers, the ability to study and, most importantly, to perform these compositions is not possible.

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.

The English Heritage Music Series has been created to ensure that these compositions are preserved, are accessible for scholarly research and, most importantly, are available for performance by future generations. Its mission is to:

- Source unpublished/out-of-print English composer compositions that are in the U.S. public domain
- Preserve these compositions through the preparation of performance scores using notation software
- Provide open Internet access to the scores to facilitate study, performance and sharing of performance material (program notes, audio, reviews, etc.)

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Benjamin James Dale (17 July 1885 – 30 July 1943) was an English composer and academic who had a long association with the Royal Academy of Music. Dale showed compositional talent from an early age and went on to write a small but notable corpus of works. His best-known composition is probably the large-scale Piano Sonata in D minor he started while still a student at the Royal Academy of Music, which communicates in a potent late romantic style.

Despite an indifferent record at school, by the age of 14 Dale was already an accomplished organist and had written a small collection of compositions, including a concert overture called *Horatius*. Benjamin left school at the age of 15 to enroll as a student of the Royal Academy of Music (RAM). He started at the RAM in September 1900, on the same day as Arnold Bax, another promising pianist-composer, who became a lifelong friend. There he reunited with an early playground companion, the concert pianist and composer York Bowen, who also remained an especially close friend for the rest of Dale's life. Like the others, Dale studied composition under Frederick Corder, a supporter of Wagner and biographer of Liszt who epitomised the progressive musical climate of the RAM under the direction of Alexander Mackenzie (contrasting with the more conservative Royal College of Music, where composition was Stanford's domain).

While studying at the RAM, Dale worked on several compositions, including the first movement of a piano trio, a complete organ sonata, two concert overtures (one inspired by Shakespeare's *The Tempest*), the Concertstück for organ and orchestra, and his first published work, the Piano Sonata in D minor.

Composed between 1902 and 1905 and dedicated to York Bowen, Dale's piano sonata is a large-scale virtuoso work in just two movements, the second of which combines slow movement, scherzo and finale in a set of variations, a form apparently influenced by Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio. Commentators have discerned various other influences and echoes within this eclectic work, including Liszt's Sonata in B Minor, Schumann's Fantasia in C, Balakirev's *Islamey*, Glazunov's first piano sonata and Wagner's *Liebstdod*. In the opinion of Francis Pott, "the swirling arpeggiation and rich variety of gesture imply an attempted pianistic parallel to Wagnerian and Straussian orchestration, thus carrying the illusion of symphonic transcription to new places".

By this time, Dale had established himself as a successful composer and teacher, having been appointed Professor of Harmony at the RAM in 1909. In 1912, Henry Wood conducted Dale's Concertstück for organ and orchestra at the Proms, with Frederick Kiddle at the organ in what was probably its last performance to date. Wood was an admirer of Dale's music and described his once popular orchestral setting of Christina Rossetti's *Before the Paling of the Stars* (composed in 1912) as "a choral gem."

The outbreak of World War I caught Dale traveling to the Bayreuth Festival on one of his holiday trips to Germany. While being kept under parole in Nuremberg as an enemy alien, Dale wrote three song settings (including two part songs), his first new compositions since 1912. In November, Dale was interned in the civilian internment camp at Ruhleben, near Berlin, along with several other prominent musicians, including fellow composer and RAM professor, Frederick Keel, who was in the same barracks. In 1918, Dale was released early from Ruhleben after breaking his arm, being allowed to stay on a farm in the Netherlands for the duration.

Despite deteriorating health after the war, Dale was able to travel round the world, examining in Australia and New Zealand for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. He started composing again and became professor of harmony and later Warden at the Royal Academy of Music. He also worked for the BBC's Music Advisory Panel. In the post war period, Dale composed several chamber works for violin including a large scale Violin Sonata (1921–22). An anthem, *A Song of Praise*, followed in 1923. His last major work was the orchestral *The Flowing Tide* (1943), which has strong elements of Debussian Impressionism combined with Romanticism.

Dale died in July 1943 in London, aged 58, after collapsing during one of the final rehearsals for the première of *The Flowing Tide*.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin_Dale

Additional background on Benjamin Dale by Christopher Foreman can be found at <http://www.musicweb-international.com/classrev/2011/Feb11/dale.htm>

PSALM 51

Miserere mei, Deus

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

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Lento

Soprano *p* Cast me not

Alto *p* Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence

Tenor *p* Cast me not a - way from Thy pres -

Bass *p* Cast

Lento

For Rehearsal Only

S a - way from Thy pres - - - - - ence a - way from Thy

A Cast me not a - way from

T - - - - - ence: Cast me not a - way from Thy

B me not a - way, Cast me not a - way

7

S pres - - - ence: *p* And

A Thy pres - - - ence: *p* And take not Thy ho - ly Spir - it from

T pres - - - ence: *p* And take not Thy ho - ly Spir -

B from Thy pres - - - ence:

11

S take not Thy ho - ly Spir - it from me Thy Spir -

A me. And take not Thy ho - ly Spir - it from me, Thy

T - it from me, Thy ho - ly Spir - it from me, Thy

B *p* And take not Thy ho - ly Spir -

11

13

S - - it from me. O give me the

A Spir - it from me. O give me the

T Spir - it from me. O give me the

B - - it from me. O give me the

f

16

S com - fort of thy help a - gain: O

A com - fort of thy help a - gain: O

T com - fort of thy help a - gain: O

B com - fort of thy help a - gain: O

f

19

S give me the com - fort of thy help a -

A give me the com - fort of thy help a -

T give me the com - fort of thy help a -

B give me the com - fort of thy help a -

22

S gain: And stab - lish me_ with thy_

A gain: *f* And stab - lish me_ with thy free Spir - it, and

T gain: And

B gain: *f* And sta - lish me_ with thy_ free Spir -

26

S free Spir - - - it, And stab - lish me -

A stab - lish me with thy free Spir - - - it, And stab

T stab - lish me with thy free Spir - it, And

B - it. And stab - lish me with thy

26

29

S with thy free Spir - it with thy free Spir - it.

A - lish me with thy free Spir - it.

T stab - lish me with thy free Spir - - - it.

B free Spir - it with thy free Spir - it.

29

32 *Poco largamente* **f**

S A - - - - - men.

A A - - - men, A - - - men, A - - - men, A -

T **f** A - - - - men, A - - - - men, A - - - - men, A -

B **f** A - - - - - men, A *> pesante.*

32 *Poco largamente*

36 **ff**

S A - - - - - men

A A - - - - - men.

T A - - - - - men.

B men, A - - - - - men.

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