

# VOCES CLAMANTIUM

The Voices Of Them That Cry

Motet for Soprano and Bass Soli, Chorus, and Orchestra by

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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.

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### **VOCES CLAMANTIUM**

#### Episode 1: VOX CLAMANTIS IN DESERTO (soprano solo)

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet.

(Isaiah lviii)

Keep silence before me, O islands: And let the people renew their strength: Let them come near, then let them speak: Let them come near to judgment.

(Isaiah xli)

#### **Episode 2: ADVENTUS POPULI (chorus)**

The noise of a multitude in the mountains like as of a great people,

The noise of a tumult of the nations gathered together.

They come from the uttermost parts of the heaven.

Therefore shall all hands be feeble, and every heart of man shall melt, and they shall be dismaved.

For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light;

The sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Ah! the uproar of many people/ which roar like the raring of the seas:

And the rushing of the nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters.

(Isaiah xiii and xvii)

#### Episode 3: VOX PROPHETAE (bass solo)

God looked for judgement, but behold oppression.

For righteousness, but behold a cry.

Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no room.

Woe unto them that tarry late into the night till wine inflame them,

And harp and lute and pipe are in their feasts, but they regard not the work of the Lord,

Neither have they considered the operations of his hands.

Woe unto them that draw iniquity with the cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope.

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil, which justify the wicked for a reward,

And take away the righteousness of the righteous from him.

As the tongue of fire devoureth the stubble, as the dry grass sinketh down in the flame,

So their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as the dust.

(Isaiah v)

#### Episode 4: VOX POPULI (chorus)

The Lord is a God of judgement; blessed are all they that wait for him.

(Isaiah xviii)

#### Episode 5: VOX CONSOLATORIS (soprano solo)

Behold, he sendeth one to bind up the broken-hearted, to comfort those that mourn,

And give them a garland for ashes; a garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

The Lord is a stronghold of the poor; a stronghold to the needy in his distress;

A refuge from the storm; a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is like a storm against the wall.

The light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun; the light of the sun shall be even as the light of seven days,

In that day when the Lord bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

(Isaiah lxi, xxv, xxvi)

#### Episode 6: VOX DEI (chorus)

I will create a new heaven, and a new earth;

And the voice of weeping shall be heard therein no more, nor the voice of crying. But an highway shall be there, and it shall be called the way of holiness.

And the redeemed shall walk there, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

(Isaiah lxv, xxxv)

O man, look upward where the skies are clear,

From earth's dark shadows free,

Look where they hope lies,

If it be well with thee.

The spirit yearns aright,

The body drags her wings,

Yet follow thou the steadfast light

Nor doubt the inner voice that sings

Of truth and love and strong endeavour,

The soul's aspiring faith that leadeth upwards ever.

(C.H.H. Parry)

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