



AVE ATQUE VALE

CHORAL OVERTURE

for

Mixed Chorus & Orchestra

WORDS FROM ECCLESIASTICUS XLIII & XLIV

Music By

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Op. 114 - 1909

CONTRABASSOON

COVER IMAGE

Composite Image Using

“Joseph Haydn” by Thomas Hardy, 1791

“Alfred, Lord Tennyson” by Samuel Laurence and Sir Edward Burne-Jones, 1840



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Although a number of those works were engraved, printed and are regularly performed today, performance scores for a considerable number of compositions, both large-scale and more intimate works, are not available. These works were either never engraved or were engraved and printed 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, coupled with changing musical tastes, played a pivotal role in creating this void. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. In 1964, holograph and copyist scores from both Novello and from publishers it represented were offered to the British Library and the Royal College of Music Library (see The RCM Novello Library – The Musical Times, Feb. 1983 by Jeremy Dibble).

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<i>Full Score Manuscript</i>	Newcastle University Library - CVS Special Collections - MS 47a
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Contrabassoon

Ave Atque Vale

Ecclesiasticus XLIII & XLIV

Charles Villiers Stanford

Adagio. ♩ = 58

Allegro maestoso. ♩ = 116

11

mp *sf* 6-16

17 **1**

ff

p **2**

36-39 41-42 *mf* *f*

46-54 *ff*

58-59 61-62 *ff*

76-87 88-101 102-109 *sf*

Contrabassoon

110 Bsn 1 8va 8

mf 116-119

120

p *cresc.* *mf*

126 9 10 10 11

127-136 137-140 142-148 149-152

accel. poco a poco

12

Allegro molto. (♩ = 76) Bsn 1 8va

153-159

164

169 13

170-174

ff

178 2

179-180

186 14 6 3

191-196 197-199

dim. *poco a poco* *rall.*

..... **Tempo I (Allegro maestoso.** (♩ = 116)

200 1 1

pp *pp*

207 15 16

210-216 217-220 221-236

molto tranquillo.

17 **10** S. 8va **5**
 237-246 But we shall not at - tain; 250-254 *p* *cresc.*

257 **18** **11** **19**
f 260-270 *mp*

274 **4**
cresc. 278-281

282 **20**
pp

288 **mf**

293 **1** **1**
ff *f*

299 **21**
mf

306 **1**
mf

313 **22** **9**
 314-322 *p* *cresc.*

326 **23** **24** **9**
f 330-338 *pp*

340 **1** **3**
pp rall..... 346-348

25

Piu lento e molto tranquillo. ♩ = 84

Tempo I (Allegro maestoso)

8

10

2

349-356 357-366 367-368 Bsn 1 8va

372

mf cresc.

379

Poco piu lento e largamente. ♩ = 80

26

385

meno f

391

ff

27

398

Tempo I ♩ = 116

405

409

412

rall.....

417



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