



KING SAUL

An Oratorio in Four Acts
For Soloists, Mixed Chorus & Orchestra

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COVER IMAGE

“David Playing the Harp before Saul”

Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, c.1629

Stadelsches Kunstinstitut, Frankfurt



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The “renaissance” in English music is generally agreed to have started in the late Victorian period, beginning roughly in 1880. 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 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).

These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of engraved vocal scores, widely available through various online library sources, are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works.

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IMAGE: Samuel Blessing Saul Book of Samuel 9;21 Illustration by Gustave Doré 1891

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Act I - Introduction

Andante

A

14 12 8

1-14 15-26 27-34

Hn 1

B Più motto.

3 1

36-38

p

45

cresc.

D

51

12

56-67

Cl. 1

Animando.

69

mf

Tempo primo

E

11 14 2

76-86 87-100 101-102

Meno mosso.

Act I - Scene I

Allegro maestoso

10

5-14

f

15 *f* **2** **F** **11**
19-20 21-31

32 *f* **1** **G** **12** **H** Ob. 1
37-48

50 *f*

59 **J** **11** **K** rit. **19** meno mosso **5**
62-72 74-92 93-97

Allegro moderato **6** Allegro moderato **14** Poco più mosso **23**
98-103 105-118 120-142

poco animando. **9** **L** meno mosso, ad. lib. **3** a tempo **18** meno mosso, allargando **3**
143-151 153-155 156-173 174-176

a tempo animato. colla voce. **1** **3** Allegro molto **17** **M** **17** rit..... **2**
177 178-180 181-197 198-214 215-216

Lento **4** Allegro moderato. **3** rit. Lento **6** sostenuto. **3**
217-220 221-223 225-230 231-233

234 Ob. 1 rit.

239 a tempo



p

245



The musical score consists of two staves. The first staff, starting at measure 239, is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes, including a dotted quarter note and a half note. A dynamic marking of *p* (piano) is placed below the first measure. The staff concludes with a half note and a quarter note. The second staff, starting at measure 245, continues the melody with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a half note and a quarter note. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Act I - Scene II

Tacet

Act II - Scene I

Tacet

Act II - Scene II

Tacet

Act III - Scene I

Tacet

Act III - Scene II

Tacet

Act III - Scene III

Tacet

Act IV - Scene I

Maestoso

2
1-2

8
5-12

3
13-15

A

16

3
19-21

4
22-25

2
26-27

B

28

Ob. 2

mf

33

D

37

C

7
38-44

1
46-50

5
51-52

2

F

E

6
53-58

6
59-64

16
65-80

Ob. 1

Allegro

84

ff

meno mosso

90

1

G

a tempo

9
95-103

f

allargando

104 H rit. a tempo 8 109-116

p

117-118 120-125 126-128

animando Più mosso J 3 Cl. 1

133 L Meno mosso. 8 rit. 4 136-143 144-147

ff

148 rit. colla voce 1 3 Fl. 1 7 150-152

155 M

..... 2 160-161

pp

Act IV - Scene II [Endor]

Tacet

Act IV - Scene III

Maestoso energico.

A **10** **19** **B** **12** **C** **12**

1-10 11-29 30-41 42-53

poco rit. **D** **3** **1** a tempo **E** **10** **11** **F** **16**

54-56 58-67 68-78 79-94

G **1** **18** **H** **3** a tempo poco rit. **I** **11** **J** **8**

95 96-113 114-116 118-128 129-136

137 Cl. 1 rit. **K** tempo tranquillo.

144 *mf* *p*



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