



KING SAUL

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

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DOUBLE BASS

COVER IMAGE

“David Playing the Harp before Saul”
Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, c.1629
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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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KING SAUL

C. Hubert H. Parry

Act I - Introduction

Andante

9

A

ff *dim.*

3*18-20*

21

p >>

30

1 *pizz.*

p

39

B Più motto.

arco

47

54

61

D

69 Animando. Tempo primo **1**

77 **p**

E 3

87-89 **p**

98 Meno mosso.

Act I - Scene I

Allegro maestoso

10

18 F

26

34 G

41 p cresc.

48 H

55 J

62 3
64-66

71 K rit.

78 pizz. **2**

a tempo

156

1

p

162

168

meno mosso, allargando

175

colla voce. a tempo animato.

1

f

181 Allegro molto

3

ff

188

1

ff

196

M

ff

203

1

ff

210

2

ff

rit..... Lento

213-214

Allegro moderato.

rit. Lento

6

3

ff

218-220

sostenuto.

1

225-230

Double Bass

7

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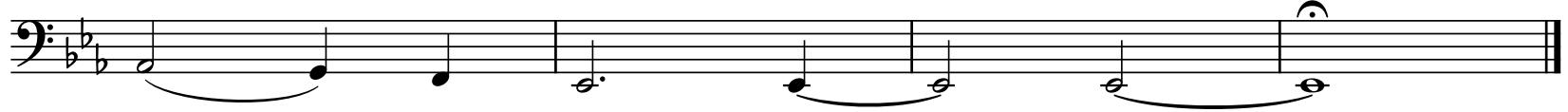


rit. a tempo

240



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Act I - Scene II

Allegretto grazioso

3 pizz. 2

11 18-20

21 A 1 1

29

37 arco poco cresc.

2 pizz. 1

46-47

55 arco

65 C 1 p cresc.

75 5 pizz. 4

77-81 mf 86-89

90 Allegro vivace 3 1 f 91-93 arco f

98

Double Bass

9

105

D

p

111

cresc.

p

Allargando.

118

f

dim.

E

132

139

145

F

152

mf

Poco allargando.

159

f

G

5

165-169

p

L'istesso tempo [Allegretto grazioso]

8

174

mf

177-184

185 arco H

p <>

195 pizz. J

198-204 **7** arco pp

210 K *poco cresc.*

221 *cresc.* 30 *sf*

258 L sostenuto **1** pizz. *f*

p

266 arco

273 Meno mosso M

p *cresc.* *mf* N allargando

280 O Allegro vivace. Alla breve.

288 **1** rit Tempo ed animando. ff f

296 ff f

303

310

318

325

332

338

343

348

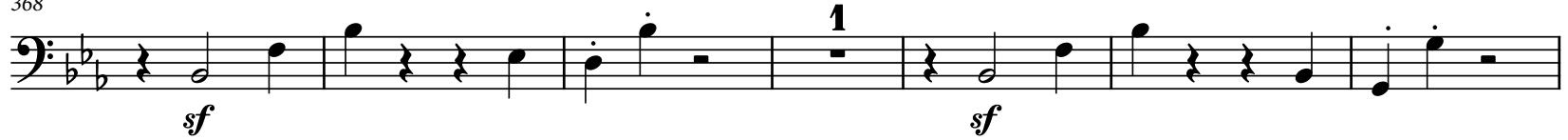
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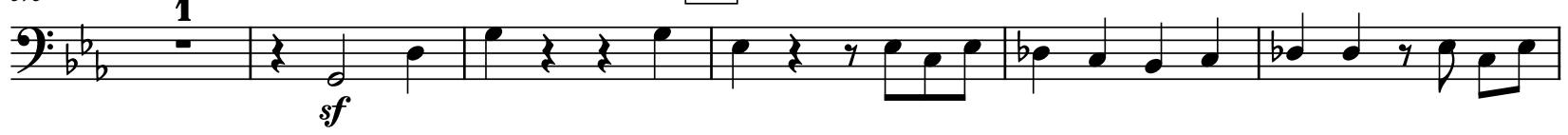
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375



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387



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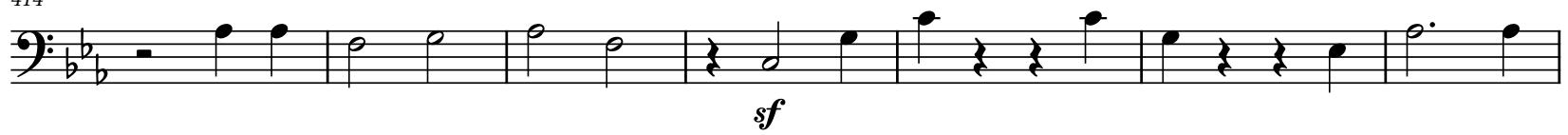
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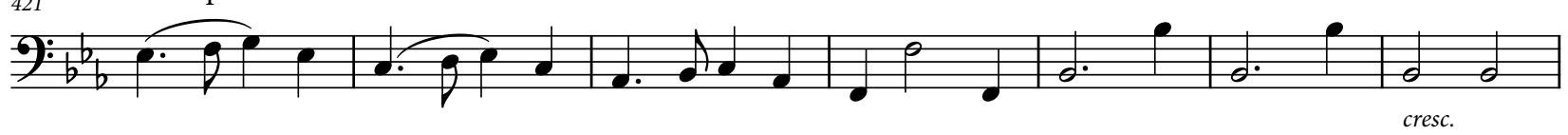
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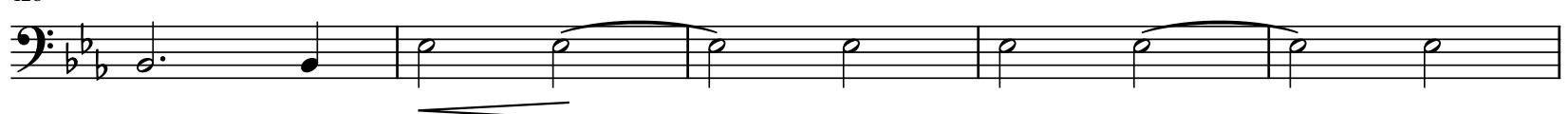
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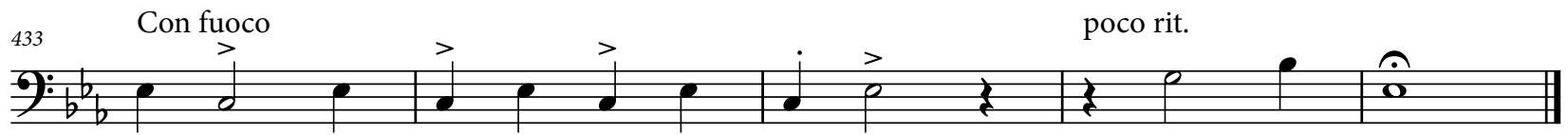
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Act II - Scene I

Samuel 8va

Recitative **11**

I re - mem - ber that which Am - a - lek did un - to Is - ra - el,

how he laid in **p** *17-19* **3** *ff*

25-26 **2** *mf* **3** *Allegro moderato*

cresc.

38 **A**

47 **B** *mf*

marcato

62 **2** *68-69* **p**

71 **C** *mf*

78 **p**

84

D

89

poco rit.

ff

96

E a tempo

103



110

F

Allargando

rit



118

G a tempo, animato

3

119-121



126



131



136

H

1

V.S.

142 **J**

142 **J**

ff

146 pizz. arco **K** pizz.

mf cresc. *cresc.*

152 arco

157 **L**

162 *cresc. molto*

167 **M** *ff*

172 **O**

176 **P**

f *ff* *f*

181 **P**

rit. Meno Allegro.

186 *ff*

191



Q

196



201



206



210



Act II - Scene II

Maestoso. poco rit. a tempo

4 **2** **1**

12 arco pizz. arco

19 pizz. arco **3**

28 poco animando. animando. Tempo I

35 animando.

42

48 Allegro moderato. **C** Vivace.

55

61

67

Dynamics and performance instructions include: f, ff, p, mf, *f pesante*, *pizz.*, *arco*, *mf*, *p*, *cresc.*, *Tempo I*, *animando.*, *Vivace.*, *Allegro moderato.*, *poco animando.*, *poco rit.*, *Maestoso.*

74

D

82

=>**sf**

91

cresc.

poco rit. **E** a tempo
ff

100

Moderato.
2
104-105
p

107

2
109-110
p

116

4
117-120
f

Animato.

124

con mosso.

130

F
1

Allegro.

136

allargando.
1
V.S.

Allegro moderato - quasi agitato. $\text{d} = \text{d}$

141

G

147

mf cresc. *p*

cresc.

152

156

160

cresc. *dim.*

165

p

170

mf

176-181

182 Allegro molto.

mf

J

6

187-190

4

allargando

f

192

f

199

K

205



211



217



222



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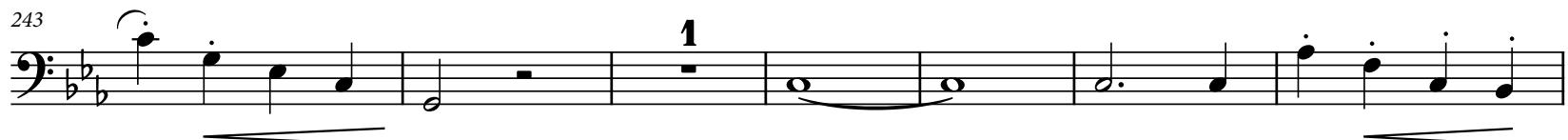
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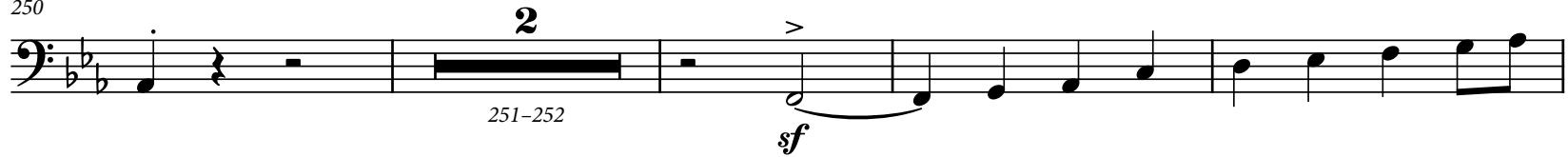
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243



250



256



261

267

273

Vivacissimo.

278

284

290

O

296

302

308

316

324

332

Q

339

Allegro moderato.

346

mf

354

rit. R a tempo

f

p cresc.

363

<

p cresc.

Allargando.

372

377 rit.... colla voce pizz.

rit.

S a tempo arco

f

383 rit....

Meno mosso.

5

dim.

388-392

393 T animando.

398

404 *cresc.* f

408 f *dim.* p

412 V *allargando.* f

417 1

425 *rit.* a tempo pp

431 *cresc. molto* 1 f W

438 *rit.* animando. sf

444 1 5 447-451 f *Allegro non troppo.*

454 X ff



478

p cresc. dim. cresc.

484

p

489

Animato

cresc. **p**

495

Z

p

501

poco rit.

p

506 a tempo

poco cresc. cresc.

512

AA

cresc. molto cresc.

518

f

523

BB

2 2

526-527 528-529 **f**

531

Andante sostenuto.

538

p < mf

f

546

Allegro molto. $\text{d} = \text{d}$

ff

Animato.

552

ff

559

Act III - Scene I

Andante

7 pizz.

1-7 **p**

A

arco

1**f**

21

p poco cresc.

32

B**1**

> >

pizz.

arco

dim.

41

1**C**

p

51

1

61

D**1****f**

70

3**1**

Animando.

2

71-73 **pp** 76-78 **p** 80-81

82

più mosso.

4

Allegro moderato.

arco
p

pizz.

1

85-88

93

F

101

arco

109

G pizz.

118

126

poco animando. arco a tempo pizz.

135

poco allargando. **H** largamente. **1** **1**

1

143

Allargando. **4** **4**

146-149 **f**

153

a tempo **1** **K** **1**

161

Meno mosso. **4** **14** **2** **M**

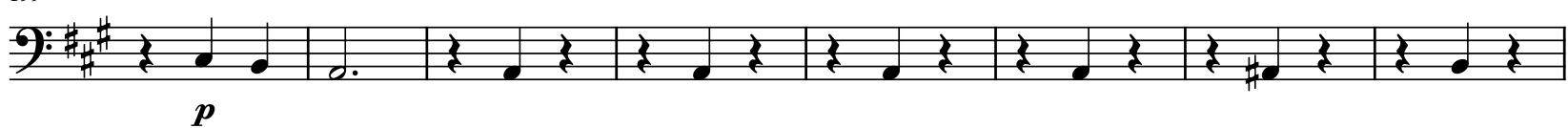
162-165 166-179 180-181 **pp**

185

rit. **4** **3** **O** a tempo **4**

186-189 190-192 **mf** 195-198

199



207



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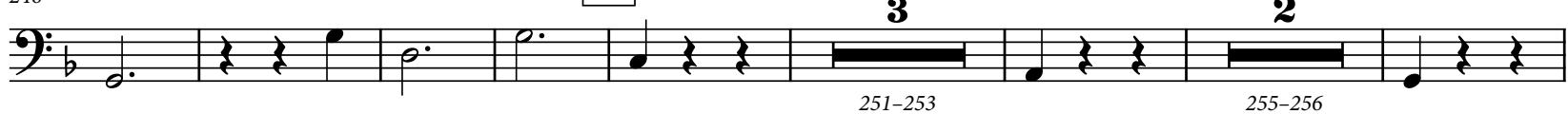
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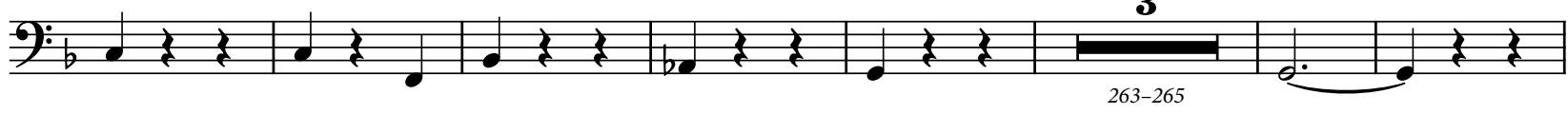
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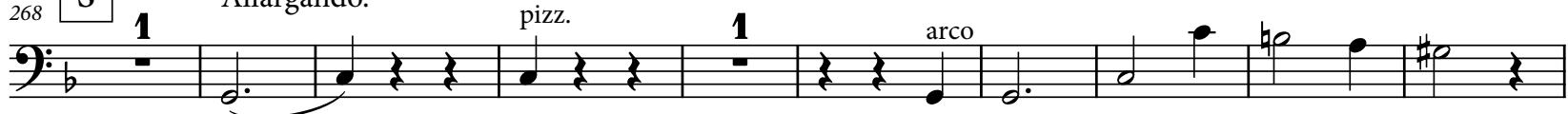
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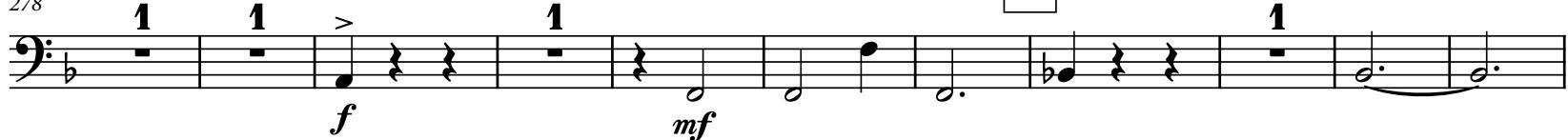
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268



278



289



307



317 V

1

p

327

340 W

Animando.

1

350

Allegro molto. - alla breve

360

X

rit.

370

dim.

381 Y

a tempo

392

Z

401 >

p

410

cresc. poco a poco

rit...

415

1

ff

Act III - Scene II

Maestoso.

6 1 3 1

1-6 pp p cresc. 11-13

15 A 5 3 6

mf 16-20 ff f

25 pizz. arco > mf cresc. f

31 p cresc. sempre

35 B ff

39 Allegro energico. f

43

49 C ff

54 Più allegro. D

f 57-63 f

65 Allegro.

72 Animando. **2** **E** **1** meno mosso. rit... **4** Allegro tranquillo.

74-75 77-78 80-83 93-99

85 **7**

93-99

F **4** Vc. 8va **100-103**

2 rit. **G** a tempo **112-113** **p** **pp**

122

132

poco cresc.

H **141** **dim.** **p**

151

J Animando. **160** Allegro con fuoco. **1** **cresc.** **f**

165 **1** **f** V.S.

170

K

ff

176

p

cresc.

181

f

L

187

pizz.

193

197

M

pizz.

arco

201

205

arco

O

210

1

215

219

226

235

P

243

249

5

pizz.

253-257

p

Segue

Act III - Scene III

Allegro vivace *arco*

8



15



23



30



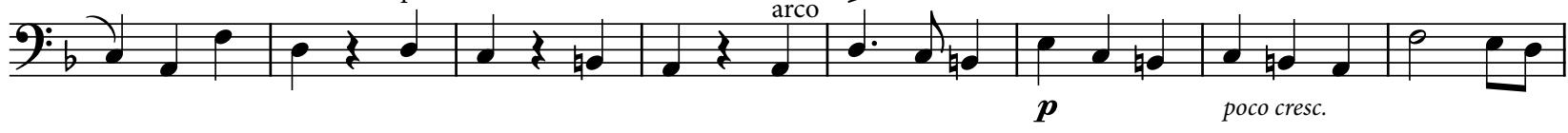
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45



52



60



67



74



84



cresc.

E

92



$\ll f$

rit..... a tempo

102



$mf \text{ dim.}$ dim. pp dim.

111



pp

122



F

134



2 G

$143-144$ pp

146



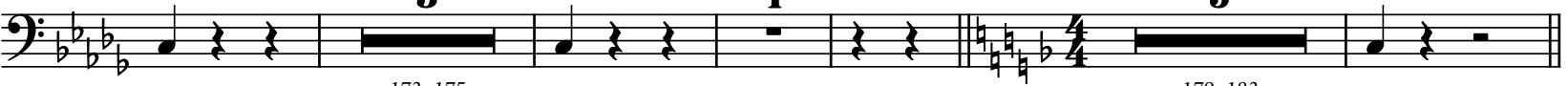
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$167-171$ 5

172

pizz.



3 1 5

$173-175$ $179-183$ p

Maestoso ma non troppo Lento

L'istesso tempo



8 Vla 8va



$197-203$ 7

poco rit. a tempo, e poco più mosso

Double Bass

204 Saul 8va **H** poco agitato **1** **1**

204 Saul 8va **H** poco agitato **1** **1**

Breath - ing mere veil - ed o - mens;

213 **1** **1**

221 **K** con fuoco Più mosso - animando

f cresc. **2** *p* — *f*

225-226 allargando. **M** pizz.

229-230 **2** *mf*

237 arco rit. Meno mosso.

dim. > *pp*

246 Animando.

O

poco rit..... a tempo

f

254 **1**

260 Animato.

ff *sf* *sf*

265 **P**

271 sostenuto. **1**

pp 275-278 **4** *f*

282 Lento maestoso.

pizz. **2**

286-287 **Q** arco cresc.

291-292 **2**

296-297 **2** **f**

301 rit..... **R** Allegro.

ff

308 **2**

dim. **p** sempre dim. **pp** 316-317

318 **S**

p

325

333 **T** animando.

pp

344 animando. Vivace.

cresc.

353 **V**

359

365 **W** Andante. **d=d** **25**

ff 369-393

40

Double Bass

X

394 David rit..... a tempo
 How have I sin - ned a - gainst thee? **p**

401

2**6**

402-403

404-409

pp

415

4

419-422

pp

427

p

437

rit.....

a tempo

2

439-440

cresc.

Y

accelerando.....

447

cresc. sempre > f

453

Allegro moderato.

2

dim. **p** 457-458 **p**

461

2

462-463

p**mf** —————

469

1**f**

dim.

p

475

cresc.

Z

f

ff

481

1

pp

490 Andante sostenuto.

2

p

491-497

502

AA rit. a tempo

2

AA rit. a tempo

2

504-505

510 Animato.

p

mf

p

516 animando.

f

522

BB

p

530 poco rit. a tempo

1

2

536-537

pp

dim.

541

3

544-546

547 animando

555 **CC**

565 **DD**

574

581

587 **EE** animando.

595

602 **dim.**

608 **FF**

cresc. molto

613

617

622

ff

628

GG Animato.

f

634

640

646

652

HH

659

665

1

f

JJ

1

2

678-679

2

684-685

686

686

687

688

689

690

691

692

693

694

695

696

697

704

705

712

713

720

721

724

725

rit. molto.....

Act IV - Scene I

Maestoso

2

10

A

18

Animando.

23

B

1

cresc. molto

30

p

poco a poco cresc.

C

f

pizz.

6

39-44

D

45 Più moto accelerando.....

arco
p

52 Allegro

61

65

E

75

1 3 2

F

85

meno mosso

Double Bass

47

90 allargando **G** a tempo
1 *ff*

96 *dim.* **pp**

104 **H** rit. a tempo
pp

112 pizz. arco

119 Più mosso animando **J** 5
1 **1** *mf* 126-130 *ff*

132 **L** Meno mosso.

140 rit. rit. colla voce
sfp **pp**

150 **M**
cresc.

158 pizz. arco
ff *dim.*

Act IV - Scene II [Endor]

Maestoso 8 G.P. pizz.

14 A

21 7 arco div. p

34 B pizz. unis. 3 41-43

44 arco div. unis. cresc. molto > f > p pp

52

58 C mf

65 cresc. sf 12 69-80 Vln I 8va 4 83-86

87 D pizz. mf sf p

95

103 Allegro

Lento espressivo $\text{d} = \text{d}$

158

168

H

178

Molto Allegro

184

190

J

195

201

Largo.

1

208

K

217

1

2

224-225

226

L

233

Più mosso.

p

poco cresc.

244

M

rit.

Animato

cresc.

252

*dim.****mf***

260

*poco cresc.***O**

268

f

273

3

283-285

P***p***

286 poco animando

Animando.

286

p

295

cresc.

305 **Q**

sf

ff

311

ff

318

molto rit.

R *a tempo*

324

cresc.

dim.

333

p

334-335

340

346

1

pizz.

1

arco

353

Meno mosso.

p

Largamente.

361 T Tranquillo **8** meno mosso, ad lib. **1** **3** **p**

365-372

374-376

378 Lento. **6** Maestoso, sostenuto. **1** **p**

381-386

390 V **2** **f** **ff**

399 **mf** **f**

406-407 **f**

413 rit... **pp** **p** **cresc.** **f**

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Act IV - Scene III

Maestoso energico.

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Act IV - Scene III

Maestoso energico.

1 ff

6

11 A p

16 cresc.

21 cresc.

26 ff

30 B p 6 33-38

39

C

ff

dim.

45

p

51

poco rit.

D

dim.

p

a tempo

3

58-60

1

dim.

p

68

E

f

73

78

F

83

88

94 poco rit. G a tempo

100

5 H
 106-110 f ff

116 poco rit. a tempo
 pizz.
 dim. p

122 J
 arco

130 I
 f

136 rit. K tempo tranquillo.
 dim. pp 1 p cresc.

144 rit.....
 p cresc. molto



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