



A SCENE FROM
PICKWICK

Words from 'The Pickwick Papers'
by
Charles Dickens
1836/1837

Chamber Opera
by
Charles Wood
1921

DOUBLE BASS

COVER IMAGE

"Mr. Pickwick's Picnic In Dingley Dell"
Character Sketch No. 2 from Dickens: Six Lithographs
by
Frederick Barnard
1879



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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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- Source non-engraved/out-of-print English composer compositions that are in the U.S. public domain
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- 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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Mrs. Pott in Hysterics

by

Harry Furniss - 1910

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A Scene from Pickwick

Charles Dickens

Charles Wood

Allegro moderato.

12 Meno mosso.

12 *Meno mosso.*

cresc. *ff* *mf*

1 5

3 17-21

25

accel.....

1

1

4

32-35

f

mf

p cresc.

Allegro

Allegro

2

38-39

fp

45-46

fp

47

3

1

f

p

3

3

3

3

f

3

f

3

56

p **3** *f* **3** **4**

63-66

Andante

67

Andante

6

4

72-77

79-80

f 3

f 2

81 1 (-7) 2 3 4 5 6 7 1 1 5

91 1 (-11) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

102 Andante tranquillo 6 Vc. 8va

109 1 6 dim. 115-120

121 7 più animato f ff 129-130

131 f 135-136 2 3 139-143 5

144 1 3 1 3 3 152-154

155 pizz. rall..... arco 8 Poco Adagio 7 rit..... 161-167

277 13 pizz.

cresc. *pp* cresc.

283 arco 14 marcato

f \rightrightarrows *p* *mf* \rightrightarrows *p* cresc. *f* *f*

288 pesante rall.....

f *p*

292 15 Molto Adagio

ff 293-295 296-302 *mp* \rightrightarrows *f* \rightrightarrows *p*

305 Allegretto 16 pizz.

p

312 17 arco pizz.

p

322 17 accel.....

cresc.

330 Più mosso.

f 331-334 335-339 340-341 pizz. Vc. 8va

346

18

arco

pizz.

p

355

rit.. 19 Tempo I

5

2

cresc.

mf > *p*

358-362

366-367

368

1

4

mf

>

377-380

rall.

20

Adagio (quasi recit.)

382

pizz.

1

2

pp

385-386

p

rall.....

390

Andante

21 Allegretto

1

8

arco

p

397-404

405

p < *f* > *p* > *pp*

cresc.

416

22

1

2

pizz.

ff

mf

p

p

423-424

arco

ff

426

animato



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