



A SCENE FROM
PICKWICK

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

Chamber Opera
by
Charles Wood
1921

VIOLONCELLO

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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- 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.

f *pizz.* *p*

7 *Meno mosso.* *arco* *p* *cresc.*

15 *ff* *p* *mf*

26 *f* *mf* *p*

36 *accel.....* *Allegro* *cresc.* *ff* *fp*

43 *fp* *f* *p*

52 *f* *f* *p* *f*

1 2 3

9-10 17-19 45-46

61 Andante

63-66 *f* 3 72-77

78 4

79-80 *f* *pp*

88 5

pp sempre

97 6 Andante tranquillo

p dolce

105

110

dim. 115-117 *p*

120 7 più animato

f *ff*

129-130 2 3 2 3 4

129-130 *f* 135-136 139-142

143

1 3 1 3 3 3 152-154

155

pizz. rall..... arco

8 Poco Adagio 4 Vln I

dim. *pp* 161-164

167

Allegro vivace

rit..... pizz.

p *cresc.* *f*

173

arco

9

fp *ff*

184

fp *ff*

194

fp *ff*

204

rit..... Allegro

10

ff

213

3 4 pizz. arco

p *p*

215-218

224 pizz. **5** **11** arco *p* *p*

227-231

237 *p*

244

250 **12**

256 rall..... Adagio **5** **2** *dim.* *pp* 258-262 263-264

Adagio

266

p cresc. *f > p* *pp*

272

p < f *pp*

277

13 pizz.

div. arco *cresc.* *pp*

281

cresc. *f > p* *mf > p* *arco*

285

14

cresc. *f* *marcato*

289

pesante rall..... Molto Adagio

ff

294

15

pp *unis.* *pp*

300

Allegretto pizz.

p cresc. *f > p* *p*

307 16

314 arco

323 17 accel..... Più mosso.

5 2 pizz. arco

348 pizz. 18 arco

357 19 rit. Tempo I

369 2 unis. div. p dim.

379 20 rall..... Adagio (quasi recit.)

387

rall.....

Andante

1

p

395

arco

21 Allegretto

8

397-404

p *f* *p*

p *f* *p*

410

22

1

pp *cresc.* *ff*

pp *cresc.* *ff*

420

pizz.

arco

mf *p* *p* *ff*

mf *p* *p* *ff*

427

animato

animato



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