

DRAKE

A PAGEANT-PLAY

IN THREE ACTS



PLAY BY

Louis N. Parker

OVERTURE AND INCIDENTAL MUSIC

COMPOSED BY

C. Villiers Stanford

(1912)

STAGE BAND: DRAKE'S DRUM

COVER IMAGE

Portrait of Sir Francis Drake

by

Marcus Gheeraerts the Younger

1561/62 - 1636



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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.

The English Heritage Music Series has been created to ensure that these compositions are preserved, are accessible for scholarly research and, most importantly, are available for performance by future generations. Its mission is to:

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Drake - A Pageant Play

No. 1 - Overture

Tacet

No. 2 - Passepied - Open 1st Scene Act I

Tacet

No. 3 - Sarabande

Tacet

No. 4 - Passepied (Solo)

Tacet

No. 5 - Passepied (Orch)

Tacet

No. 6 - Adagio

Tacet

No. 7 - Trumpet Calls

Tacet

No. 8 - Intro to Act I Scene 3

Tacet

No. 8a - Intro to Act I Scene 3 [If Needed]

Tacet

No. 9a - Act I Scene III: Hymn

Tacet

No. 9b - Act I Scene III: Canon

Tacet

No. 9c - Act I Scene III: Drake's Drum

Tacet

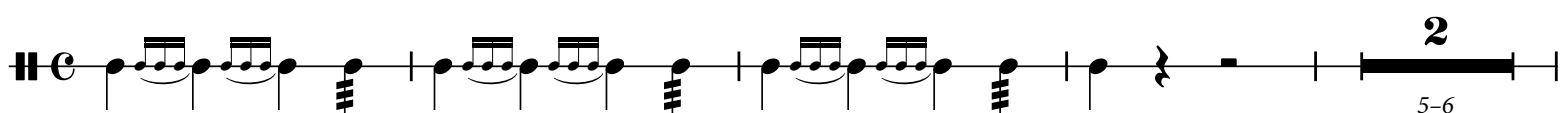
No. 10 - Now Thank We All Our God

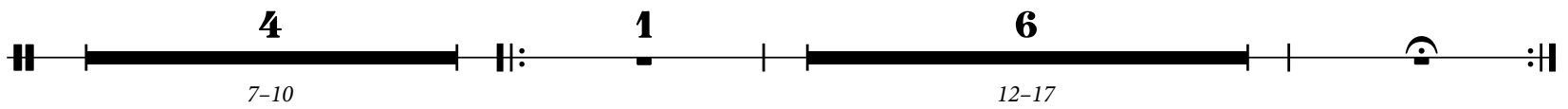
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No. 11 - Entr'acte Act II

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No. 12a - Act II, Scene I Drake's Garden





No. 12b - Act II, Scene I Drake's Garden Minuet & Trio

Tacet

No. 13 - Sarabande

Tacet

No. 14a - Songs Portsmouth & New Wells

Tacet

No. 14b - Parthenia

Tacet

No. 15a - Morris Dance

Tacet

No. 15b - Morris Dance (Orch)

Tacet

No. 16 - Sarabande (Exit of Queen)

Tacet

No. 17 - Interlude before Act II, Scene II

Tacet

No. 18 - Cabin Scene Act II, Scene 2

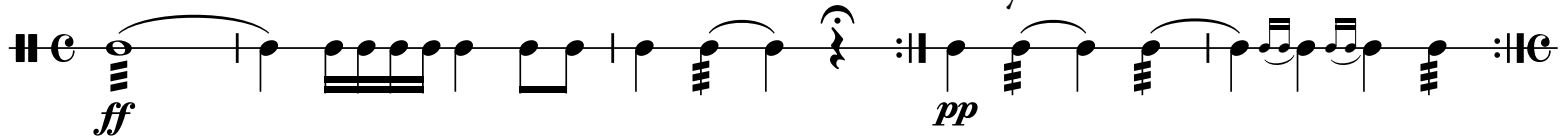
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No. 18a - Cabin Scene (Drums)

Drake. God give me the strength to do the right.

Drake. I drink to the memory of happy days.
I drink to thee-a friend's God-speed.

Very slow

Thomas [To them] I am ready
friends. [To Drake] Farewell![Thomas & Drake embrace. Then Thomas goes out erect &
smiling. Drake falls to his knees in prayer. *Roll of drum*]

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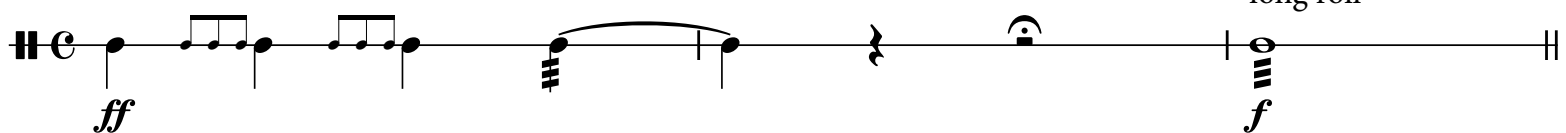
No. 19 Interlude & Sarabande before Act II, Scene III

Tacet

No. 20 - Branle (16th century French Dance)

Tacet

No. 21a,c,d,e & f

The Queen is brought on in a litter. As the Queen sets foot on the
gangway, Diego gives a great roll - Drake's EntranceQueen's Entrance
long roll

No. 21b

Tacet

No. 22 - God Save the Queen!

Tacet

No. 23 - End of Act II

Tacet

No. 24 - Entr'acte [Act III]

Tacet

No. 25 - The Armada Tableaux

Tacet

No. 26a - Act III, Scene 2 Introduction

Tacet

No. 26b - Armada Tableaux Conclusion

Tacet

No. 27a - Let God Arise [Opening of Act III, Scene III]

Tacet

No. 27b - Fair Revellers

Tacet

No. 28a - Processional Music

Tacet

No. 28b - Ballad Monger

Tacet

No. 28c - Beckerleg (Choir)

Tacet

No. 29 - Transition

Tacet

No. 30a - Drake's Drum

Tacet

No. 30b - Trumpets on Stage

Tacet

No. 30c - Organ

Tacet

No. 30d - God Bless You All

Tacet

No. 31 - Finale

Tacet

No. 32 - God Save the King

Tacet



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