



# SOLO & FINAL CHORUS

from The Soul's Ransom - A Psalm of the Poor

by

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HARP

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Portrait of a Young Girl

Émile Auguste Hublin

1872



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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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## The People That Walked in Darkness

The people that walked in darkness, have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Isaiah 9:2

They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

Isaiah 49:10

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

Isaiah 49:13

## See Now, Ye That Love the Light

See now, ye that love the light,  
Ye shall not in darkness stray.  
See now, ye that look for the right,  
Ye shall not faint by the way.  
Truth will not die,  
In every soul of man it lives ;  
The Spirit cannot lie !  
To each and all the choice it gives  
To rate the tempting world aright  
And to esteem it light ;  
To ward the ransomed soul from stain,  
And make it worthy to attain  
To flawless harmony, divinely pure,  
With that which was, and is, and shall for evermore endure.

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# SOPRANO SOLO & FINAL CHORUS

from  
The Soul's Ransom - A Psalm for the Poor

Old Testament - Isaiah & C.H.H. Parry

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Moderato energico

rit..... a tempo

2

*f*

1

2

1

1-2

7-8

10

TT

a tempo

allargando

allargando

a tempo

*mf*

*cresc.*

1

1

2

*cresc.*

17-18

19

Meno mosso

rit.

WW

Animando

14

Hn 1

20-33

39

45

Lento

rit.

a tempo

13 10 1 3

47-59 60-69 71-73

Moderato tranquillo

XX

Più mosso

3 18 10 4 8

74-76 77-94 95-104 105-108 109-116

XXX

B. Tbn

YY

6 6

117-122

131

allargando

a tempo

rit.....

1 1 4 1

136-139

a tempo

ZZ

Measures 142-144. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. Measures 142 and 143 are marked with a large '3' and '1' respectively, indicating a triplet. Measures 144-145 feature a melodic line in the right hand with a 'mf' dynamic and a '4' marking, and a bass line with a '4' marking. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 146.

Measures 150-154. The score continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line, both marked with a '4' indicating a quarter note. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 155.

Poco a poco crescendo

Measures 155-159. The score continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line, both marked with a '4' indicating a quarter note. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 160.

Measures 160-164. The score continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line, both marked with a '4' indicating a quarter note. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 165.

Measures 165-169. The score continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line, both marked with a '4' indicating a quarter note. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 170.



169 poco rit. Maestoso energico

175

180 rit. a tempo

184 rit.....



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