



SOLO & FINAL CHORUS

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

by

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VIOLIN I

COVER IMAGE

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.

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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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

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The Soul's Ransom - A Psalm for the Poor

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

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Moderato energico

1

f

5

dim.

rit.....

9

a tempo

cresc.

TT

allargando....

a tempo

f

cresc.

13

allargando

cresc.

a tempo

3

dim.

18

Meno mosso

p

cresc.

23

p

28

pp

Musical staff 28-32: Treble clef, key of D major (three sharps). The staff contains a melodic line starting on G4, moving stepwise up to D5, then down to G4, and finally up to A5. The dynamics are marked *pp* (pianissimo).

33

rit. WW 1 Animando

Musical staff 33-38: Treble clef, key of D major. The staff contains a melodic line starting on G4, moving stepwise up to D5, then down to G4, and finally up to A5. The dynamics are marked *pp* (pianissimo). The tempo is marked *rit.* (ritardando) and the tempo change is marked *Animando* (accelerando). The staff contains a box labeled "WW" and a first ending bracket labeled "1".

39

mf cresc.

Musical staff 39-43: Treble clef, key of D major. The staff contains a melodic line starting on G4, moving stepwise up to D5, then down to G4, and finally up to A5. The dynamics are marked *mf cresc.* (mezzo-forte crescendo).

44

p

Musical staff 44-49: Treble clef, key of D major. The staff contains a melodic line starting on G4, moving stepwise up to D5, then down to G4, and finally up to A5. The dynamics are marked *p* (piano).

50

Musical staff 50-54: Treble clef, key of D major. The staff contains a melodic line starting on G4, moving stepwise up to D5, then down to G4, and finally up to A5. The dynamics are marked *p* (piano).

55

p con sord.

Musical staff 55-59: Treble clef, key of D major. The staff contains a melodic line starting on G4, moving stepwise up to D5, then down to G4, and finally up to A5. The dynamics are marked *p* (piano) and the instruction *con sord.* (con sordina) is present.

60

Lento

p *cresc.* *dim.* 3 *p*

Musical staff 60-64: Treble clef, key of D major. The staff contains a melodic line starting on G4, moving stepwise up to D5, then down to G4, and finally up to A5. The dynamics are marked *p* (piano), *cresc.* (crescendo), *dim.* (diminuendo), and *p* (piano). The tempo is marked *Lento* (Lento). The staff contains a triplet of eighth notes marked "3".

65

3 3 *sempre dim.*

Musical staff 65-69: Treble clef, key of D major. The staff contains a melodic line starting on G4, moving stepwise up to D5, then down to G4, and finally up to A5. The dynamics are marked *sempre dim.* (sempre diminuendo). The staff contains two triplet of eighth notes marked "3".

69 rit. a tempo

p

75 Moderato tranquillo

mf *mf* *dim.*

77-79

83

89

95 XX

104 Più mosso

p *dim.*

111

mf *cresc.* *cresc.* *sf*

XXX

117

f

YY

122

mf *cresc.*

128

cresc.

134

sff *ff*

136-137 142-144

a tempo rit..... a tempo

2 1 3

145 ZZ 1

mf *p*

152 Poco a poco crescendo

159

166 poco rit. *f* cresc.

172 Maestoso energico *cresc.* *f*

178 rit. *f* cresc. a tempo

183 rit..... 8va 3



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