



ETON MEMORIAL ODE

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SET TO MUSIC FOR CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA
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Written for and performed at the opening of the new Memorial Buildings
at
Eton College on November 18, 1908

BASSOON 2

COVER IMAGE

"British Army Uniforms during Boer War"

by

Harry Payne

(1858 - 1927)



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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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I.

Resound ! Resound ! To jubilant music ring !

Your birthday trumpets sound the alarm of strenuous days.

Ye new-built walls awake ! and welcome England's king

With a high GLORY-TO-GOD, and holy cheer of praise.

Awake to fairest hope of fames unknown, unseen,

When ye too silver and solemn with age shall be :

For all that is fair upon earth is reared in tenderest teen,

As the burden'd years to memory flee.

II.

Lament, O Muse of the Thames, in pride lament again !

With low melodious grief remember them in this hour !—

Beyond your dauntless joy, my brother, was our pain :

Above all gold, my country, the lavish price of thy power,—

The ancient groves have mourned our sons, for whom no more

The sisterly kisses of life, the lov'd embraces.

Remember the love of them who came not home from the war,

The fatherly tears and the veiled faces.

III.

Now henceforth their shrine is builded, high and vast,

Alway drawing noble hearts to noble deeds,

In the toil of good to-be, and the tale of glory past :

While ever the laughing waves of youth pass over the meads,

And the tongue of Hellas is heard, and old Time slumbereth light

In the cradle of Peace. O let thy dancing feet

Roam in our land and abide, dear Peace, thou child of Right,

Giver of happiness gentle and sweet.

Robert Bridges.

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Robert Bridges

C. Hubert H. Parry

Allegro. ♩ = 100

p < > *p* *mfpp*

8 *mf* < > *p* 3 *mf* 11-13 **A**

16 *sempre cresc.*

21

25 **B**

30

34 **C**

38



44

D

Poco più mosso.



51



57

E



63



V.S.

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70

cresc.

77

p

84

cresc.

92

$$f$$

101

p

107

 mf

V.S.

113 H

p

117

dim. *p* *pp* poco rit.

121 a tempo Slower 1 rit. 1 Meno mosso. 8

Bsn 1

124-131

136 Allegro moderato. ♩ = 100

137-138 *mf* *cresc.*

143

ff

148 allargando grandioso. Allegretto vivace. ♩ = 110

156 L

ff

164

f

171 M

181 O

190 Allegretto grazioso. ♩ = 102

199 P

209

219 tranquillo

3

225-227

V.S.

228 R animato.

mf

239 allargando a tempo Poco meno mosso Tranquillo rit

ff *pp* *p*

249 Moderato. ♩ = 110

cresc. *dim.*

256 molto rit.

ff

261 a tempo rit

ff



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