



THE SOLDIER'S TENT

ROUMANIAN FOLK-SONG

FROM

"The Bard of Dimbovitza"

SET TO MUSIC FOR BASS SOLO AND ORCHESTRA

BY

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(1901)

BASSOON 2

COVER IMAGE

"Bonaparte Haranguing the Army before the Battle of the Pyramids"

by

Antoine-Jean Gros

1810



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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).

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Across the mountains the mist hath drawn
A cov'ring of bridal white;
The plains afar make lament, and mourn
That the flutt'ring veil of the mist-wreaths born
Hath hidden the mountains from sight.

The soldier lay smiling peacefully
Asleep in his tent on the sword,
The moon crept in and said: "Look at me,
A glance from thy sweetheart am I, for thee!"
But he answered: "I have my sword."

Then the rustling wind drew softly near,
Played round him with whispers light:
"I am the sighs of thy mother dear,
The sighs of thy mother am I, dost hear?"
But he answered: "I have the fight."

Then night sank down from the dark'ning sky
Round the sleeper, and murmured: "Rest,
Thy sweetheart's veil o'er thy face doth lie!"
But he answered: "No need of it have I,
For the banner doth cover me best."

By his tent the river, clear and wide,
Rolled onward its silver flood,
And said: "I am water, the cleansing tide
More blessed than aught in the world beside."
But he answered: "I have my blood."

Then Sleep drew near to his tent, and low
She whispered with soothing breath:
"I am Sleep, the healer of ev'ry woe,
The dearest treasure of man below."
But the soldier replied: "I have Death."

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Lento

1

p *pp*

7

1

A

pp *mf* *dim.*

13

Allegro marziale

f *mf*

18

B

f *p*

23

1 rit. 2 4 Tempo I C

pp 25-26 27-30 *p*

33

1 rit. *pp*

40

D Tranquillo

1 2

pp *pp* 47-48

49 Animato rit. .

mf *f* *f*

56 Allegro marziale.

f *f*

60 Allegretto tranquillo

p *dim.*

64

71 rit. 1 1 rit.

f

77 a tempo poco rit.

mf *p*

81 Più mosso

p *pp*

87 E poco rit. **1** *f*

93 *Tempo animato* *mf* *cresc.*

100 *p* *cresc.*

107 *rit. colla voce* *f* *molto rit.....* **1**

112 *Slower* **5** **1** *pp* *pp* 114-118

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