

THE PRISON

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SYMPHONY FOR SOPRANO AND
BASS-BARITONE SOLI, CHORUS
< S.C.T.B. > AND ORCHESTRA

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*"I am striving to release that which is divine within us, and to merge it in
the universally divine."*

(The last words of Plotinus: tr. A. Lang)

PART I. CLOSE ON FREEDOM

PART II. THE DELIVERANCE

PERSONAGES:

THE PRISONER	BASS-BARITONE
HIS SOUL	SOPRANO
VOICES	MIXED CHORUS

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THE PRISON

"I am striving to release that which is divine within us, and to merge it in the universally divine."

(Last words of Plotinus: tr. A. Lang)

The Text is adapted from "The Prison: a Dialogue" by H. B. Brewster. In this book, which is out of print, but which will probably be republished early in 1931, a group of friends discuss a manuscript supposed to have been left behind by some unknown prisoner.

The whole is the record of a struggle to escape from the bonds of self (the Prison), and the extracts here set to music are taken from the Prisoner's last utterances.

E. S.

PART I

CLOSE ON FREEDOM

THE PRISONER

I awoke in the middle of the night
And heard the sighing of the wind.
Even so is my life passing away..
A little rustling in the dark,
A little traceless rustling..

Then a great yearning seized me,
And I said to myself: "I would like to go out
Once more among the living!
Can nothing of it all be of good to others?
Can I not send them a farewell message..
Scatter it on leaves to the wind,
Or engrave it in blood on the stones?
If I were set free and could speak to men
What should I have to say?"

HIS SOUL

Tell them that no man lives in vain,
That some small part of our work,
For reasons unknown to us, has been tossed
aloft
And garnered in for ever.
It was perhaps not our best work,
Not perhaps a great or a good work;
Maybe a moment of despair or of joy,
Of passion or of kindness..
Perhaps almost nothing,
A sight, a sound, a dream..
Perhaps what men call a sin;

But as a child drops a coin in the moneybox
His big friend keeps for him
So have we flung that stray moment into
eternity,
Beyond the sun and the stars.

VOICES

We are full of immortality,
It stirs and glistens in us
Under the crust of self
Like a gleam of sirens under the ice,
And any blow which breaks the crust
Brings us into the company of the eternal
ones
Whom to feel is to be as they.
That blow you surely will strike somehow,
The film you have spread you will likewise
rend,
You who live and die..

We are full of immortality,
This hour that is with us now
Will endure for ever.
It has always been,
It will not be buried with us;
It has fallen on us like a drop
Of the fabulous river
Whose waters make men invulnerable,
And by so much of us as it has touched
Do we escape destruction..
Surely, surely you will slip into heaven!

ERRATUM

In the 5th line from the end of Part I the word should
be *brine*, not *wine*. (See also pp. 39 and 43 of vocal score.)

THE PRISONER

I was alone with the sorrow
Of my wasted life,
But now the room is not cheerless any
more;
It is companionable as with the haze
Of morning and the twitter of swallows.. .
Behold! in this very moment
I am outliving death!
What is the creed that works this wonder?
Where is my philosopher's stone,
My magic pebble...? What is the secret?

HIS SOUL

There is no secret;
Only something that overwhelms
And stuns to rest.
Mighty enough to break away from you,
Perfect enough to need you no more,
To shake you off and endure for ever.

But not in you; and only for ever.
Because not in you. It must not be retained,
It passes and wanders on to others
Who are waiting in desolation
As you waited

THE PRISONER

Will it return to me with the same face
As tonight, sublimely sad?

HIS SOUL

It will perhaps return as a rapture of joy
That will sweep you away,
Or as some unwordable storm
Suddenly hushed to the pipe of a thrush.

VOICES

Who are our Saviours?
There is one here tonight
Whose name is Sorrow.

Others are elsewhere, under other names,
Or nameless. They claim no bondage from us
They make no list of chosen souls.
They stroll amid the human throng
Indifferent to whom and what they touch,
And whatever they have touched is eternal.

THE PRISONER

In the faint grey morning I hear
A sound as of distant surf,
I breathe the breath of the ocean,
And it seems to me that I am as a doomed ship
Whose crew — a motley crew of hopes and
thoughts and passions —
Had suddenly recollected that they could
not drown,
But will surely re-appear,
And, drenched with the wine of oblivion,
Man some new craft, putting their pride again
In some gallant ship of self,
Till its sails, too, hang in rotten shreds,
And pitiful timbers give way once more.

(He sleeps)

PART II

THE DELIVERANCE

Dawn: sound of organ music in the prison chapel. (The Prisoner awakes)

HIS SOUL and VOICES

The struggle is over; the time has come,
The choice is made.
Abandon to destruction
The unity of which you are conscious,
Take refuge in the lastingness of its elements.
Bid farewell for ever to the transient meeting
Of eternal guests, who had gathered here for
an hour.
They are taking leave of one another,
Never, perhaps, throughout the course of ages
To meet again — all of them and none but
they —

Under the same roof!

THE PRISONER and VOICES

I hear them overhead moving to depart,
And the sound of their several footfalls
Quivers through me in sweet-bitter
shudders; —
I hear the flight of the divine vultures
That bear away my substance shred by shred.
The wind of their wings is as ice on my
forehead,
And, from I know not where, wells into my eyes
The tranquil glory of a boundless sunset.

VOICES

What are they waiting for, the departing guests?

HIS SOUL

Only for a word that shall set them free..

THE PRISONER

Go then, pass on, immortal ones!
Behold, I burst the bonds that pent you up
Within me; I disband myself!

THE PRISONER and VOICES

I disband myself
And travel on for ever in your scattered
paths;
Wheresoe'er you are there shall I be,
I survive in you! I set my ineffaceable stamp
On the womb of time!

VOICES

The laughter we have laughed
Rose in the bulrushes of yore
And mingled with the sound of the syrinx,
The kisses that have wandered to our lips
Will never grow cold;
No hearts but ours shall ever ache and
leap,
Our passions are the tingling blood of
mankind.

HIS SOUL

For years you have been conning your
lesson,
Learning to say "Not me, not mine",
Ashamed both of sorrow and of joy,
Till they slowly were lifted from within you
And stretched overhead
Endless and unchangeable as the milky way

Whose soft light descends indifferently
On all men, from generation to generation.
Now someone says to you:
"It is well so far; taste also the death."

THE PRISONER

Then let there be banners and music!

HIS SOUL AND VOICES

Banners and music!

THE PRISONER

This is no leavetaking,
I am not even going home.
I thank you, days of hope and pride,
I thank you, lamentable solitude,
And you, shades of those that loved me;
I sorrow with you, grieving ones,
And melt with you, O fond ones;
I triumph with those who vanquish,
I rest with those who are dead!

THE PRISONER and HIS SOUL

I { have nothing that is } ^{mine}
You { but a name } ^{yours}
I bow } down in { my } ^{your}
Bow } dream of a day
To the life eternal.

VOICES (softly)

The laughter we have laughed
Rose in the bulrushes of yore, etc.
Bow down in your dream of a day
To the life eternal..

EPILOGUE

PRISONER

I am the joy and the sorrow —
I am the mirth and the pride —
The love .. the silence and the song.

I am the thought ..
I am the soul ..
I am the home ..

ECHO (HIS SOUL and VOICES)

This is no leavetaking
(Let there be banners and music)
We are not even going home.

.. the thought ..
.. the soul ..
.. the home ..

END

The Prison

SYMPHONY FOR SOPRANO, BASS-BARITONE,
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Part I. Close on Freedom

Andante $\text{d} = 77^*$

PRISONER

I a . woke in the middle of the night And

PIANO

rit.

Pr. heard the sighing of the wind.

1 Più sostenuto

pp

dim.

(NB * In the recitative parts of the music the metronome marks are only approximate indications)

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PRISONER

2

Ev-en so is my life pass-ing a-

Pr. way. A lit-tle rust-ling in the dark,

3

Pr. A lit-tle traceless rust - ling.

Più animato

Then a great yearning siezed me,
And I said to my self-

Pr. "I would like to go out once more a.mong the li - ving,"

Pr. rit.
Once more _____ a...mong the li...ving!"

④ Tempo I

Più animato**PRISONER**

Can noth.ing of it all be of good to o.thers? Can I not

⑤ Meno mosso

send them a fare.well mes.sage? Scatter it on leaves to the

rit.

con passione

wind, Or en.grave it in blood on the stones? If I were set

220.

Pr. free and could speak to men What, what should I
 rit. e dim.

⑥ Tempo I rit.
 have to say?" rit.

HIS SOUL Sostenuto
 Tell them, tell them that no man lives in
 2 4 2 4 2 4

a tempo 7
 s. vain, That some small part of our work, for reasons unknown to us, has been
 2 4 2 4 2 4 2 4

poco rit. ad lib.
 s. tossed a loft and garnered in for e ver. It was, per-
 2 4 2 4 2 4

S. haps, not our best work, Per. haps not a great or a good work,

colla voce

(8) S. May-be a moment of des - pair or of joy, Of

rit. Poco sostenuto

S. passion or of kindness... Perhaps almost nothing; a sight, a

rit. 9 Adagio

S. sound, a dream...

Sostenuto rit.

rit. Per.haps what men call a sin;

pp colla voce

12

Più animato

10

rit.

S. But as a child drops a coin in the money box his big friend

pp cresc.

dim.

Sostenuto

S. keeps for him, So, so have we flung that stray moment in to e .

pp

pp colla voce

rit. - a tempo rit.

S. ter-ni-ty, be-yond the sun, beyond the

rit.

cresc.

dim.

Adagio $\text{d} = 46$

S. sun and the stars.

PRISONER

pp

So have we flung that stray

Adagio $\text{d} = 46$

p

pp

Rit.

** Rit.*

CURWEN

S. So have we flung that stray mo - ment
 Pr. mo - ment in - to e - ter - ni - ty,

S. Be - yond the sun _____ and the
 Pr. Be - - yond the sun _____ and the
 rit.

sfp

12 S. stars.
 Pr. stars.

12 S. *pp*
 Pr. *dim.*

Moderato $\text{d}=88$

SOPRANO

CONTRALTO

TENOR pp molto legato

BASS pp molto legato

We are full of im.mor.tal.i.ty, It stirs and glis.tens in us

We are full of im.mor.tal.i.ty, It stirs and glis.tens in us

Moderato $\text{d}=88$

pp molto legato

mf pp

mf legato [13]

Like a gleam of si.rens un.der the
mf legato

Like a gleam of si.rens un.der the

under the crust of self,

under the crust of self,

[13]

ice,

ice,

Like a gleam of si.rens.

Like a gleam of si.rens.

p pp

pp cresc.

And a ny blow which breaks the crust, breaks the crust,
 And a ny blow which breaks the crust, breaks the crust,
 And a ny blow which breaks the crust, breaks the crust,
 And a ny blow which breaks the crust, breaks the crust,

14 *pplegato* *mf* *dim.*
 Brings us in-to the com-pa-ny of the e - ter-nal ones, *pplegato* *mf* *dim.*
 Brings us in-to the com-pa-ny of the e - ter-nal ones.
 Whom to feel is to be as
 Whom to feel is to be as

14 *pp* *pp* *rit.* **15**
 the e - ter-nal ones. *pp* *pp*
 the e - ter-nal ones. *pp* *pp*
 they. Whom to feel is to be as they. *pp* *pp*
 they. Whom to feel is to be as they.

a tempo

That blow you sure - ly will strike some how,
 That blow you sure - ly will strike some how,
 That blow you sure - ly will strike some how,
 That blow you sure - ly will strike some how,

a tempo

You who live and die.
 You who live and die.
 You who live and die.
 You who live and die.

poco rit. Poco meno mosso

16

rend, — You who live and die. The film you have
 dim. — You who live and die. The film you have
 The film you have spread you will like wise rend, — The film you have
 The film you have spread — The film you have

16

f dim. — The film you have spread —

spread you will like - wise rend,
 >cresc.
 spread you will like - wise rend,
 cresc.
 you will like - wise rend, You who live and
 cresc.
 The film you have spread you will like - wise rend, You who live and
 cresc.
 The film you will like - wise rend, You who live and
 mf cresc.
 The film you have spread you will
 die... you will
 dim. cresc.

17 f die... you will like - wise rend, You who live and
 cresc.
 die... you will like - wise rend, You who live and
 f cresc.
 rend, The film you will like - wise rend, will
 cresc.
 17 rend, The film you have spread you will like - wise rend, will
 cresc.

dim. - die... You who live, you who live and die...
 dim. - die... You who live, you who live and die...
 dim. like wise rend, You who live and die...
 dim. like wise rend, You who live and die...
 dim. - dim. e rit. - pp -

Tempo I 18
 We are full of im.mor.tal.i.ty, This hour that is with us
 We are full of im.mor.tal.i.ty, This hour that is with us

Tempo I 18
 sfpp - mf pp -

now will endure for e ver.
 now will endure for e ver.
 It has always been,
 It has always been,

dim. e rit.

19 It has
It has

20 It will not be bur- ied with us;
It will not be bur- ied with us;

dim. e rit.

19 Poco meno mosso

19 fallen on us like a drop of the fa-bulous ri-ver whose wa-ters
fallen on us like a drop of the fa-bulous ri-ver whose wa-ters
whose wa - -ters
whose wa - -ters

19 Poco meno mosso

19 make men in - vulnera - ble,
make men in - vulnera - ble,
make men in - vulnera - ble,

20 poco rit.

20 make men in - vulnera - ble,
make men in - vulnera - ble,
make men in - vulnera - ble,

20 poco rit.

20 make men in - vulnera - ble,
make men in - vulnera - ble,
make men in - vulnera - ble,

CURVEN

sosten.

[21]

vul.nera.ble, in - vul.nera.ble. And by
vul.nera.ble, in - vul.nera.ble. And by
vul.nera.ble, in - vul.nera.ble. And by
vul.nera.ble, in - vul.nera.ble. And by

sosten. [21]

p

ff *ff* *ff* *ff* *mf dim.* *p*

Tempo I

Tempo I **22**

so much of us as it has touched do we es-cape des-truc-tion... Sure - - ly,

so much of us as it has touched do we es-cape des-truc-tion...

so much of us as it has touched do we es-cape des-truc-tion...

so much of us as it has touched do we es-cape des-truc-tion...

Tempo I

23 Sostenuto
PRISONER

I was a lone with the sorrow of my was-ted life,

colla voce

pp

rit.

Più animato

pp

24

Poco sostenuto
PRISONER

Tempo I

But now the room is not cheer-less a-ny more;

mf rit.

pp

Pr.

25

rit. -

It is com-

cresc.

f

dim.

pp rit.

Pr.

a tempo

rit.

pa-nion-a-ble,

pp

cresc.

dim.

rit.

p

espr.

26

Allegro $\text{d} = 63$

Pr. as with the haze of morn ing, stringendo.

Sostenuto (*ad lib.*) poco rit. Allegro

Pr. and with the twitter of swallows.

SOP. Andante 27 rit. Molto sostenuto

CON. Be - hold! in this ve - ry mo - ment I am out - living death!

TEN. Be - hold! in this ve - ry mo - ment I am out - living death!

BASS Be - hold! in this ve - ry mo - ment I am out - living death!

rit. Andante 27 rit. Molto sostenuto

Allegro
PRISONER

What is the creed that works this won - der? Where is my phi-

f *fp* *pp*

*.

Più mosso

Pr. lo-sopher's stone, where my magic pebble?..

cresc. *mf* *f* *ff*

28

SOP. slentando - *mp* - - - sosten. *pp*

CON. What is the se - cret?

TEN. What is the se - cret?

BASS What is the se - cret?

28

slentando - - - sosten. *pp*

Moderato

ad lib.

SOUL

a tempo

There is no secret;

colla voce

Andante tranquillo
(not too slow)

29

rit.

Only some - thing, something that o - ver-

rit.

pp legato cresc.

S. whelms and stuns to rest, — Might.y e.nough to break a way

cresc.

30

from you,

Per.fect e.nough to need you no more,

shake you

*mf**p**pp*

S.

off and en - dure for e - ver.

cresc. *mf* *dim.* *p* *pp*

31

S.

Endure for e - ver,

sf *dim.* *pp*

dec. *

32

S.

and on - ly for e - ver, because not in you. It must not be re-

cresc. *mf* *dim.* *p*

32

S.

tained, It pas - ses and wanders on to o.thers

cresc. *f* *dim.* *p*

S.

who are waiting in des-o-la-tion as you wai - ted.

dim. *pp* *pp*

33

poco sosten.

a tempo

rit.

SOP. On - ly

CON. There is no se_cret!

There is no se_cret!

poco sosten.

a tempo

rit.

Sostenuto (ad lib.) Tempo I 34

S. some - thing, something that o _ ver _ whelms and stuns to rest,

TEN. I stuns to rest to rest

TEN. II stuns to rest to rest

BASS. I stuns to rest to rest

BASS. II stuns to rest to rest

Might - y e_nough to break a -

mf

cresc.

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

pp dim.

ppp

mf

35

S. way from you Per - fect e - nough to

S. need you no more.

36

#TEN. There is no se - cret!

BASS There is no se - cret!

36

dim. pp

poco rit.

mf - sf dim. - p pp pp

20. (attacca)

CURVEN

Quasi Adagio $\text{d} = 72$

PRISONER

poco rit.

37

Will it re - turn to me with the same face as to - night, di - vine - ly
poco rit.

*pp**dim.*

a tempo

SOUL

Perhaps it will re - turn as a rapture of joy _____ that will sweep you a.

Pr.

sad?

a tempo

*pp**mf**f*

Più sosten.

S.

way,

Or as

*pp**sf dim.**pp*

S.

some unword.a.ble storm, suddenly hushed to the pipe

of a thrush,

*pp subito**cresc.*

39 Allegro

S. — the pipe of a thrush.

mf p dim. *pp*

(attaca)

Adagio*SOB.**pp**rit.. più sosten.* **40***CON.**pp**TEN.**1st BASSES**p**TEN.**1st BASSES**p**TEN.**rit. molto**Molto largo**rit.**Whose name is Sor -**Whose name is Sor -**night whose name is Sor - row.**night whose name is Sor - row.**Molto largo**rit.*

Allegro misterioso ♩ = 104

SOP. *pp*
row.
CON. *pp*
row.

41

O - thers are else - where

Allegro misterioso ♩ = 104

41

pp *mf* *pp*

cresc.

un - der o - ther names, or name - less,

others are

*pp**pp*

O - thers are else - where

*cresc.**mf**pp**cresc.*

else - where un - der o - ther names, or name - less, o - thers are

*mf**pp**cresc.*

un - der o - ther names, or name - less, o - thers are else - where

*cresc.**mf dim.**pp**cresc.*

else - where un - der o - ther names, or name less, or
 un - der o - ther names, or name less, o - ther
mf cresc.

O - others are else - where un - der o - other

mf cresc.

ff dim.

name - less, o - others are else - where
 names, or name less, o - others are else - where un - der
 names, or name less, o - others are else - where, are else - where

43 *p*

43

f rit.

mf elsewhere or name - less,
 o - other names or name - less,
 un - der o - other names or name - less,

rit.

mp *f* dim. *pp*

pp 44

Poco più tranquillo

name... less. They claim no bon-dage
 name... less. They claim no bon-dage
 name... less. They claim no bon-dage

Others are else-where, un - der o - ther
 Poco più tranquillo

44 #2

string. 45

p

SOUL

They

from us, no list of cho-sen souls,

from us, They make no list, no list of cho-sen souls,

from us, They make no list, no list of cho-sen souls,

names, or name-less, They make no list of cho-sen souls,

They

They

Tempo I

S. stroll a-mid the hu-man throng in dif-fer-ent to whom or what they

stroll a - mid the hu - man

Tempo I

46

S. touch,

p

mf

And what e - ver they have touched is e - ter - nal,

p

is e -
is e -

throng.

46

cresc.

b2 *mf*

rit..

ter - - - nal,

ter - - - nal,

*mf**mf*

rit..

marc.

Sostenuto

47

mf *cresc.**fff**mf* *cresc.*

>

mf *cresc.*

>

mf *cresc.*

>

ter - - - nal, e - ter - - - nal, e - ter - - - nal.

Sostenuto

47

mf *cresc.**fff*

3

dim.

34

rit.

48

Meno mosso

They
ppThey
pp

They

sempre rit.

48

They stroll,

Meno mosso

they

They

Meno mosso

they

They

Meno mosso

they

They

Meno mosso

they

cresc.

mf

stroll a - mid the hu - man throng And what e - ver they have

cresc.

mf

stroll a - mid the hu - man throng And what e - ver they have

cresc.

mf

stroll a - mid the hu - man throng And what e - ver they have

cresc.

mf

stroll a - mid the hu - man throng And what e - ver they have

cresc.

mf

touched is e - ter - nal, e - ter - nal.

touched is e - ter - nal, e - ter - nal.

3 Soli Sop. pp

touched is e - ter - nal, e - ter - nal.

touched is e - ter - nal, e - ter - nal.

3 Soli Ten. pp

touched is e - ter - nal, e - ter - nal.

touched is e - ter - nal, e - ter - nal.

49

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ORCHESTRAL INTERLUDE

The first glimmer of dawn

Andante

Allegro

Andante rit. ad lib.

50 a tempo

(ad lib.)

8 loco

mf

dim.

14

pp

13

sf

dim.

13

#p.

#p.

51

pp

#p.

#p.

Detailed description: The musical score consists of five staves of music. Staff 1 starts in 3/4 time with a dynamic of *pp*, followed by a section in 4/4 time with a dynamic of *pp*. Staff 2 starts in 3/4 time with a dynamic of *pp*, followed by a section in 4/4 time with a dynamic of *pp*. Staff 3 starts in 3/4 time with a dynamic of *pp*, followed by a section in 4/4 time with a dynamic of *pp*. Staff 4 starts in 3/4 time with a dynamic of *pp*, followed by a section in 4/4 time with a dynamic of *pp*. Staff 5 starts in 3/4 time with a dynamic of *pp*, followed by a section in 4/4 time with a dynamic of *pp*.

pp

cresc. -

sf p

p

a tempo

52

53

Allegro

ad lib.

sf p dim. -

pp

Tempo I

p

dim. -

pp

marcato

54

55

rit. poco a poco

56

con moto

57

Allegro

rit.

Andante con moto $\text{♩} = 104$

PRISONER

mf *dim.* **pp**

In the

58

Pr. faint grey morning I hear a sound as of dis - tant surf,

59

poco a poco cresc.

— I breathe a breath of the o - cean, And it seems to me

poco a poco cresc.

Pr. that I am as a doom - èd ship Whose crew - a motley

cresc. **f** *dim.* **pp**

Pr. crew of hopes and thoughts and pas-sions Had suddenly re.col.

piu f dim. pp

V

[60]

lect-ed that they could not drown, re.col.

mf *pp* *mf* *pp*

lect-ed that they could not drown...

bz: *bz:* *pp* *cresc.*

61

CONTRALTOS

mf *p* *cresc.*

But, drenched with the wine of o-bli-vion, will sure-ly re-ap.

mf *p* *cresc.*

62

SOP.

CON.

TEN. *mf cresc.*

BASS

Man some new craft, putting their
pear,
re - ap - pear, — And man some new craft, putting their
put - ting their
put - ting their

62

pride a.gain in some gallant ship of self,

pride in some gal.lant ship of self, Till

pride in some gal.lant ship of self,

pride in some gal.lant ship of self,

[63]

And pi - ti - ful
its sails, too, — hang in rot - - ten shreds, And pi - ti - ful
And pi - ti - ful
And pi - ti - ful

tim bers give way once more,
tim bers give way once more,
tim bers give way once more,
tim bers give way once more, Till pi - ti - ful timbers give

[64]

way once more.

[64]

PRISONER

[65]

rit..

But the crew will surely, surely re-ap-
rit..

Poco meno mosso

Pr. pear,

CONTRALTO *pp*

Poco meno mosso

L.H.

[66] *pp*

wine of o - bli - vion.

[67] *pp*

SOP. will re - ap - pear.

CON. will re - ap - pear.

TEN. will re - ap - pear.

BASS. will re - ap - pear.

[67] *pp*

rit.

PRISONER

(The Prisoner sleeps)

rit. *p* *dim.* *L.H.* *sosten.*

rit. *p* *dim.* *L.H.* *sosten.*

rit. *p* *dim.* *L.H.* *sosten.*

Part II The Deliverance

Early Morning: organ music sounds from the Prison Chapel

*) Andante $\text{d} = 46$

68

69

70

*) This Choral Prelude was originally written for the organ and is published by Novello & Co. Ltd. in their Original Compositions for the Organ N° 439 under the title "Schwing dich auf zu deinem Gott".

measures 69-70: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: cresc., f, dim., p, cresc. Measures end with a fermata.

71

measure 71: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: f, dim., p. Instruction: marc.

measures 72-73: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: cresc., f, dim. Measures end with a fermata.

72

measure 72: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: p, cresc., f, dim.

73

measure 73: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: cresc., f, dim., p. Measure ends with a fermata.

rit.

measures 74-75: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: cresc., marc., f, sf. Measure 75 ends with a fermata. Text: (The Prisoner wakes)

Moderato $\text{d} = 76$

SOUL $\text{d} = 76$

The struggle is o-ver, is o-ver; rit.

colla voce

mf sf p sf

74 Più largo $\text{d} = 60$

(without expression: ritually)

S. $\text{d} = 60$

The time has come, your choice is made. A.bandon to des-

pp pp

75

S. $\text{d} = 60$

truc-tion the u-ni-ty of which you are con-sciouss, Take

pp p

S. $\text{d} = 60$

poco sost. $\text{d} = 60$

re-fuge in the last-ing-ness of its e-le-ments.

cresc. ff ff

S. $\text{d} = 60$

poco meno mosso $\text{d} = 60$

76

poco rit. $\text{d} = 60$

Bid fare-well for e-ver to the transient meeting of e-ter-nal guests, who had

cresc. pp

s. gathered here _____ for an hour.

SOP. Who had gathered here for an hour.

CON. Who had gathered here for an hour.

TEN. Who had gathered here for an hour.

BASS Who had gathered here for an hour.

a tempo

77

s. They are tak-ing leave... of one an-other, Per-haps never through the course of

p pp a tempo *fp*

s. a - ges to meet a - gain, all of them, and none but they

cresc. *mf* cresc.

78

S. under the same roof! The guests are de-
SOP. The guests are de-
CON. The guests are de-
rit.

78

Adagio pp 79 rit.

S. part - - - ing
part - - - ing
part - - - ing
Adagio pp
rit.

79

ad lib. poco rit. a tempo

S. I hear them o-ver - head
poco rit.

(rubato)

pp p pp p sf dim. pp

Adagio non troppo $\text{d} = 50$

TEN.

BASS

ah

cresc.

p cresc.

ah

Adagio non troppo $\text{d} = 50$

mf

80 *f*

ah

p dim.

cresc.

ah

I

hear

them.

*dim.**pp*80 *marcato**dim.*

PRISONER

I hear them o - ver - head mov-ing to de-part

81

Pr.

mov - ing to de -

*dim.**p*

Pr. part, ——————

TEN. ah ah dim. pp

BASS ah ah dim. pp

And the sound of their se.ve.ral

Pr. 82 foot. falls —————— Quivers through me in sweet bitter shudders, —————— in

mf dim. pp mf pp

Pr. sweet - bit - ter shudders; marcato I

pp cresc. dim.

Pr. hear the flight of the di - vine vul - tures That

pp cresc. dim. pp

83

Pr. bear a-way my sub-stance shred by shred, ——— The

cresc. — mf dim. — pp —

Pr. wind of their wings is as ice ——— on my fore-head ———

cresc. —

84 poco rit.

Pr. — as ice ——— on my fore-head. ———

TEN. p dim. — Ah

BASS p dim. — pp —

Ah — as ice on my fore-head. ———

84 poco rit.

p mf — mp — p — pp —

Pastorale
a tempo

85

pp — pp — sf —

PRISONER

poco rit.

sf *dim.* -

From I know not
poco rit.. -

a tempo

Pr. 86

where wells in to my eyes The tran - quil

pp *cresc.*

Pr. glo - ry of a bound - less sun - set.

mf *dim.* *pp*

87 I *pp*

SOP. (divisi in 4) II There wells in to my eyes the glo -

III *pp*

IV There wells in to my eyes the glo -

CON. *p*

87 There wells in to my eyes the tranqui

dim. - - *pp* > *pp*

rit. - - - - - *pp* - - - - - *a tempo*

SOP. - - - - - of sun - - set. CON. - - - - - of sun - - set. glo-ry_ of a boundless sun - - set.

TEN. ah ah dim. -

BASS ah ah dim. -

rit. - - - - - *dim.* - - - - - *pp* - - - - - *f* - - - - - *dim.* -

poco rit. SOP. Poco sosten. 88 *a tempo* CON. *mf* the de - parting guests?

TEN. What are they waiting for

BASS *mf* *dim.* - - - - - *pp* ah

poco rit. *ten.* Poco sosten. 88 *a tempo* rit. - - - - -

mf *dim.* - - - - - *pp*

a tempo stringendo SOUL a tempo (poco sostenuto) Only for the word that shall set them

mf *sf p* *pp* *dim.* - - - - -

89

poco rit.

S. free... poco rit.

Allegro energico = 112

PRISONER

rit.

90

Go then!

pass on!

rit.

pass

ad lib. rit.

a tempo

Pr. on, im - mor - tal ones! Be - hold, I burst the bonds that pent you

colla voce

91

ad lib.

Pr. up with - in me, I dis - band my - self,

rit.

I dis - band my - self!

moderato $\text{d} = 60$

rit.

cresc.

colla voce

Moderato con esaltazione $\text{d} = 69$
con esaltazione

I dis - band my - self and follow on for

pp

92

e - ver in your scat - tered paths.

cresc.

Pr.

Where - so - eer you are, there shall I be,

fp

dim.

Pr.

there shall I be, I sur - vive _____ in you!

mf p *cresc.* *- mf* *sff*

SOP. *f*

CON. *f* I dis - band my - self _____ I set my in.ef - face - a ble

TEN. *f* I dis - band my - self _____ I set my in.ef - face - a ble

BASS *f* I dis - band my - self _____ I set my in.ef - face - a ble

I dis - band my - self _____ I set my in.ef - face - a ble

poco sosten. a tempo

stamp u.pon the womb of time,

stamp u.pon the womb of time,

stamp u.pon the womb of time,

stamp u.pon the womb of time, my in.ef - face - a ble

poco sosten. a tempo

cresc. *- sff* *f*

I set my in - ef - face - a - ble,
I set my stamp, my in - ef - face - a - ble,
my in - ef - face - a - ble stamp, my in - ef - face - a - ble,
stamp, I set my stamp, my in - ef - face - a - ble,

in - ef - face - a - ble stamp u - pon the
in - ef - face - a - ble stamp u - pon the
my in - ef - face - a - ble stamp u - pon the
my in - ef - face - a - ble stamp u - pon the

womb of time, the womb of time! 95 pp
womb of time, the womb of time!
womb of time, the womb of time!
womb of time, the womb of time!

dim. dim. dim. dim.

PRISONER

Where so.e'er you are _____ there shall I be _____

pp subito *p dim.* *mf*

poco a poco rit. - 96 -

Meno mosso

TEN. I *pp*

TEN. II *pp*

Where so.e'er you are _____ there shall I be, *dim.*

BASS I *pp*

Where so.e'er you are _____ there shall I be, *dim.*

BASS II *pp*

Where so.e'er you are _____ there shall I be, *dim.*

Where so.e'er you are _____ there shall I be,

Meno mosso
a cappella

pp *p* *mf*

PRISONER

97

There shall I be _____ I sur - vive _____ in _____

rit. -

pp *s* *mf dim.*

rit. -

Tempo I

Pr. you.

rit. poco a poco

[98] sostenuto rit.

Moderato $\text{d} = 88$

SOP. 4 voices

The laugh - ter we have laughed rose in the bul - rush - es of
CON. 4 voices

The laugh - ter we have laughed rose in the bul - rush - es of

Moderato $\text{d} = 88$

[99] yore And min - - - gled with the sound of the sy - rinx,
[99] yore And min - - - gled with the sound of the sy - rinx,

poco rit.

CURWEN

a tempo

100 rit. -

The kis-ses that have wan-dered to our lips Will
The kis-ses that have wan-dered to our lips Will

a tempo

100 rit.

SOP. ne - - - ver grow cold. CON. ne - - - ver grow cold.

TEN. No hearts but ours shall e - - -
BASS No hearts but ours shall e - - -

a tempo

TEN. 101 *poco rit.*
ver_ ache and leap, ache_ and

BASS ver_ ache and leap, ache_ and

poco rit.

a tempo

leap, Our pas - sions are the ting - ling
 leap, Our pas - sions are the ting - ling

a tempo

f *p* *pp* *cresc.*

rit..

a tempo

tutti *pp*

102

SOP.

The kis - ses that have wan -

CON.

pp tutti (div.)

TEN.

Ah *pp*

BASS

blood of man - kind. The kis - ses that have wan -

BASS

f *pp* tutti (div.)

BASS

blood of man - kind. Ah *pp*

rit..

a tempo

102

dered to our lips Will ne - ver grow cold.

ah ah

dered to our lips Will ne - ver grow cold.

ah ah

rit. molto

dered to our lips Will ne - ver grow cold.

ah ah

62 Andante $\text{d} = 80$ SOUL *ad lib.*

103

For years you have been conning your lesson,

poco rit.

S. Learning to say "Not me, not mine" A.

poco rit. poco string. rit.

104

S. shamed both of sorrow and of joy, rit. Till they slow - ly were rit.

a tempo rit. poco sost. rubato

S. lift ed from with in you, lift ed, And stretched over head end.

a tempo rit. colla voce

rit. 105 a tempo rit.

S. less and un change able as the milky

a tempo rit. eresc. dim. p dim.

CURWEN

Adagio $\text{d}=46$

S. way Whose soft light de.scends in . dif fer ent ly on all

S. men, from gen er a tion

S. to gen er a tion.

Meno Adagio $\text{d}=38$ rit. $*\text{Rit.}$ $*\text{Rit.}$ $*\text{Rit.}$ $*\text{ad lib. sost.}$ *

S. rit. Now some one says to you:

S. Arpa colla voce dim. pp

S. "It is well so far, well so far; poco rit." poco rit.

63

106

107

64

sost. rit. 108 ad lib. rit.

S. taste al - so the death, taste al - so the death"

cresc. *sf*

Allegro $d=88$
(Bugle outside)

PRISONER Adagio 109 Allegro non troppo $d=104$

the death!" (ma con fuoco)

(tacet Bugle) *pp* *sf*

poco sost. ad lib.

rit.

Then let there be

Pr. rit. *sf* *p* *colla voce* *sf* *marc.*

a tempo

poco sost. 110

ban.ners and mu.sic!

then let there be ban.ners and mu.sic!

Quasi Adagio $\text{d}=69$

SOP. I rit.

SOP. II

CON.

TEN. I

TEN. II

BASS I

BASS II

Ban - - - ners and

Quasi Adagio $\text{d}=69$

accel.

rit.

ff

f cresc.

fff

v

Poco più mosso $\text{d}=80$ [111] cresc.

SOP.

CON.

TEN.

BASS

mu - - - sic! Let there be ban-ners and

mu - - - sic! Let there be ban-ners and

mu - - - sic! Let there be ban-ners and

mu - - - sic! Let there be ban-ners and

Poco più mosso $\text{d}=80$ [111]

L.H. R.H.

fff

p

p

cresc.

L'istesso movimento $\text{d} = \text{former } \text{d}$ ($\text{d} = 88$)

Pr. 114

This is no leave-taking I am not even going home...

I thank you, days of hope and pride, I thank you lamentable

Pr. 115

so-litude, And you, shades of those that

Pr. 116

loved me; I sorrow with you, grieving ones, I

Pr. melt with you, O fond ones, I triumph with those who

117 poco slentando
van quish, I
poco slentando
Adagio $\text{d} = 58$ rit.
rest, I rest with those who are dead!
CONTRALTOS
Adagio $\text{d} = 58$ rit.
This is no
Andante $\text{d} = 69$ **118** rit.
leave tak ing.
TENORS
a tempo (*più mosso*) accel.
This is no
a tempo (*più mosso*) accel.

Allegro $\text{d}=88$

SOP.

119

Let there be ban - ners, let there be

CON.

Ban - ners let there be

TEN.

leave - tak - ing! Let there be ban - ners, ban - ners and mu - sic,

BASS

This is no leave - tak - ing — we are not e - ver go - ing home,

Allegro $\text{d}=88$

Bugles

119

mare. il basso

120

ban - ners and mu - sic, Let there be ban - ners, ban - ners and

dim. - - $p >$ cresc.

ban - ners, Let there be ban - ners and mu - sic, ban - ners and

dim. - - $p >$ cresc.

Let there be ban - ners, Let there be ban - ners, ban - ners and

dim. - - $p >$ cresc.

Let there be ban - ners, Let there be ban - ners, ban - ners and

120

sf

dim. - - $p >$ cresc.

poco sost.

121

dim.

mu - sic, no _____ leave - tak-ing! We -

dim.

mu - sic, no _____ leave - tak-ing! We -

dim.

mu - sic, no _____ leave - tak-ing! We -

dim.

mu - sic, no _____ leave - tak-ing! We -

rit.

mf dim. *pp*

are not e - ven go - ing home.

mf dim. *pp*

are not e - ven go - ing home.

mf dim. *pp*

are not e - ven go - ing home.

mf dim. *pp*

are not e - ven go - ing home.

rit.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

122 sost. rit. molto - - - Andante $\text{d}=92$

123

rit. Allegretto non troppo $\text{d}=108$

SOUL 124 You have

S. nothing that is yours— but a name.

PRISONER

I have

125

S. - - - - nothing that is

Pr. nothing that is mine but a name

125

pp *cresc.*

S. yours, nothing but a name nothing that is

Pr. I have nothing that is mine I have

mf *pp*

dim. **126** *poco slentando*

S. yours but a name

Pr. nothing that is mine but a name

dim. *poco slentando*

CONTRALTO

poco slentando dim.

BASS Bow down

pp

sf mf *dim.*

126 *poco slentando*

pp *pp*

Poco meno mosso $d=96$ cresc.

S. Bow down in your dream of a day To the
 SOP. pp cresc.
 CON. Bow down in your dream To the
 TEN. Bow down in your dream To the
 BASS Bow down in your dream To the
 laughter we have laughed Rose in the bul - rush - es of

Poco meno mosso $d=96$

127 f dim. **128** p

S. life e - ter - nal, the life e - ter - nal.
 PRISONER animando
 I bow

life e - ter - nal.
 f dim. pp
 life e - ter - nal.
 f dim. pp
 life e - ter - nal.
 f dim. pp
 life e - ter - nal.
 f dim. pp
 yore, of yore.

127 f dim. **128** p animando

Allegretto $\text{d} = 108$

S. *poco slentando*
to the life _____ e.
poco slentando

Pr. down in my dream of a day _____ to the life e.

Allegretto $\text{d} = 108$

129

pp *cresc.* *dim.* *f* *p poco slent.*

Poco meno mosso ($\text{d} = 96$) **rit. poco a poco**

S. ter - nal.
Pr. ter - nal.
SOP. the
CON. and min - gled with the sound the
TEN. and min - gled with the sound the
BASS tutti (div.) and min - gled, mingled with the sound the

Poco meno mosso ($\text{d} = 96$) **rit. poco a poco**

mf *dim.* *pp* *sost.* *rit. molto* *ppp*

sound of the sy - rinx.

mf *dim.* *pp* *sost.* *mf* *marcato* *ppp*

sound of the sy - rinx.

mf *dim.* *pp* *sost.* *ppp*

sound of the sy - rinx.

mf *dim.* *pp* *sost.* *ppp*

sound of the sy - rinx.

sost. *molto rit.* *dim.* *pp*

mf *pp* *3* *dim.* *pp*

Red. *

Moderato ♩ = 80

PRISONER

131

Moderato ♩ = 80

131

S. let there be ban - ners!

Pr. I am the mirth and the pride _____

let there be ban - - - - - ners!

let there be ban - - - - - ners!

let there be ban - - - - - ners!

cresc.

132

Pr. the love the si .. lence and the song _____

the love the si .. lence and the song

the love the si .. lence and the song

the love the si ..

the love the si ..

132

SOUL

133

the si -
and the song, The love, the si -
and the song, The love, the si -
lence and the song, The love, the si -
lence and the song,

133

S.

lence and the song
PRISONER
I am the thought the Soul
lence and the song.
I am the
lence and the song.
lence and the song.
and the song.

poco rit.

135 sostenuto

mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, This is no leave - - -
 mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, This is no leave - - -
 mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, This is no leave - - -
 mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, This is no leave - - -
 mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, This is no leave - - -

poco rit.

135 sostenuto

Più tranquillo $\text{d} = 72$

SOUL

Ad.

Ban - - - ners! This is no

PRISONER

Ban - - - ners! This is no

- tak - ing.

- tak - ing.

- tak - ing.

- tak - ing.

Più tranquillo $\text{d} = 72$

R.H.

p f sforzando p pp f p

*

CURYEN

136 *poco a poco slentando*

S. leave taking

Pr. leave taking

f > dim. *pp* mu sic

f > dim. *pp* mu sic

p We are not even going home,

136 *poco a poco slentando*

p *gf dim.* *pp* *12* *pp*

137 *Più lento* $\text{♩} = 63$ *pp cresc.*

not even

pp cresc. not even going home

pp cresc. not even

pp cresc. not even going home not

137 *Più lento* $\text{♩} = 63$

pp cresc.

138

SOP. I *p cresc.* - *mf* dim. e rit. *3*

SOP. II not e - - ven go - - ing, go - - ing

mf

not e - - ven go - - ing home not e - - ven go - - ing

mf

not e - - ven go - - ing home not e - - ven go - - ing

mf

not e - - ven go - - ing home not e - - ven go - - ing

mf

not e - - ven go - - ing home not e - - ven go - - ing

mf

not e - - ven go - - ing home not e - - ven go - - ing

mf

not e - - ven go - - ing home not e - - ven go - - ing

mf

dim. e rit. *3*

139 SOUL *3*

molto rit.

Largo $\text{d} = 60$

This is no
PRISONER

I am the love _____

SOP. I & II *pp*

home. *pp*

home. *pp*

home, — not e - - ven go - - ing home.

home, — not e - - ven go - - ing home.

139

molto rit.

Largo $\text{d} = 60$

p dim.

pp

pp

pp

S. rit. - - - rit. molto 140

leave tak - ing

Pr. The si - lence and the song -

rit. molto 140 (Bugle outside)

$d = 88$

a tempo (sempre tranquillando)

Pr. the

SOP. *pp* The si - lence and the song, —
 CON. *pp* The si - lence and the song, —
 TEN. *pp* The si - lence and the song, —
 BASS *pp* The si - lence and the song, —
 the

a tempo (sempre tranquillando)
 a cappella (Orchestra)
 Bugle

* This note to be sung falsetto *pp*: the alternative reading is second best.

CURWEN

83

S. **141** *sempre tranquillando pp dim.*
The home.

Pr. *si - lence The home. pp dim.*
The home, pp dim.
The home,

141 *sempre tranquillando colla voce pp pp pp pp rit. Bugle outside Red.*

S. **142** *rit.*

142 *rit. -*

* The solo voice to hold the note as long as is convenient.
The chorus can of course renew it among themselves.

CURWEN