

Hymn to Dionysus

for SSA Choir and Orchestra

Opus 31, No. 2 (1913)

Gustav Holst

Instrumentation

3 Flutes (3rd doubling Piccolo)

2 Oboes

English Horn

3 Clarinets in B \flat (3rd doubling Bass Clarinet)

2 Bassoons

4 Horns in F

3 Trumpets in C

3 Trombones

Bass Tuba

Timpani

Percussion (2 Players)

Triangle

Clash Cymbal

Suspended Cymbal

Tambourine

Bass Drum

Gong

Harp

Celesta (Optional)

SSA Choir

Strings

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Source and notes available at <https://github.com/CMajSeven/HolstHymnToDionysus>

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from 'The Bacchae' of Euripides

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Fl. 1

Cl. in B♭ 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

17

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. in B♭ 1

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

S. I.II

A.

Oh, bles - sèd he in all wise, Who hath drunk the Liv - ing Foun - tain, Whose life no fol - ly

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

A

25

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in Bb 1 2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

S. I.II

A.

stain - eth, And his soul is near to God;

stain - eth, And his soul is near to God;

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pp

pp

a 2

sempre pp

a 2

sempre pp

con sord.

p 3 3

con sord.

p 3 3

con sord.

p 3 3



30

Ob. 1

Eng. Hn.

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

S. I.II

A.

Whose sins are

Whose sins are

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

sempre p

sempre p

33

Ob. 1

Eng. Hn.

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

S. I.II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

lift - ed, pall - - wise, As he wor - - - ships on the Moun - -

lift - ed, pall - - wise, As he wor - - - ships on the Moun - -



36

Ob. 1

Eng. Hn.

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

S. I.II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

- - tain, And where Cy - be - le or - dain - - eth, Our Mo - ther,

- - tain, And where Cy - be - le or - dain - - eth, Our Mo - ther,

Fl. 1

42



p legato

Fl. 2



p legato

Fl. 3



p legato

Cl. in Bb 1



Cl. in Bb 2



B. Cl.



Bsn. 1.2



a 2

Tpt. in C 1.2



Tpt. in C 3



Tbn. 1.2.3



Timp.



tr

Hp.



(8)

S. I



mp

His head with i - - vy la - den And his thyr - - sus tos - sing high,

S. II



mp

His head with i - - vy la - den And his thyr - - sus tos - sing high,

A.



mp

His head with i - - vy la - den And his thyr - - sus tos - sing high,

Vc.



Cb.



[illegible]

[illegible]

55

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B \flat 1.2

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tpt. in C $\frac{1}{2}$

Tpt. in C 3

Tbn. 1

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

power From Phry - gi - as moun - tain dome; To street and town and tower, Oh, bring ye Bro - mi - os

power From Phry - gi - as moun - tain dome; To street and town and tower, Oh, bring ye Bro - mi - os

power from Phry - gi - as moun - tain dome; To street and town and tower, Oh, bring ye Bro - mi - os

[illegible]

66

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B \flat 1

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

an - guish ly - ing For an un - born life's de - sire, As a dead thing in the Thun - der His

an - guish ly - ing For an un - born life's de - sire, As a dead thing in the Thun - der His

an - guish ly - ing For an un - born life's de - sire, As a dead thing in the Thun - der His

71

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B \flat 1

Cl. in B \flat 2

Bsn. 1.2

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

mo - ther cast to earth; For her heart was dy - ing, dy - - ing In the

mo - ther cast to earth; For her heart was dy - ing, dy - - ing In the

mo - ther cast to earth; For her heart was dy - ing, dy - - ing In the

p

14

86

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B \flat 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tbn. 1.3

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

per - - fect hour was there; Then a hor - nèd God was found, And a God with ser - pents crowned; And for

per - - fect hour was there; Then a hor - nèd God was found, And a God with ser - pents crowned; And for

per - - fect hour was there; Then a hor - nèd God was found, And a God with ser - pents crowned; And for

D

D

arco

arco

93

Fl. 1

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Hn. in F 1

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

[illegible]

106

Cel.
(Hp.)

S. I, II

A.

Se - me - lê! With Se - me - lê's wild iv - - y crown thy towers;

Vln. I

1

2

Vln. II

1

2

Vla.

1

2



108

Cel.
(Hp.)

S. I, II

A.

Oh, burst in bloom of wrea - thing bry - on - y, Ber - ries and leaves and

Vln. I

1

2

Vln. II

1

2

Vla.

1

2

[illegible]

[illegible]

F

117

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tpt. in C 1

Tpt. in C 2

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pride, Yea, all men shall dance with us and pray, When Brom - i - os his

— Yea, — all men shall dance with us — and pray, When Brom - i - os his com - pa - nies shall

- ing pride, Yea, all men shall dance with us — and pray, — When Brom - i - os — his

120

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in Bb 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tpt. in C 1

Tpt. in C 2

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

com - pa - nies shall guide Hill - ward, ev - er hill - ward, where they stay, The flock of the Be - liev - ing, The

guide Hill - ward, ev - er hill - ward, where they stay, The flock of the Be - liev - ing

com - pa - nies shall guide Hill - ward, ev - er hill - ward, where they stay, The maids from

f *sempre*

f *sempre*

f *sempre*

f

non troppo f

123

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in Bb 1 2

Hn. in F 1 2

Tpt. in C 1

f

S. I

maids from loom and weav - - ing By the mag - ic of his breath borne a -

S. II

The maids from loom and weav - ing By the mag - - - ic of his breath borne a -

A.

loom and weav - ing By the mag - ic of his breath borne a -

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Fl. 1.2

Picc.

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in Bb 1.2

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tpt. in C 1.2

Tpt. in C 3

Tbn. 1.2.3

B. Tba.

Sus. Cym.

B. Dr.

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I 1.2

Vln. II 1.2

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Phry - gi - an, Ly - di - an, moun - tains! 'Tis Bro - - mi - os leads the way.

Phry - gi - an, Ly - di - an, moun - tains! 'Tis Bro - - mi - os leads the way.

Phry - gi - an, Ly - di - an, moun - tains! 'Tis Bro - - mi - os leads the way.

div. 8va

div.

39

K

Sempre animato

191

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in Bb 1

Cl. in Bb 2

Cl. in Bb 3

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tbn. 1.2.3

B. Tba.

B. Dr.

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vc.

Cb.

ff

ff

ff

a 2

f

f

(f)

mf

mf

sempre f

sempre f

sempre f

Then streams the earth with milk,

Then streams the earth with milk,

Then streams the earth with milk,

198

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1,2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B \flat 1

Cl. in B \flat 2

Cl. in B \flat 3

Bsn. 1,2

Hn. in F 1
2

Hn. in F 3,4

B. Tba.

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vc.

Cb.

a 2

a 2

sim.

sim.

sim.

sim.

— yea, streams With milk and nec - tar of the bee, And thro' the air dim per - fume steams of Sy - ri - an

— yea, streams With milk and nec - tar of the bee, And thro' the air dim per - fume steams of Sy - ri - an

— yea, streams With milk and nec - tar of the bee, And thro' the air dim per - fume steams of Sy - ri - an

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Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1/2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in Bb 1

Cl. in Bb 2

Cl. in Bb 3

Bsn. 1,2

Hn. in F 1,2

Hn. in F 3,4

B. Tba.

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vc.

Cb.

frank - in - cense; and He, Our lead - er from his thyr - sus spray A torch - light toss - es high and

frank - in - cense; and He, Our lead - er from his thyr - sus spray A torch - light toss - es high and

frank - in - cense; and He, Our lead - er from his thyr - sus spray A torch - light toss - es high and

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Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B \flat 1.2

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tpt. in C 1.2

Tpt. in C 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 3
B. Tba.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vc.

Cb.

sings, His tress - es rip - pling to the sky, And deep be - neath the Mae - nad cry His proud voice rings:

f

221

Fl. 1.2

Picc.

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in Bb 1.2

Cl. in Bb 3

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tpt. in C 1.2

Tpt. in C 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3
B. Tba.

Timp.

Sus. Cym.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

“Come, O ye Bac - chae, Come! Come!”

“Come, O ye Bac - chae, Come! Come!”

“Come, O ye Bac - chae, Come! Come!”

p molto cresc.

M rall.

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228

Fl. 1.2

Picc.

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B \flat 1
2

Cl. in B \flat 3

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tpt. in C 1
2

Tpt. in C 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3
B. Tba.

Timp.

Cl. Cym.

Hp.

S. I. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

allarg.

Andante maestoso

non troppo f

tenuto

fff

ff

Hith - er, O frag - rant of Tmo - lus the Gold - en,

Hith - er, O frag - rant of Tmo - lus the Gold - en,

Andante maestoso

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1/2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in Bb 1.2

Cl. in Bb 3

Hn. in F 1/2

Tpt. in C 1

Tri.

Hp.

S. I

pipes and with Phry - - gi - an clam - - - our, On, where the vi - sion of

S. II

pipes and with Phry - - gi - an clam - - - our, On, where the vi - sion of

A.

pipes and with Phry - - gi - an clam - - our, On, where the vi - sion of

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

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Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1
2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B♭ 1.2

Cl. in B♭ 3

Hn. in F 1
2

Tpt. in C 1

Tri.

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

ho - - li - ness thrills, And the mus - ic climbs and the mad - den - ing glam - our, With the

ho - - li - ness thrills, And the mus - ic climbs and the mad - den - ing glam - our, With the

ho - - li - ness thrills, And the mus - ic climbs and the mad - den - ing glam - our, With the

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Furioso

Fl. 1.2

Picc.

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B♭ 1.2

Cl. in B♭ 3

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tpt. in C 1.2

Tpt. in C 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3
B. Tba.

Timp.

Tri.

Cl. Cym.

Hp.

S. I,II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

- quiv - er, A - way the Bac - chan - al springs!

- quiv - er, A - way the Bac - chan - al springs!

Furioso

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Fl. 1.2

Picc.

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B \flat 1.2

Cl. in B \flat 3

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

Tpt. in C 1
2

Tpt. in C 3

Tbn. 1

Tri.

Sus. Cym.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

[illegible]

