

Hymn to Dionysus

for SSA Choir and Orchestra

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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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To H.B.G.

Hymn to Dionysus

from ‘The Bacchae’ of Euripedes

Translated by Gilbert Murray

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Andante

1.

p

Flute 1.2.3

Oboe 1.2

English Horn

Clarinet in Bb 1.2

Bass Clarinet

Bassoon 1.2

p

a 2

Horn in F 1.2

Horn in F 3.4

Trumpet in C 1.2.3

Trombone 1.2

Trombone 3
Bass Tuba

Timpani

Percussion
(2 Players)

Harp
(Opt. Celesta)

Tune Low D to Db

Soprano I,II

Alto

Andante

p

Violin I

Violin II

p

Viola

p

Violoncello

Contrabass

9

Fl. 1

Cl. in B♭ 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

17

A

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1

Cl. in B♭ 1 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

S. I.II

A.

A

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pp

pp

tutti p

p

p

p

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

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

25

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B \flat 1 2

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

S. I.II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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

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

con sord.

con sord.

con sord.

pp

pp

sempre pp

sempre pp

p 3 3

p 3 3

p 3 3



30

Ob. 1

Eng. Hn.

Hn. in F 1.2

Hn. in F 3.4

S. I.II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

sempre p

Whose sins are

sempre p

Whose sins are

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 - -



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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]

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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

a 2

D

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

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

S. II

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

A.

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

D

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

arco

p

Cb.

arco

p

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Fl. 1

p

Ob. 1, 2

p

Eng. Hn.

p

Hn. in F 1

p *pp*

S. I

p *pp*

that are ser - pents wound In the wands his maid - ens bear, _____ And the songs of serp - ents sound In the

S. II

p *pp*

that are ser - pents wound In the wands his maid - ens bear, _____ And the songs of serp - ents sound In the

A.

p *pp*

that are ser - pents wound In the wands his maid - ens bear, _____ And the songs of serp - ents sound In the

Vln. I

pp

Vln. II

pp

Vla.

pp

Vc.

Cb.

[illegible]

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Cel.
(Hp.)

S. I, II

A.

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

Vln. I

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

2

Vln. II

1

2

Vla.

1

2

110

Ob. 1

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B♭ 1.2

Hn. in F 1.2

Cel.
(Hp.)

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

pp

pp

pp

pp

8va

8va

p

Up - lift the dark di - vine ward The oak - wand

flowers; Up - lift the dark di - vine ward The oak - wand

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

[illegible]

F

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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 B \flat 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

non troppo f

f sempre

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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Musical Score for Act II, Scene I of Wagner's Die Walküre

Vocalists: Siegmund (S.I), Sieglinde (S.II), Brunnhilde (A.)

Lyrics:

Siegmund: ——— of Zeus, O Ca - verned Haunt Where fierce arms clanged to guard God's crad - le rare, For thee of old

Sieglinde: Ca - verned Haunt Where fierce arms clanged to guard God's crad - le rare, For thee of old

Brunnhilde: Ca - verned Haunt Where fierce arms clanged to guard God's crad - le rare, For thee of old

Instrumentation:

- Fl. 1, 2
- Fl. 3
- Ob. 1, 2
- Eng. Hn.
- Cl. in B \flat 1, 2
- B. Cl.
- Bsn. 1, 2
- Hn. in F 2
- Timp.
- Cl. Cym.
- Tamb.
- Hp.
- Vln. I
- Vln. II
- Vla.
- Vc.
- Cb.

Dynamic markings: *mf*, *f*, *arco*, *sempre staccato*

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Fl. 1. 2. 3

Ob. 1. 2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B \flat 1. 2

Hn. in F 1. 2

Hn. in F 3

Tpt. in C 1

Tpt. in C 2. 3

Tri.

Tamb.

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

or - - gies, Our Tim - - brel;

and thy gor - ges Rang with this strain; and blen - ded Phry - gi - an

or - - gies, Our Tim - - brel;

and thy gor - ges Rang with this strain; and blen - ded Phry - gi - an

or - - gies, Our Tim - - brel;

and thy gor - ges Rang with this strain; and blen - ded Phry - gi - an

arco

pizz.

arco

150 29

Fl. 1.2

Fl. 3

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

Tpt. in C 1.2

Tri.

Tamb.

Hp.

S. I

S. II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

chant And sweet keen pipes were there. But the Tim - brel, the Tim - brel was an - oth - er's And a -

chant And sweet keen pipes were there. But the Tim - brel, the Tim - brel was an - oth - er's And a -

chant And sweet keen pipes were there. But the Tim - brel, the Tim - brel was an - oth - er's And a -

[div.]

pizz.

arco

[illegible]

[illegible]

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8^{va}

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Fl. 1
2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1
2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Hn. in F 1
2

Hn. in F 3
4

Tpt. in C 1.2

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3
B. Tba.

Timp.

Cl. Cym.

Tamb.

Hp.

S. I,II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

f

a 2

ff

cresc.

mf

arco

Year; And it serves Di - on - ys - us in the end!

Year; And it serves Di - on - ys - us in the end!

[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

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

S. II

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

A.

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

Vln. I 1.2

Vln. II 1.2

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Sempre animato

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Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

Cl. in B♭ 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

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,

Then streams the earth with milk,

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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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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

Tbn. 3

B. Tba.

S. I

S. II

A.

L

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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N accel. poco a poco

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B \flat 1.2.3

Bsn. 1.2

Tpt. in C 1
2

Tpt. in C 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3
B. Tba.

Timp.

Tri.

Gong

Hp.

S. I.II

A.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

God of the joy - cry; O Bac - chan - als, come! With peal - ing of

God of the joy - cry; O Bac - chan - als, come! With peal - ing of

N accel. poco a poco arco

p arco

f > arco

f > arco

f > arco

f

[illegible]

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Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1
2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B \flat 1, 2

Cl. in B \flat 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

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

p cresc.

(8)

[illegible]

[illegible]

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,
- quiv - er,

A - way ———— the Bac - chan - al springs!
A - way ———— the Bac - chan - al springs!

Furioso

[illegible]

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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

Tri.

Sus. Cym.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

56

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P

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.

Tri.

Sus. Cym.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

