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During this time most of Wagner's creative energy was devoted to the , which was finally completed in 1874 and given its first full performance at in August 1876. Several factors peculiar to the 19th Century German context help to explain about how and why Wagner emerged when he did: an overrapid quasi-traumatic experience of industrialization and dislocation; the failure of a bourgeois liberal-democratic revolution in 1848; the formation of a top-down authoritarian state in 1871 over what had been numerous independent entities; a population uniquely rent asunder by confessional divisions as the German lands were among the very few in Europe to be almost equally divided between Catholic and Protestant adherents. The Life of Richard Wagner.

Parsifal

The Knight says the King has suffered during the night and is going early to bathe in the holy lake.

PARSIFAL

. . Some commentators have suggested that it is not about religion at all, pointing to Wagner's statement, made in 1880: Where religion becomes artificial, it is reserved for art to save the core of religion by recognizing the figurative value of the mythic symbols.

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Hearing this, the lad first lunges at Kundry but then collapses in grief. The squires think she is a witch and sneer that if she does so much, why will she not find the for them? Musically, Parsifal resembles an Oratorio, a concert work written for orchestra and solo singers, a genre almost exclusively for sacred matters, more than any opera.

PARSIFAL

Paradoxically, however, he saw the need for religion, not only our need to believe in something but also our need for rituals and sacraments he was particularly keen on , as both Parsifal and Die Meistersinger confirm; and it should be noted that there many more instances of ritual and formalized custom in the latter than in the former. Whilst, in the outer action, , and are independently-acting characters, they also function as symbols in the

inner action, developing in the consciousness of Parsifal.

A Supreme Song of Love and Pity

William Kinderman and Katherine R.

Opera

Production by Harry Kupfer for Finnish National Opera, Helsinki. In other words, when religion has failed or become artificial or even obsolete, the myths and their symbols are up for grabs by the artist. Set designs by Hans Schavernoch.

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In the pre- era, conducted excerpts from the opera at Bayreuth. Then comes young Parsifal tenor , spontaneous and ignorant of everything, especially of evil, believed by the wise Gurnemanz bass , the senior Knight, to be the long-awaited Saviour. Program notes until 2013 at the Metropolitan Opera in New York asked the audience not to applaud after act I.

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