

After

an opera in two acts and one part

Act/Part III

A theistic Transformative Afterthought

for

Two Principle Soloists, Chorus, Strings, Percussions, Piano, and Harp

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Act III presents the transformational power of the concept of After found on display in Acts I and II differently. In Act I the concept of realizing the dwindling distinction between living and the dead is shown through quiet, reverential acceptance. In Act II it is displayed by a lashing out against this concept. In both instances, the power of the concept is embedded within the genre of opera theatre. It is presented in Act III by changing the Act into a concert performance rather than an opera theatre production. Thus the musical environment is now drained of dramatic energy. The presentation is smaller, more concentrated, and consequently less dramatic, reflecting the affect resulting from engaging with the original concept.

$\text{♩} = 56-63$

Timpani

Crotales

Vibraphone

Suspended Cymbal

Bass Drum

Marimba

Harp

Piano

Soprano (After)

Mezzo-Soprano (Before)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Violin 1

Violin 2

Violin 3

Violin 4

Viola 1

Viola 2

Cello 1

Cello 2

Double Bass

f *mf* *mp* *mf* *f*

ppp *mf* *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *ppp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *ppp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *ppp* *mf* *pp* *mf*

was there a mo__

After

6

5

Timp.

Crt.

Vib.

S. Cym.

B. Dr.

5

Mrb.

5

Hp.

Pno.

Sop. (A)

M. Sop. (B)

5

S.

A.

T.

B.

5

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

D.B.

C, D, E, F#, G#, A#, B

ment was Let me fol low you

there

pp mf f p mp

10

Timp.

Crt.

Vib.

S. Cym.

B. Dr.

Mrb.

Hp.

Pno.

Sop. (A)

M. Sop. (B)

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

D.B.

there

in

to the af

ter

gone

for e ver

ver

and

al ways

a:

[illegible]

29

Timp.

Crt.

Vib.

S. Cym.

B. Dr.

Mrb.

Hp.

Pno.

Sop. (A)

M. Sop. (B)

S

A

T

B

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

D.B.

The image shows a page of a musical score, likely for a symphony. The score is written for various instruments and vocal parts. The instruments listed on the left are: Timp., Crt., Vib., S. Cym., B. Dr., Mrb., Hp., Pno., Sop. (A), M. Sop. (B), S., A., T., B., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vln. 3, Vln. 4, Vla. 1, Vla. 2, Vc. 1, Vc. 2, and D.B. The score is divided into measures, with some measures containing rests and others containing musical notation. The instruments are grouped into staves, with some staves having multiple parts. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p*, *mp*, *mf*, and *pp*, and includes a "solo" marking for the Viola 1 part. The score is written in a standard musical notation, with notes, rests, and other musical symbols. The page is numbered 36 in the top left corner.

42

Timp. *p* *mf*

Crt.

Vib. *mf* *pp*

S. Cym.

B. Dr.

Mrb. *mf* *mp*

Hp. *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *mp*

Pno. *p* *mf* *p* *mp p* *mp* *mf*

Sop. (A)

M. Sop. (B)

S

A

T

B

Vln. 1 *tutte* *mf* *pp* *mf* *p*

Vln. 2 *mf* *p* *mf* *pp* *mf* *ppp*

Vln. 3 *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *mp* *pp* *mf* *p*

Vln. 4 *solo* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vla. 1 *solo* *tutte* *mf* *p* *solo* *tutte* *mf* *mf* *p*

Vla. 2 *mf* *mf* *p*

Vc. 1 *mf* *mf* *mf* *p*

Vc. 2 *mf* *mf* *mf* *p*

D.B. *mf* *mf* *mf*

After

12

[illegible]

[illegible]

65

Timp.

Cr.

Vib.

S. Cym.

B. Dr.

Mrb.

Hp.

Pno.

Sop. (A)

M. Sop. (B)

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

D.B.

was the last breath I want to be

be lieve I want a moment I want to

was the I I to shold a mo ment I want

was there I I want I want to be

was the I I want to I want to know I want

The last breath last of time the last breath of

a u u o u o

This page contains the musical notation for measures 75 through 80 of a section from 'The Lord of the Rings' soundtrack. The instrumentation includes:

- Percussion:** Timpani (Timp.), Cymbals (Cym.), Vibraphone (Vib.), Snare Drum (S. Dr.), Bass Drum (B. Dr.).
- Mallet Instruments:** Maracas (Mrb.).
- String Instruments:** Harp (Hp.), Piano (Pno.), Violins I & II (Vln. 1, Vln. 2), Violins III & IV (Vln. 3, Vln. 4), Viola I & II (Vla. 1, Vla. 2), Violoncello I & II (Vc. 1, Vc. 2), Double Bass (D.B.).
- Vocal Soloists:** Soprano (Sop. A), Mezzo-Soprano (M. Sop. B), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.).

The score shows a variety of musical textures, including melodic lines for the vocal soloists and strings, harmonic support from the piano and harp, and rhythmic drive from the percussion. Dynamics range from *p* (piano) to *ff* (fortissimo). The lyrics for the vocal parts are written below their respective staves.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

103

Timp.

Crt.

Vib.

S. Cym.

B. Dr.

103

Mrb.

103

Hp.

103

Pno.

103

Sop. (A)

M. Sop. (B)

103

S

A

T

B

103

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

D.B.

This musical score page covers measures 103 to 112. The instruments and parts included are:

- Timpani (Timp.):** Remains silent throughout the measures.
- Cornet (Crt.):** Remains silent throughout the measures.
- Vibraphone (Vib.):** Enters in measure 103 with a *f* dynamic, playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes.
- Snare Cymbal (S. Cym.):** Remains silent throughout the measures.
- Bass Drum (B. Dr.):** Remains silent throughout the measures.
- Musical Maracas (Mrb.):** Enters in measure 103 with a *f* dynamic, playing a rhythmic pattern.
- Harp (Hp.):** Enters in measure 103 with a *f* dynamic, playing a rhythmic pattern.
- Piano (Pno.):** Features a complex melodic and harmonic line starting in measure 103, with dynamics ranging from *f* to *pp*.
- Soprano (Sop. A):** Remains silent throughout the measures.
- Mezzo-Soprano (M. Sop. B):** Remains silent throughout the measures.
- Vocalists (S, A, T, B):** The Soprano part has a melodic line starting in measure 109, with dynamics *pp* and *mp*. The other vocal parts (A, T, B) remain silent.
- Violins (Vln. 1-4):** Violin 1 has a melodic line starting in measure 103, with dynamics *ff* and *p*. Violins 2, 3, and 4 provide harmonic support with various dynamics.
- Violas (Vla. 1-2):** Play a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, with dynamics *f*, *mf*, and *pp*.
- Violoncellos (Vc. 1-2):** Play a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, with dynamics *f*, *mf*, and *p*.
- Double Bass (D.B.):** Provides a rhythmic foundation with dynamics *f*, *mf*, and *p*.

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128 C#, D, G A

Timp. *mf*

Crt.

Vib. *f*

S. Cym. *mf*

B. Dr. *mf*

Mrb. *f*

Hp.

Pno. *ff*

Sop. (A) *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *p*
Did — you know? was — there a —

M. Sop. (B)

S. *mp* *mf* *f* *ff* *f* *p* *f*
— in to the af ter — go —

A. *f* *mf* *ff* *mf* *p* *mf* *mf*
its thre —

T. *f* *mf* *ff* *mf* *p* *mf* *mf*
in to —

B. *f* *mf* *ff* *mf* *p* *mf* *mf*
— in to —

Vln. 1 *mp* *mf* *f* *ff* *f* *p* *f*

Vln. 2 *f* *mf* *ff* *mf* *p* *mf* *mf*

Vln. 3 *f* *mf* *ff* *mf* *p* *mf* *mf*

Vln. 4 *f* *mf* *ff* *mf* *p* *mf* *mf*

Vla. 1 *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *pp* *mf* *mp* *pp* *pp* *mf* *ppp*

Vla. 2 *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *pp* *mf* *mp* *pp* *pp* *mf* *mp*

Vc. 1 *mp* *mp* *f* *p* *mp* *pp*

Vc. 2 *mp* *mp* *f* *p* *mp* *pp*

D.B. *mp*

The image shows a page of a musical score, likely from a symphony or opera. The score is written for a large ensemble, including an orchestra and voices. The instruments and voices listed on the left are: Timpani (Timp.), Cymbals (Crt.), Vibraphone (Vib.), Snare Drum (S. Cym.), Bass Drum (B. Dr.), Maracas (Mrb.), Harp (Hp.), Piano (Pno.), Soprano (A), Mezzo-Soprano (B), Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), Violin 1 (Vln. 1), Violin 2 (Vln. 2), Violin 3 (Vln. 3), Violin 4 (Vln. 4), Viola 1 (Vla. 1), Viola 2 (Vla. 2), Violoncello 1 (Vc. 1), Violoncello 2 (Vc. 2), and Double Bass (D.B.). The score is written in 4/4 time. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The score features various musical notations, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as *mf* (mezzo-forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *pp* (piano), and *ppp* (pianissimo). The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The page number 138 is visible in the top left corner.

152

Timp.

Crt.

Vib.

S. Cym.

B. Dr.

Mrb.

Hp.

Pno.

Sop. (A)

M. Sop. (B)

S

A

T

B

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

D.B.

of _____ that goes with you in to the af ter _____

From its depth But none _____ none of that _____ Did

p

mp

mf

pp

p

mf

pp

mp

pp

171

Timp.

Cr.

Vib.

S. Cym.

B. Dr.

Mrb.

Hp.

Pno.

Sop. (A)

M. Sop. (B)

S

A

T

B

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

D.B.

171

172

173

174

175

176

177

pp

Did you know?