

for Portsmouth Cathedral Choir

The Rapture

PICARDY



1 Corinthians 15. 51, 52; Matthew 24. 29, 31 ;
1 Thessalonians 4. 16-18; John 6. 40; Daniel 12. 1, 7-9;
Σιγησάτω πάσα σάρξ βροτεία c. AD 275

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$\text{♩} = 90$, intense

T *pp* Lis - ten, _____ lis - ten, _____

B *pp* Lis - ten, _____ lis - ten, _____ lis -

Org *mp* as an alarm sim.

pp

7

pp Lis - ten, _____ listen, _____ lis - ten, I will tell you a mys - te - ry... _____ *subito pp*

pp Lis - ten, _____ lis - ten, _____ I will tell you a mys - te - ry... _____ *subito pp*

pp lis - ten, _____ lis - ten, _____ lis - ten, _____ I will tell you a mys - te - ry... _____ *subito pp*

pp ten, _____ lis - ten, _____ lis - ten, _____ I will tell you a mys - te - ry... _____ *subito pp*

13

p lis - ten, _ lis - ten, _ lis - ten, lis - ten, _ I will
p lis - ten, lis - ten, lis - ten, I will
p lis ten, _ lis - ten, _ lis - ten, _ lis - ten, _ lis - ten, _ I will
p lis - ten, li - sten, lis - ten, lis - ten, lis ten, _ I will
sim.
add

19

sub pp tell you a mys - te - ry... _ _ _ _ _ *mp* lis - ten, lis - ten,
sub pp tell you a mys - te - ry... _ _ _ _ _ *mp* lis - ten, _ lis - ten, lis - ten, _ lis - ten,
sub pp tell you a mys - te - ry... _ _ _ _ _ *mp* lis - ten, _ lis - ten, _ lis - ten,
sub pp tell you a mys - te - ry... _ _ _ _ _ *mp* lis - ten, _ lis - ten, _ lis - ten, _
add

25

sub p *mf*

lis - ten, lis - ten we will not all sleep, we will

sub p *mf*

lis - ten, lis - ten we will not all sleep, we will

sub p *mf*

lis - ten we will not all sleep, we will

sub p *mf*

lis - ten we will not all sleep, we will

add

31

A *f* suddenly quicker ♩ = 108

not all sleep, — but in a flash in the

f but in a flash in the

f but in a flash in the

f but in a flash in the

not all sleep, — but in a flash in the

f *becoming less detached* **A** *f* suddenly quicker ♩ = 108

fff bright

37

twink-ling of an eye, and at the last _____ trum- pet!

twink-ling of an eye, and at the last _____ trum- pet!

twink-ling of an eye, and at the last _____ trum- pet!

twink-ling of an eye, and at the last _____ trum- pet!

+ cymbelstern - cymb. Fanfare tr. *fff*

Sw. *f*

43

mp We shall all be changed, we shall all be changed, shall

mp We shall all be changed, all be changed, we shall all be changed, shall all, shall

mp We shall all be changed, shall all be, all be changed, we shall all be

mp We shall all be changed, shall all be, all be changed, we shall all be, shall

48 *rit.*

all be changed, we shall all be we shall all be, shall all be, all be CHANGED!

all be changed, we shall all be we shall all be shall all be all be CHANGED!

changed, be changed, we shall all be we shall all be shall all be all be CHANGED!

all be changed, we shall all be we shall all be shall all be all be CHANGED!

fff

fff



B

54 ♩ = 124 *convulsing*

mp

In those days the sun will be dark ened

mp

In those days the sun will be dark-ened

♩ = 124 *convulsing*

mp sw

mp

60 *mf*

and the moon will not _____ give its light

mf

and the moon will not, will not give its light__

f gt

f



65 *mp but intense*

In those days _____ the sun shall be dark-ened, and the moon will not

mf

mp but intense

In those days _____ the sun shall be dark - ened, and the moon will not,

Ophicleide!

mf sw

70

give its light, the stars will
 not give its light, the stars will
 the stars will
 the stars

mf *mf* *mf* *mf*

f gt *ch. non legato* *mp*

75

fall from the skies, will fall from the skies
 will fall from the skies and the heav'nly bodies,
 fall from the skies will fall from the skies
 will fall from the skies and the heav'nly bodies

mp *mp* *mp*

f gt *mp ch.*

(still *f*)

mp and the heav - n'ly bo - dies will be sha - ken.

and the heav-en-ly bo - dies will be sha - ken.

mp and the heav - n'ly bo - dies will be sha - ken.

and the heav-en-ly bo - dies will be sha - ken.

f gt *mp ch.* *f gt*

mp In those days the sun will be dark-end and the moon,

and the moon,

mp In those days the sun will be dark-end and the

and the moon and the

mp *stū*

88

and the moon will not give its light,
 and the moon will not give its light,
 moon will not give its light,
 moon will not give its light,

(no solo)

92

mf the stars, *mf* the stars will fall, will fall from the skies,
mf the stars, *mf* the stars, the stars will fall
 the stars, *mf* the stars *mf* will fall, will fall from the skies
 the stars, the stars, the stars will fall

sw + ch

97

fall from the skies and the heav'n-ly bo - dies and the heav'n - ly bo
 fall from the skies and the heav'n-ly bo - dies and the heav'n - ly bo
 fall from the skies and the heav'n-ly bo - dies and the heav'n - ly bo
 fall from the skies and the heav'n-ly bo - dies and the heav'n - ly bo

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

sim.

101 *rall.* *ff* **C** urgent ♩ = 144
 - dies will be sha - ken! And he will send His an - gels____
 - dies will be sha - ken!_ And he will send His an - gels____
 - dies will be sha - ken! And he will send His an - gels____
 - dies will be sha - ken!_ And he will send His an - gels____

rall. // *urgent* ♩ = 144 *trem. in chord* // *approx. pitches ff*

107

sfzp *molto*

and ga - ther his e - lect from the four winds

sfzp *molto*

and ga - ther his e - lect from the four winds

sfzp *molto*

and ga - ther his e - lect from the four winds

sfzp *molto*

and ga - ther his e - lect from the four winds

112

to the *rit.* end of the

from the ends of the earth to the end of the

to the end of the

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to the end of the

from the ends of the earth to the end of the

to the end of the

from the ends of the earth to the end of the

rit.

Fanfare tr. 16', 8' 4"

116 heav'ns! $\text{♩} = 74$ freely

heav'ns!
heav'ns!
heav'ns!
heav'ns!

heav'ns!
heav'ns!
heav'ns!
heav'ns!

heav'ns!
heav'ns!

8va

$\text{♩} = 74$ freely

+ cymb. *p* - cymb. + Nachtigall

p



122 *rall.*

- Nachtigall

5-3 3 3 1 3

3-1 5 4

cluster (both feet)

127 // $\text{♩} = 74$ simply **D** *mp* Optional solo

For the Lord him-self will come down from heav'n with a loud com-mand,

// $\text{♩} = 74$ simply

p



131 *mp* full sops *mf*

with the voice of the arch - an - gel and with the trum-pet call of God,

mp *mf*

with the voice of the arch - an - gel and with the trum -

mf

and Mich-ael shall stand up, the great prince

mf

and Mich - ael shall stand up, the great prince

f Oph.

mp *mf*

135

the trum-pet call of God. Let all mor-tal flesh keep si - lence
 pet_ call of God. For the Lord him-self will come down from heav'n
 who stands_ watch, for the Lord him-self will come down from heav'n
 who stands_ watch_ For the Lord him-self will come down from heav'n

mf

139

and with fear and tremb - ling_ stand, Pon - der no-thing earth - ly_
 with a loud_ com - mand_ with the voice of the arch -
 with a loud_ com - mand_ with the voice of the arch-an -
 with a loud_ com - mand_ with the voice of the arch - an -

mf

142

mind - ed, For with bles-sing in His__ hand, Christ our God to
 an - - gel and with the trum - pet call of God__
 gel and with the trum - - pet call__ of
 gel and with the trum - pet, with the trum-pet call of God__

145

earth de - scend - eth our full hom-mage to de - mand
 and Mich - ael shall stand up the great prince who stands watch.
 God__ and__ Mich - ael shall stand up who stands watch.
 and Mich-ael shall stand up__ who stands. watch o'er the peo - ple

strings

150

155

rall.

Baritone/Tenor solo

p

160

E ♩ = 60 mysterious

163

167 **f**

hea - vens and swore by Him who lives for -

strings

mf



ecstatic; the 'eye of the storm' ♩ = 50

171 **rall.**

ev - er: _____ It shall be for a time, times and

pp like 'Taizé' **sub. pp**

And ev - 'ry one who be-holds the Son and be -

pp like 'Taizé' **sub. pp**

And ev - 'ry one who be-holds the Son and be -

pp like 'Taizé' **sub. pp**

And ev - 'ry one who be-holds the Son and be -

pp like 'Taizé' **sub. pp**

And ev - 'ry one who be-holds the Son and be -

rall.

ecstatic; the 'eye of the storm' ♩ = 50

175

half a time when the power of the ho - ly peo ple has been shat-tered,
 lieves in Him, will have e - ter nal life, And ev-'ry one who be-holds the Son and be-
 lieves in Him, will have e - ter nal life, And ev-'ry one who be-holds the Son and be-
 lieves in Him, will have e - ter nal life, And ev-'ry one who be-holds the Son and be-
 lieves in Him, will have e - ter nal life, And ev-'ry one who be-holds the Son and be-

sub. p *sub. mp* *sub. p* *sub. mp* *sub. p* *sub. mp*

179

has been shat - tered all these things shall be fin - ished, all these things shall be
 lieves in Him, will have e-ter-nal life, and believes in Him, will have e-ter-nal life, and be
 lieves in Him, will have e-ter-nal life, and believes in Him, will have e-ter-nal life, and be
 lieves in Him, will have e-ter-nal life, and believes in Him, will have e-ter-nal life, and be
 lieves in Him, will have e-ter-nal life, and believes in Him, will have e-ter-nal life, and be

f *mf* *mf* *sub. mp* *mf* *sub. mp* *mf* *sub. mp* *mf* *sub. mp*

183

fin-ished. *p* - men. *sub. p* *sub. pp*

lieves in Him, will have e - ter-nal life, will have e - ter - nal life, e - ter - nal

lieves in Him, will have e - ter-nal life, will have e - ter - nal life, e - ter - nal

lieves in Him, will have e - ter-nal life, will have e - ter - nal life, e - ter - nal...

lieves in Him, will have e - ter-nal life, will have e - ter - nal life, e - ter - nal...



G = 108, brutal
p non dim.

life... *p non dim.*

life... *mp* and I shall

mp and I shall

G = 108, brutal

box closed *pp* *mf*

192

mp
 And I shall raise him up, shall raise him up,
 raise him up, shall raise him up, shall raise him up,
mp
 and I shall raise him, I shall raise him up,
 raise him up, shall raise him up, shall raise him up

f *freely*
 3

196

mf
 and I shall raise him up, shall raise him up, shall raise
mf
 and I shall raise him up, shall raise him, raise
mf
 and I shall raise him up, shall raise him up, shall raise
mf
 and I shall raise him up, shall raise him, raise

f

200

mf *cresc.*

him up, and I shall raise him, shall raise him up, shall raise him

mf *cresc.*

him up, and I shall raise him up, and I shall raise him up,

mf *cresc.*

him up, and I shall raise him up and I shall raise him up

mf *cresc.*

him up and I shall raise him, and I shall raise him, and I shall

ff *violent*

205

rit.

up, shall raise him up, at the last day.

and I shall raise him, at the last day.

and I shall raise him at the last day.

raise him up, him up at the last day.

rit. *ff*

211

H = 74, receding

and be-lieves in Him *pp*

and be-

ffff

p

pp

217

who be - holds the Son, *pp* be -

And I shall

and be - lies in Him *pp* and be - lies in Him

lies in Him and be - lies in Him and be -

221

rall.
Baritone / Tenor solo **mp**

Al -

holds the Son, be - holds the Son.

raise Him up, shall raise Him up, shall raise Him up...

and be-lieves in Him and be-lieves in Him

lieves in Him and be - lieves in Him and be-lieves in Him..

rall.



I = c.54, freely

though I heard I did not un-der-stand. Then I said:.

231

mf *f* *mf*

"My Lord, my Lord, what shall be the end of these things, of these things, of these things,

pp Lis - ten, lis - ten,

pp Lis - ten, lis - ten, lis - ten,

mp MY LORD. Lis - ten, lis - ten,

mp MY LORD. Lis - ten, lis -

f *mp* *pp*

237

mezzo voce

lis - ten. What will be the end of these things?

mezzo voce

lis - ten. What will be the end of these things?

mezzo voce

lis - ten What will be the end of these things?

mezzo voce

ten. What will be the end of these things?

4' + trem *ppp*