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MAGNIFICAT AND NUNC DIMITTIS

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Composer's note

My Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were originally scored for SATB choir with both piano and organ accompaniment, as presented here. The piano and organ combination is a nod to the Black American church in which I grew up, where both instruments were used simultaneously for almost all music during church services (typically gospel music). All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California, for which my Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were composed, also had a tradition of using both piano and organ with various styles for special occasions. Because of my study and work in the Episcopal church, my Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are firmly rooted in the Western classical music tradition, heavily influenced by the works of Howells, Vaughan Williams, and Holst. The harmony, form, and melodic elements in both pieces employ heavy usage of the octatonic scale: an 8-note scale constructed by alternating semitones/half steps and tones/whole steps.

This note may be reproduced as required for programme notes.

Duration: Magnificat 5.5 minutes; Nunc Dimittis 6 minutes

This piece is also available in a version for SATB and organ only (ISBN 978-0-19-356507-4).

Magnificat

Luke 1: 46–55

ZANAIDA STEWART ROBLES

Adagio ♩ = 60

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

PIANO

p

con Ped.

ORGAN

p legato

mp

Ped.

Man.

T./B.

mp

TENORS & BASSES unis.

My soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord and my

p

The musical score is written for five parts: Soprano Alto, Tenor Bass, Piano, Organ, and Tenors & Basses. The tempo is Adagio, 60 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The Soprano and Alto parts are in treble clef, and the Tenor and Bass parts are in bass clef. The Piano part is in treble and bass clef. The Organ part is in treble and bass clef. The Tenors & Basses part is in bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, pedaling, and dynamics. The lyrics 'My soul doth magnify the Lord and my' are included for the vocal parts.

Duration: 5.5 mins

8

spi - rit hath re-joiced in God my Sa - viour. For he hath re -

11

-gard - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid.

Ped.

14

SOPRANOS & ALTOS *unis.*

mp

S.A. For be-hold from hence - forth all ge - ne - ra - tions shall call me bless - ed,

p

18

S. A. for be - hold, from hence - forth all ge - ne - ra - tions

for be - hold, from hence - forth all ge - ne - ra - tions shall call me

T. B. For *mp* be - hold, from hence - forth all ge - ne - ra - tions

mp For be - hold, from hence - forth all ge - ne - ra - tions shall call me

legato

mp

21

shall call me bless - ed.

f

bless - ed.

shall call me bless - ed.

f

bless - ed.

p misterioso

p misterioso

25

S. *mp* For he that is might-y hath mag - - ni - fied

A. *p* Mag - - ni - fi - - cat a - -

T. *p* Mag - - ni - fi - - cat a - -

B.

29

me and ho - ly is his name.

- ni - ma me - - a,

- ni - ma me - - a,

33

(mp)

And his mer-cy is on them that fear

p

mag - ni - fi - cat a -

p

mag - ni - fi - cat a -

37

him through-out all ge - ne - ra - tions.

- ni - ma me - a.

- ni - ma me - a.

Man.

accel.

Allegro ♩ = 120

41

p *mf* 3

46

S.

A. *mp marcato*
He hath shown strength

T.

B. *p marcato*
He hath shown strength with his arm, he hath scat - tered the proud in the i -

p *mp* 3 3

Ped.

49 *mf marcato*

He hath shown strength with his arm, he hath
 with his arm, he hath scat-tered the proud in the i - ma - gi - na - tion of their
 -ma - gi - na - tion of their hearts. *mf* Mag - ni - fi - cat

mf

52

scat-tered the proud in the i - ma - gi - na - tion of their hearts.
 hearts. *mf* Mag - ni - fi - cat, he hath scat-tered the proud in the i -
mf marcato
 He hath shown strength with his arm,
 a - ni - ma me - a. He hath put down the might-

He hath put down the might-

-ma - gi - na - tion of their, He hath put down the might - y from their seat and

He hath put down the might - y from their seat and hath ex - alt - ed the

- y from their seat and hath ex - alt - ed the hum - - ble and

3 3 3

- y from their seat and hath ex - alt - ed the hum - - ble and

hath ex - alt - ed the hum - - ble and meek. Mag - ni -

hum - - ble and meek. Mag - ni - - fi - cat

meek. Mag - ni - - fi - cat a - ni - - ma

3 3 3

61

65

S.
A.

**T.
B.**

69 *mf*

He re - mem - ber-ing his mer - cy

mf mer - - -

73

hath holp-en his ser - vant Is - ra - el as he pro - mised

-cy hath holp - en his ser - vant Is - ra - el as he

77 *f*

to our fore - fa - thers, A - bra - ham and his seed for

f

pro - mised to our fore - fa - thers, A - bra - ham, for

f

f

80 **ritard.** **Majestically** ♩ = 60 *p*

ev - - - er!

ev - - - er!

ritard. **Majestically** ♩ = 60 *p*

mp

84 *mf*

Glo - ry be___ to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit;___

mf

88

___ as___ it___ was in the be-gin - ning, is___ now and___ for___ ev-er shall be,

mp

92 *mp*

world _____ with - out end, world with - out end, world with - out end,

mp

mp

96

world _____ with - out end, world with - out end, world with - out end.

mp

rit.

100

p A - - - men, a - - - men, a -

p A - - - men, a - - - men, a - - - men,

p A - - - (a) - - - men, a - - - - - men, a -

rit.

Tranquillo ♩ = 52

103

a - - - men, a - - - men, a - - - men.

a - - - men, a - - - men.

a - - - men, a - - - men.

Tranquillo ♩ = 52

8va

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2: 29-32

Misteriously ♩ = 100

SOPRANO

PIANO *p*

ORGAN *p*

Lord, _____

Man.

4

now let - - test thou thy ser - vant _____

8

de - part in _____ peace, _____ ac - cord - ing

12 to thy word. _____

S. A. *p* Ac - cord - ing to thy word. _____

T. B. *p* _____

16 *unis. p* Lord, _____ now let - - test thou thy

S./A. _____

21 ser - vant _____ de - part in _____ peace, _____ ac -

25

S. A. word. _____

- cord - ing to thy word, ac - cord - ing to thy

T. B. *p* Ac - cord - ing to thy

The musical score for measures 25-28 consists of three systems. The first system contains the vocal staves for Soprano (S.) and Alto (A.), and the piano accompaniment. The Soprano and Alto parts have lyrics: "- cord - ing to thy word, ac - cord - ing to thy". The piano accompaniment has a melodic line in the right hand and a harmonic line in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The third system continues the vocal parts and piano accompaniment.

29

ALTOS *p*

word. _____ For mine eyes have seen thy sal -

word. _____

The musical score for measures 29-32 consists of three systems. The first system contains the vocal staves for Alto (A.) and the piano accompaniment. The Alto part has lyrics: "For mine eyes have seen thy sal -". The piano accompaniment has a melodic line in the right hand and a harmonic line in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The third system continues the vocal parts and piano accompaniment.

33

A. *mp* -va - tion, _____

T. *p* For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion, _____

B. *mp* For mine eyes have seen thy sal -

37

SOPRANOS *mp*

S. For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion, _____

T. *mf* - va - tion, _____

B. For mine eyes have seen thy sal -

41 *mf*

S. A. For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion be - fore the —

T. B. - va - tion, —

45 *f*

face — of — all — peo - - ple. —

f

Musical score for measures 49-52. The score is written for four staves: two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and two piano staves (Right and Left Hand). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal parts enter in measure 49 with the lyrics "To be a light to". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex, flowing line in the left hand.

To be a light to

Musical score for measures 53-56. The score continues with the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The lyrics "light - en the Gen - tiles, And to be the" are sung in measures 53-54. The piano accompaniment includes triplets in measures 53-54 and a sustained chord in measure 55. The score concludes in measure 56 with a final chord.

light - en the Gen - tiles, And to be the

Ped. Man.

57

mp

glo - ry, to be _____ the glo - ry, the

mp

mp

Ped.

61

cresc.

glo - - ry of thy peo - - - - - ple

cresc.

mp cresc.

65 *ff* *rit.*

Is - - - rael! _____

ff *rit.*

ff

ff

69 *Andante* ♩ = 80 *unis. mp*

Glo - - - ry be___ to the

unis. mp

Andante ♩ = 80

p

p

73

Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Son, and

Son, and

77

Spi - rit; As it was in the be -

As it

81

81

-gin - ning, is now, and

now, and

This musical system contains measures 81 through 83. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a prominent triplet pattern in the right hand across all three measures. The vocal line has long notes with lyrics: "-gin - ning, is now, and" in measure 81, and "now, and" in measure 83. Measure 82 is a continuation of the vocal line without lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady triplet eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex bass line in the left hand.

84

84

ev - - er shall be,

This musical system contains measures 84 through 86. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The piano part continues with the triplet pattern in the right hand. The vocal line has lyrics: "ev - - er shall be," in measure 84. Measure 85 is a continuation of the vocal line without lyrics. Measure 86 is the final measure of the system, ending with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady triplet eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex bass line in the left hand.

87

mf

S. world with - out

mf

A. world with - out end, world with - out

mf

T. world with - out

mf

B. world with - out end, world with - out

mp

mp

A musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a common time signature (C). The accompaniment is written in quarter and eighth notes. The score consists of four measures. The first measure has a treble staff with a B-flat and a bass staff with a B-flat. The second measure has a treble staff with a B-flat and a bass staff with a B-flat. The third measure has a treble staff with a B-flat and a bass staff with a B-flat. The fourth measure has a treble staff with a B-flat and a bass staff with a B-flat. The score ends with a double bar line.

95

The musical score consists of five systems. The first system is a vocal line in treble clef, starting with a half note 'end,' followed by a four-measure phrase marked *f* with lyrics 'world_ with - out_'. The second system is a vocal line in treble clef, continuing the phrase 'world_ with - out_'. The third system is a vocal line in bass clef, also continuing the phrase 'world_ with - out_'. The fourth system is a piano accompaniment in grand staff, featuring triplets in both hands, marked *mf*. The fifth system is another piano accompaniment in grand staff, continuing the triplet pattern, also marked *mf*.

end, world_ with - out_

world_ with - out_

world_ with - out_

world_ with - out_

mf

mf

end, world with - out end, world with - out

end, world with - out end, world with -

end, with - out end, world with - out

end, world with - out end, world with -

Three systems of piano accompaniment. The first system consists of two staves with triplets of eighth notes in both hands. The second system consists of two staves with chords and moving lines. The third system consists of two staves with sustained chords and moving lines.

103

103

end. _____ A - - - - -

- out _____ end. _____ A - - - - - men,

end. _____ A - - - - -

- out _____ end. _____ A - - - - -

f

f

107

musical score for voice and piano, measures 107-110.

The score is written for four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment.

Vocal Parts:

- Soprano:** Measures 107-110. Notes: G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), C5 (half). Lyrics: "men, a - - - - -". Dynamics: *mf* starting at measure 109.
- Alto:** Measures 107-110. Notes: G4 (half), F#4 (half), E4 (half), D4 (half). Lyrics: "a - - - - - men,".
- Tenor:** Measures 107-110. Notes: G4 (half), F#4 (half), E4 (half), D4 (half). Lyrics: "- men, a - - - - -".
- Bass:** Measures 107-110. Notes: G4 (half), F#4 (half), E4 (half), D4 (half). Lyrics: "- - - - - men, a - - - - -". Dynamics: *mf* starting at measure 109.

Piano Accompaniment:

- Right Hand:** Measures 107-110. Features triplet eighth notes. Notes: G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3. Dynamics: *mf* starting at measure 109.
- Left Hand:** Measures 107-110. Features triplet eighth notes. Notes: G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3. Dynamics: *mf* starting at measure 109.

The piano part consists of two systems of music. The first system (measures 107-110) features a melody of eighth notes with triplets in both hands. The second system (measures 111-114) continues the melody with triplets in both hands. The dynamics are marked *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the piano part.

111

musical score for voice and piano, measures 111-114. The score is written for four staves: two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and two piano staves (Right and Left Hand).

Vocal Parts:

- Soprano:** Measures 111-114. Notes: G4 (half), A#4 (half), G4 (half), F#4 (half). Lyrics: "men, a - - - - -". Dynamic: *mp*.
- Alto:** Measures 111-114. Notes: G4 (half), A4 (half), G4 (half), F#4 (half). Lyrics: "a - - - - - men,". Dynamic: *mf*.
- Bass:** Measures 111-114. Notes: G3 (half), A3 (half), G3 (half), F#3 (half). Lyrics: "- men, a - - - - -". Dynamic: *mf*.

Piano Accompaniment:

- Right Hand:** Measures 111-114. Notes: G4 (half), A#4 (half), G4 (half), F#4 (half). Lyrics: "men, a - - - - -". Dynamic: *mp*.
- Left Hand:** Measures 111-114. Notes: G3 (half), A3 (half), G3 (half), F#3 (half). Lyrics: "- men, a - - - - -". Dynamic: *mp*.

Measure 111: Soprano: G4 (half), Alto: G4 (half), Bass: G3 (half), Piano: G4 (half).

Measure 112: Soprano: A#4 (half), Alto: A4 (half), Bass: A3 (half), Piano: A#4 (half).

Measure 113: Soprano: G4 (half), Alto: G4 (half), Bass: G3 (half), Piano: G4 (half).

Measure 114: Soprano: F#4 (half), Alto: F#4 (half), Bass: F#3 (half), Piano: F#4 (half).

115

musical score for voice and piano, measures 115-118.

Voice Part:

- Measure 115: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Lyrics: "men,". Dynamics: *p*.
- Measure 116: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Lyrics: "a". Dynamics: *p*.
- Measure 117: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Lyrics: "men,". Dynamics: *mp* (first half), *p* (second half).
- Measure 118: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Lyrics: "men,". Dynamics: *p*.

Piano Part:

- Measure 115: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.
- Measure 116: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.
- Measure 117: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.
- Measure 118: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

Accompaniment Part:

- Measure 115: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.
- Measure 116: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.
- Measure 117: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.
- Measure 118: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

119

rit.

men,

a - - - men,

men,

men,

rit.

Tranquillo ♩ = 70

123 *p*

S. A. a - - - - - men,

T. B. *p*

Tranquillo ♩ = 70

(Ped.)

127

Measures 127-130 of a musical score. The vocal line (top staff) features a long note on 'a' in measure 127, followed by a rest, and then a long note on 'men,' in measure 128, followed by a rest. The piano accompaniment (bottom two staves) consists of a single bass note in the left hand and a single treble note in the right hand, both held for the duration of the measures. The piano part includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand in measures 129 and 130.

a - - - - - men, - - - - -

131

Measures 131-134 of a musical score. The vocal line (top staff) features a long note on 'a' in measure 131, followed by a rest, and then a long note on 'men,' in measure 132, followed by a rest. The piano accompaniment (bottom two staves) consists of a single bass note in the left hand and a single treble note in the right hand, both held for the duration of the measures. The piano part includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand in measures 133 and 134.

a - - - - - men, - - - - -

135

a - - - - -

139

rit.

- men.

rit.

