MAGNIFICAT

FOR

FOR TENOR AND BARITONE SOLOISTS, CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA

ΒY

HARRY DREW (1851-1895)

FULL SCORE

The music transcribed and edited by John Morrison, 2011 from a manuscript (ca. 1872) in the archive of Balliol College, Oxford.

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The score of Harry Drew's *Magnificat* was discovered in 2010, in the archive of Balliol College, Oxford. It is an octavo volume of 72 pages of manuscript, bound in a brown hard leatherette cover, with a simple title embossed in gold leaf. The score is handwritten in ink on music paper, but unfortunately not signed or dated.

I would like to thank the archivist for making the score available.



Comment by the Balliol College archivist:

Manuscript score of a setting of the Magnificat by Harry Drew (New College 1872), no date. He appears to have studied music at Oxford in ca.1887-8, and was associated with Balliol College, but the college has no record of his membership; Faculty of Music recordkeeping for the period is idiosyncratic. The score is assumed to be in the composer's own hand and is a fair copy, perhaps submitted as part of a degree; the cover title clearly associates him with Balliol College. We do not know who made the annotations or why. Balliol has no other information about Harry Drew.



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1.	Chorus.		"I will magnify "	1
	-Solo	Janor .	"For brhold "	16.
J.	banon.	Two in one.	" and his mercy"	20.
	Solo.	Barilon 2.	" He hath shewid stringth"	26.
	Ruartet.	Unaccompanied.	"He rembering his meray :	42.
	Recitation	Jenors and Basses.	"He hath filled the Tungry"	40.
	Chorus and		"Glory be to the Father".	50.
- /3	Jugue.		"as it was in the beginning.	54.

SECTIONS

No			Voices	Orchestra
1.	Chorus,	4/4, Maestoso in C major	Choir S1, S2, A, T, B	2 oboes, 2 bassoons,
				strings (vl1, vl2, vla, vlc, cb).
2.	Solo,	4/4, Andantino in G major	Tenor	strings.
3.	Canon,	4/2 Andante in A minor	Choir Tr, A, T, B	2 clarinets, 2 bassoons,
				Strings.
4.	Solo,	6/4, Allegro in E minor	Baritone	flute, clarinet, strings
5.	Recitativ	<i>e,</i> 4/4, in E minor	Tenors & basses unis.	Strings.
6.	Quartet,	3/2, Andantino in F major	Choir Tr, A, T, B	unacc.
7.a	. Chorus,	2/2, Maestoso in C major	Choir Tr, A, T, B	2 oboes, 2 bassoons,
	and			strings.
b	. Fugue,	4/4, Allegro in C major	Choir Tr, A, T, B	oboe, clarinet, 2 bassoons,
				strings.

ANNOTATIONS

No.1, bars 6-7,	Consecutive fifths between viola and bass marked, illegible comment
bar 9.	The A-flats in violin I and bass, "bad doubling (augmented 6th)"
bar 24.	The D-sharps, "this ought strictly to be E-flat"
bars 26-27.	G to E in violin I, with F to E in viola "hidden 8ves"
bar 84.	G to E in soprano, with F to E in tenor, marked, no comment (hidden 8ves?)
No.2, bar 18.	Viola A-flat corrected to G-sharp
No.3, bars 4-5.	Note G in treble bar 4, G-sharp in tenor bar 5, "bad effect"
bar 13.	Consecutive fifths in alto and bass, marked "X"
bar 14.	Consecutive octaves C to G in tenor and bass, "not allowed in 4 parts"
No.4, bar 1.	"It would have been better to write for Clarinet in A"
bars 3-4.	Flute: "Too low for any effect here"
bar 6.	Consecutive fifths between violin I and bass, underlined
bars 7-8.	Consecutive fifths between violin II and viola marked
bars 17-18.	Clarinet trill ending in B, "horrible effect"
bars 27-28.	Consecutive octaves between violin I and lower cello marked
bar 52.	The syllable "gi-" in the voice part underlined, "bad"
No.5, bar 17-18.	Syllables "re- mem" underlined, "right accent"
bar 19.	"re- mem", underlined, "bad accent"
bar 23.	"re- mem", marked "X"
No.5, bar 53.	D in tenor, marked "7th not resolved"
No.7(b), bar 24.	A in bass followed by A-sharp in alto, marked "X"

THE TRANSCRIPTION

The manuscript full score has been transcribed into modern notation. Bar numbers are shown at the start of every system. The vocal score has the orchestral accompaniment condensed for playing on a piano, and therefore may not show every note at the octave in which it is written, especially in the bass where the cellos and double basses mostly play together sounding an octave apart.

The editor has taken the liberty of one correction: In the second half of bar 28 of no. 7(b), the 1st violin had crotchet B followed by quavers C & D, and this has been editorially changed so the notes follow the sequence in the previous two bars.

Page numbers from the manuscript are shown in the transcripts in bold, e.g. **18**. So as not to clash with bar numbers, these are shown in the vocal score above the accompaniment, in the full score above the voices.

A set of orchestral parts has been produced. Though the full score has left the clarinets in C as written by the composer, the playing parts have been transposed for modern B-flat clarinets.



Harry Drew, about 1893

Harry Drew, Mus.Doc., L.Mus., Trin. Col, Lond., was born on 20 July 1851 in Melcombe Regis, now central Weymouth in Dorset. He was the fifth child of Joseph Drew, M.A., LL.D., Ph.D., J.P. (1815-1883) and his wife Caroline. He had an elder brother, also Joseph, who died in childhood, three elder sisters Mary Jessie, Alice Martha and Fanny Eliza, and a younger sister Caroline Agnes known as Agnes.

Joseph Drew was a well-known and influential character in Dorset public life in mid-Victorian times. He started his working life as a pastrycook assisting his father in the Deptford dockyard service (1831 advertisement "Drew & Son, confectioners to Her Majesty"). When he was only 18 he married Eliza Monday, six years his senior. In 1830, on the closure of the dockyard the Drews returned to Weymouth. He went on become owner of the family confectionery shop, proprietor of the Royal Victoria Hotel, founder of the "Southern Times" newspaper, J.P., town councillor (one-time secretary to the mayor), steam paddle-boat proprietor (a partner of Joseph Cosens in the company Cosens & Co.). He lived for a short while in Guernsey where one of his daughters was born. Joseph Drew was the author of essays on popular science, history and religion. He also ventured into historical fiction, particularly well with the beautiful and gripping prose of The Rival Queens, an account of the tragic life of Mary Queen of Scots and the conflict between her and her sister Queen Elizabeth of England. When he retired he became a locally well-known lecturer on popular scientific and religious subjects. His treatise on Art Treasures and their Preservation still makes sense now. He wrote florid religious poems and mocked the Pope in a couple of little ditties, one called A Snooze in the Vatican.

In 1846 Joseph Drew's wife Eliza died. Two years later he married her younger sister Caroline Monday, a morally controversial action at the time (though research shows that he need not have worried), and it is noted that Joseph did not re-marry Caroline his own mother had passed away. Harry was born in 1851, her second child. For years afterwards Harry pondered over whether he was, according to Church, illegitimate, though it is now easy to say it would seem good for the children to have a familiar aunt become their new mother.

Harry Drew matriculated at New College, Oxford, in 1872. In 1873, at the age of 22, he took the opportunity to go to Colombo in Ceylon to teach and be head of music at St. Thomas' College, where Christ Church (Colombo Cathedral) was also the college chapel. He was a popular teacher there and is mentioned several times in the college history: the year 1875 was

referred as the "heyday of the college choir". There he met and became engaged to Georgiana Down, the young first principal and music teacher at the nearby Bishopsgate School (later to become Bishop's College). He married Georgiana in 1876 and by the end of 1881 they had four children Winifred, Georgiana Daisy, Harry Guy and Elsa, all born in Colombo.

He returned to England with his wife and family in about 1883, when her school had gone bankrupt and his father was dying. After a year in Weymouth he moved with his growing family to Oxford, where he lived for five years. In 1888 he is recorded as having passed the First Examination for the B.Mus. degree at Balliol College. The next year the family moved to Egremont in the Wirral peninsula of Cheshire, where he was employed as music director at the Parish Church of St. John, Poulton-cum-Seacombe. He also taught singing, and the *Liverpool Mercury* recorded that he helped a mature student Mrs. E. Metcalf pass her Associated Board examination in Liverpool on 7th May 1892.

Harry Drew made an arrangement of Sir Julius Benedict's *Andantino* for organ which he dedicated to "my friend Boyton Smith", a Dorset man and brother of composer Sydney Smith. This work shows not only mature knowledge of the capabilities and sounds of the instrument, but great playing skill, assuming he could play the music he wrote. The only other known musical work by Harry Drew is an earlier *Minuet* for piano in a Handelian style. There may remain other works of his to be discovered.

He was only 43 when he died, on 12 May 1895, in a large house at 59 Elgin Terrace in Bayswater, London. He had been ill since the previous year, probably afflicted by some tropical disease dormant from his years in Ceylon. He was buried in the south side of Kensal Green cemetery in London, and shares the Drew family memorial (with his father, mother Caroline and younger sister Agnes) in the upper part of Melcombe Regis cemetery in Weymouth. He did not write a will, which might indicate that his death was unexpected. Georgiana outlived him for 47 years, dying at the age of 92.

Harry Drew had nine children, seven girls and two boys, all given the family name Radcliffe, showing his affection for Oxford. When he died Georgiana returned from the Wirral with the children to Croydon, Surrey, seeking the support of her own family. Their only surviving son, Harry Guy Radcliffe Drew, known as Guy, was only 14 but educated himself through reading (probably also tutored by his mother) at home, while he went out to work to help support his mother and seven sisters. The two youngest sisters were sent to Surrey boarding schools "for the children of distressed gentlefolk". Fortunately Guy was adopted into the surgical instrument business of his mother's brothers. When Guy Drew retired he was chairman and managing director of Down Bros. One of his daughters was the architect Jane Drew.

One of Harry Drew's half-sisters was Fanny Drew, who married organist William Rooke. Their daughter was writer Mabel Wells Annie Rooke who married French army captain Charles Humbert in Dieppe. Mabel and Charles were the parents of art historian and French World War II resistance heroine and art historian Agnès Humbert.

John Morrison is a grandson of Guy Drew, son of Jane Drew's sister Dorothy, and an experienced amateur orchestral viola player.

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Luke 1:46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in GOD my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Gloria Patri
Glory to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

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No. 4 Baritone solo HE HATH SHEWED STRENGTH





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No.5 Recitative. Tenors & Basses (unison) HE HATH FILLED























A - bra ham, A - bra - ham and his seed, his seed for





















































