

CAEDMON

A chamber opera in one act

for six singers and eight instrumentalists

by

Edward Lambert

Libretto taken by the composer from the play

One Thing More by Christopher Fry

Characters

The Venerable Bede	spoken
Novice Nun & Girl in the Dream	soprano [S1]
The Widow & Abbess Hilda	mezzo-soprano [S2]
Caedmon	tenor [T1]
Joddy & The Prior	tenor [T2]
The Overman & Person in the Dream	bass-baritone [B1]
Kern & The Precentor	bass [B2]

Off-stage voices of nuns and monks - pre-recorded by members of the cast

The role of *Bede* is optional

Instrumental ensemble

flute / piccolo
oboe / cor anglais
clarinet / bass-clarinet [in B flat] / E flat clarinet
horn [in F]

violin
viola
cello

harp

the score is notated in C

metronome marks are approximate and for guidance only

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In his Ecclesiastical History the Anglo-Saxon historian Bede recounts how, in the year 664, Caedmon was inspired by a dream to compose his first piece of poetry, the famous 'Caedmon's Hymn'. In his play *One Thing More*, Christopher Fry has construed a life of Caedmon which takes this divine enlightenment as its central incident and relates it to events in Caedmon's past life. The theme of the play is that of suffering and anguish which, when redeemed by love, enable the soul to be freed of dread and guilt: previously tongue-tied, Caedmon can express his new-found love for creation in poetry and music.

The action of the opera takes place at the monastery of Whitby on the North Yorkshire coast, and is narrated by the Venerable Bede. Outside the monastery walls, the farmworkers - Joddy, Kern, the Widow, with their Overman - assemble before dawn as they prepare for work. The Widow bemoans the recent loss of her husband, a stableman, while the others remark on the appearance of a stranger in the area. No-one knows who he is, or what he is doing, save that he is regularly spotted before dawn listening to the singing of Prime from the monastery. Kern points out that the singing has become quite special since the arrival of a novice nun and as Prime is heard in the distance the Overman tells of the cave he has found where the stranger sleeps. As the sun comes up Caedmon is revealed listening to the music, but when the Widow tries to question him he only remarks on the beauty of the sun and the sound of the singing. Caedmon tries to limp off - he has a wound, we learn - but the Overman detains him. Painfully, Caedmon reveals that he has spent his working life as a professional soldier and gives as a reason for his being in the area an obscure reference to someone he has never known. The Overman would know more, offers him nonetheless the post of Stableman.

The scene that follows takes place in the monastery cloister. It is evening and the Abbess Hilda reflects on the turmoil caused by the Synod of Whitby which has just ended. She is more concerned with the welfare of the Novice who confesses to her that she is deeply troubled by thoughts of her parents - although she has never known them. Her mother died when she was born and no-one ever spoke of her father; these thoughts cause her much agony, particularly in the early morning during the singing of Prime. The Abbess comforts her.

The third scene takes place in the Great Barn, late on the day of the solar eclipse of that year. The farmworkers remark on the awesomeness of the event, and their sombre mood is only dispelled by the flowing ale and their attempts at singing: Joddy improvises badly, Kern shows off his bawdy humour and the Overman leads everyone in a rousing drinking song. They try to persuade Caedmon to sing, but withdrawn as usual, words fail him. As the Widow sings a gentle lullaby the ale takes its effect and the scene dissolves into sleep.

Caedmon dreams. A Person appears to him, suggesting he might be part of Caedmon himself. He asks why Caedmon was so unwilling to sing: why doesn't he leave his shell of silence and join the music of life? He reminds him of his youth. A Girl now appears - she looks very like the Novice Nun, for she is her mother - the girl whom Caedmon once loved. They remember their days of bliss together before she too urges Caedmon to sing. The vision fades and with considerable new-found virtuosity, Caedmon sings of the beginning of created things. He awakes to the singing of Prime and hears above the other voices the singing of the Novice, the music of which he now feels to be part. Wondrously, he completes his verses. Overhearing him, the Overman brings this transformation to the attention of the Abbess, who with the Prior and the Precentor hail his awakening as a miracle: Caedmon's wound is healed. The Abbess hints that a monastic life awaits him, and the Precentor remembers an earlier encounter with him as they tended together the wounded on the battlefield.

An instrumental interlude leads to the last scene in the monastery where Caedmon, now an aged monk, is lying on his palet, calmly awaiting death. He sings a short verse, one thing more, while the night's office of Compline is heard from the Chapel.

Caedmon was commissioned in September 1988 by the Garden Venture at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden with funds made available by the Arts Council of Great Britain and sponsored by readers of the Independent newspaper; it was given six performances at the Donmar Warehouse in May 1989 as part of the London International Opera Festival. The cast was as follows:

Caedmon	Christopher Gillett
Overman/Person in the Dream	Richard Lloyd Morgan
Abbess/Widow	Philippa Dames-Longworth
Novice/Girl in the Dream	Dawn Williamson
Kern/Precentor	Stuart Harling
Joddy/Prior	Gordon Wilson

Nancy Ruffer [flute/piccolo], Joseph Saunders [oboe/cor anglais], Chris Craker [clarinets], David Cox [horn], Isobel Frayling-Cork [harp], Roland Roberts [violin], Rebecca Wexler [viola], Nick Roberts [cello]

Conductor	Edward Lambert
Director	Andrew Sinclair
Designer	Robin Auld

This revised version prepared 2002

Duration 65 minutes.

Caedmon

Christopher Fry

Edward Lambert

BEDE

I, Bede, the servant of Christ and priest, have gathered together all that I could find of the history of our nation. Some things have been reported to me by word of mouth, at a generation's remove, as it is with the happening to be told now. *[with the music]* It belongs to the year of our Lord six hundred and sixty-four. The known facts are few, but there was a life in them once, and it may have been of some such kind as we shall imagine it to be. To start with certainty: the Lady Abbess Hilda founded a monastery in the place called Stroeneshalh, or Whitby, as your own time knows it. It is in that place, in the farmland by the monastery door, on a day before sunrise, that our speculation begins.

Lento e espressivo $\text{♩} = 42$

[Scene One: outside the monastery walls before dawn. A bright moon is in the west. A cock crows. The farmworkers, Joddy, Kern and the Widow, with the Overman, are starting to go about their work.]

1/14

Joddy
The moon has wai-ted up for us.

Kern [doffing his hat to the sky]
Hea-then!

Widow
She's got a bit-
ter
Ma'am, we take it kind-ly.

Vla. p

Vc. p

W. gleam in her. Ah! There's no warm flesh to wake up to these morn-ings. I ne-ver

Vla.

Vc. *crescendo*

Joddy

W. thought to be wi-dowed be - fore I was rea - dy.
 K. [she goes off to round up the cows]
 Vla.
 Vc. And the hor - ses aren't
diminuendo

It's se - ven weeks since she lost him.

Kern

[The monastery bell rings for Prime]

J. All the stock's un - set - tled as though they smelt fox.
 Over. **Overman**
 K. It's the fo - reig - ner they smell.
 quiet with - out him yet.

Vla.
 Vc. *mf*

Overman

1/28

Over. I caught sight of him a - gain yes - ter - day. It's al - ways at this
 Vla. *diminuendo*
 Vc. *p*

Over. time when the bell rings for prime. I saw his dark shape near the mo - na - te - ry walls lea -
 Vln.
 Vla. *p*
 Vc.

1/36 $\text{♩} = 54$

ning his head a-gainst the mu-sic. And there was such a turn of

crescendo

sing - ing as the sun came out of the sea,

f

diminuendo

f

diminuendo

1/42 $\text{♪} = 108$ *The singing of Prime is heard in the distance.*

B 1

Cl.

Over.

Joddy

I dared not speak to him. What's he af- ter? Kern

Overman

K.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

What has he come here for?

$\text{♪} = 72$

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Over.

lam *cis* *or* *lu - cis* *or* *to* *st* *to*

day - light taps his shoul - der? I'll have a word if I find him. He'll be some-where a - bout, now the

lu - cis or to si - de - re, De um pre - ce -

lu - cis or to si - de - re, De um pre - ce mur

de - re, De um pre - ce mur

si de - re, De um pre - ce mur sup -

Ho - ly Of - fice has be - gun.

Kern

Have you lis-tened, lis-tened close these

1/55

in di - ur -

p Ut in di - ur nis ac

mur sup - pli - ces,

sup pli - ces,

sup pli - ces,

pli - ces,

last weeks since the Ab-bess fetched the new sis - ters here? Why? You lis-ten.

Joddy

4:6 4:6 4:6 2:3 4:6

1/64

S 1 *nis ac - ti - bus, Nos ser - vet a no - cen - ti - bus.*

S 2 *ti - bus, Nos ser - vet a no - cen - ti - bus.*

T 1 *Vi - sum fo - ven - do*

T 2 *Vi - sum fo - ven - do*

B 1 *Vi - sum fo - ven - do*

B 2 *Vi - sum fo - ven -*

Kern *One of the no - vi - ces. There was*

Vc. *con sordino*

p

S 1 *Ne va - ni - ta - tes*

S 2 *Ne va - ni - ta - tes hau -*

T 1 *con - te - gat,*

T 2 *con - te - gat,*

B 1 *con - te - gat,*

B 2 *do con - te - gat,*

Kern *ne - verthat sound be - fore they came.*

Joddy *The fo - reig-n'er's no bad spi - rit*

Vc. *p p*

1/74

S 1 *hau - ri - at.*

S 2 *ri - at.*

T 1 *Sint* *pu - ra*

T 2 *Sint* *pu - ra*

B 1 *Sint* *pu - ra* *cor*

B 2 *Sint* *pu* *ra*

Overman

J. *if he lis - tens to that sweet noise.* *He's no spi - rit.* *I found where he has made him - self a shel - ter in the*

Vc.

T 1 *cor* *dis* *in - ti* *ma,*

T 2 *cor* *dis* *in* *ti - ma,* *Ab*

B 1 *dis* *in* *ti* *ma,* *Ab*

B 2 *cor* *dis* *in* *ti - ma,* *Ab*

Over. *cliff* *be - tween the goat-walk and the shore.* *What did you see?* *A sack*

Vla. *con sordino*

Vc.

Joddy *4:6* *2:3* **Overman**

p

1/86

S 1

S 2

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Over.

Vla.

Vc.

Joddy

filled with leaves for sleep-ing on.
And no - thing else?

S 1

S 2

T 1

T 2

B 2

Over.

Vla.

Vc.

Overman

A drink-ing horn, ahunk of bread as hard and dry as the cave floor.
A

S 1

Po - tus ci - bi - que

S 2

Po - tus ci - bi - que par -

Over.

4:6 4:6 2:3 4:6 2 2

bram - ble branch with the ber - ries ea - ten, and some strips of rag used to bind a

Vla.

4 4:6

crescendo

Vc.

4 4 4 4

crescendo

1/98 $\text{♩} = 54$

S 1 *par - ci - tas.*

S 2 *ci - tas.*

B 1 *Ut cum di - es abs ces -*

B 2 *- Ut cum di - es*

Over. $\text{♩} = 72$

Kern **Overman**
wound. **Kern** *There's*

Vla. *You can fetch me at noon-day if you mean to look for him.*

Vc. *f*

S 1

S 2

B 1

B 2

J.

Over.

Joddy

We should set our minds at rest.

I would-n't say there's vio - lence in him. When I dis - co - ver
no need to hunt him,

S 1

S 2

T 1

T 2

B 2

Over.

Vla.

Vc.

They leave to go about their work.

the mys - te - ry you shall hear of it.

The stage is empty for a moment; from now on the singing grows gradually in intensity, until its sound fills the auditorium.

1/106

S 1 si ca na mus glo

S 2 crescendo ca na mus glo

T 1

T 2

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

animando $\text{d} = 60$ ($\text{d} = 80$)

con sordino

f

1/111

S 1 ri am. f De

S 2 ri am. f De o

T 1 mus glo

T 2 crescendo f De

B 1 f De o

Ob.

Cl.

p crescendo

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

$\text{p} = 72$

A shaft of sunlight reveals Caedmon who stands listening to the music.

Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 10, measures 1-4. The score includes parts for Soprano 1 (S 1), Soprano 2 (S 2), Tenor 1 (T 1), Tenor 2 (T 2), Bass 1 (B 1), Bass 2 (B 2), Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Horn (Hn.), Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vla.), and Cello (Vc.). The vocal parts sing "o", "Pa", "tri", and "sit". The woodwind and brass parts play rhythmic patterns. Measure 1: S 1 (o), S 2 (Pa), T 1 (f De), T 2 (o), B 1 (rest), B 2 (De). Measure 2: S 1 (Pa), S 2 (tri), T 1 (Pa), T 2 (tri), B 1 (Pa), B 2 (tri). Measure 3: S 1 (tri), S 2 (sit), T 1 (sit), T 2 (sit), B 1 (tri), B 2 (sit). Measure 4: S 1 (sit), S 2 (glo), T 1 (glo), T 2 (sit), B 1 (sit), B 2 (sit). Measure 5: Fl. (f), Ob., Cl. (f), Hn. (f), Vln. (rest), Vla. (rest), Vc. (rest).

S 1 glo ri a.

S 2 glo ri a.

T 1 ri a.

T 2 glo ri a.

B 1 glo ri a.

B 2 glo ri a.

Fl. f crescendo

Ob. f p 5 3:2 f 5:4 6

Cl. p 3:2 3:2 f

Hn.

Vln. p f

Vla. p 6 5

Vc.

1/121

S 1 E - ius que so - li Fi - li - o, Cum Spi - ri - tu Pa

S 2 E - ius que so - li Fi - li - o, Cum Spi - ri - tu

T 1 E - ius que so - li Fi - li - o, Cum Spi - ri - tu Pa

T 2 E - ius que so - li Fi - li - o, Cum Spi - ri - tu

B 1 E - ius que so - li Fi - li - o, Cum Spi - ri - tu Pa

B 2 E - ius que so - li Fi - li - o, Cum Spi - ri - tu

Fl. f p sfz

Ob. p 3:2 sfz 3:2 f

Cl. 3:2 p sfz

Hn. 3:2 sfz

Widow [entering; seeing Caedmon, and detaining him]

W. Hey! What man are you?

Vln. pizz sfz arco f

Vla. pizz sfz arco f

Vc. pizz sfz arco f

S 1

S 2

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Caedmon [staring at the sea as the sun rises]

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

1/128

S 1 Nunc et per om ne sae

S 2 Nunc et per om - ne

T 1 Nunc et per om ne sae

T 2 Nunc et per om - ne

B 1 Nunc et per om ne sae

B 2 Nunc et per om - ne

Fl. crescendo 3

Ob. crescendo 3

Cl. crescendo 3

Hn. *p* crescendo 3

Widow

W. Ne-*ver* mind the glo-*ry*. What are you here for?

C. Caedmon

Vln. crescendo

Vla. crescendo

Vc. crescendo

S 1

S 2

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

The singing fades.

S 1

A

men.

S 2

lum.

T 1

T 2

B 2

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

W.

Widow

4:6

4:6

4:6

Give me pa - tience - the sun, the sea, the mu -

C.

was mu sic. I heard

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

diminuendo

diminuendo

diminuendo

p

p

p

f

1/135

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

W.

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

sic! I can hear you're no English-man. Do you have a name to you? A Bri-

sing - ing. Caed - mon.

Cl.

Hn.

W.

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

ton, and a lame one, too. A quar-rel-some man.

The ache of an old wound, that's all.

Hn.

W.
You go the best way to rouse a wo-man's cu - ri - o - si - ty, with your half an - swers, and hi - ding what you've made of life.

C.
They weren't my quar - rels.

Vc.

1/144

Hn.

W.
[to the Overman, who has entered] Make sense of him if you can. It's more re-war-ding to milk the cows. (exit)

Vla.

Vc.

Hn.

Over.
Overman

Vc.

You can't be loi - tering here mor -ning af - ter mor - ning with - out some in - tent. We've a right to

Moderato**1/152**

Fl.

Ob.

Over.

Caedmon

No harm. Where born, do you mean? At Rook - hope, be-

know what you mean by it. Where are you from? To be-gin with.

1/155 Adagio**Moderato****Adagio**

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

1/159**Allegro**

Hn.

C.

Over.

yond the Ri-ver Wear. For twen-ty years

What else can you tell me? What has your work been?

Allegro

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

pp

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Cl.

Hn.

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

1/164 **Moderato**

Fl. (p) 3 measures

Ob. (p) 5 measures

Cl. 3 measures

1/167 **Adagio**

Overman: But hearts are at peace here, so that was - n't what brought you.

Caedmon: No, that was - n't what brought me.

Moderato

Vln. pp

Vla. p

Harp p

Adagio

1/171 Allegro

Cl.

Hn.

Over.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

Overman

And you fought for what cause?

Caedmon

A - ny that would hire me. A - ny that would

p

1/174 Moderato

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

C.

Over.

kill thoughts.

That's my hope in - deed.

God knows what to make of you.

Are you a Chris - tian, then?

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

p

ff

ff

ff

p

1/178 Adagio

Fl. *pp*

Ob. *pp*

Cl. *pp*

Hn. *pp*

Caedmon

C. There was mu - sic, I heard sing - ing.

Vln. *pp*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p*

Harp

1/188 Allegro

Hn. *f*

C. Are all your ques - tions ans - wered? Not e -

Overman

Vln. *f*

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Over.

Caedmon

ven the first of them. Why did you come here? I gave my sword

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

1/196 Moderato

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

C.

to a flo - ded ri - ver, and went to the place I grew up in. Af-ter twen - ty years death

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

1/201 Adagio

Cl. *p*

Hn. *p*

C. *senza rigore*
had changed things. Peo - ple, be - cause of the wars, had moved a - way. I went loo - king for them,

Vla. *3*

Vc.

Hn.

C. ho - ping I might find... the one I asked for... one I ne - ver knew... had ne - ver seen... they told me that some one had

Vc.

Fl.

Cl. *pp*

Hn. *pp*

C. *pp*
come to this mo - na - te - ry. Per -haps it is so. At a -ny rate, I have seen the place, heard the sing - ing, eased

Vc.

1/217 Allegro

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

C.

Over.

Vc.

the mind.
I have said e-very-thing.
I was ne-
ver worse in - formed. Why
don't you make your-self

1/221 Moderato

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

C.

Over.

f
p
p
p
p
p

Have-n't I used all the words I've got? I tra-velled here sim-ply to see the place. I know how it is now:
known?

Moderato

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

fp
fp
fp
f

Fl.
Ob.
Cl.
Hn.
C.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
Harp

the co-lour of the stone, the sound of the sea, the voice of the bell. That's all I wan-
ted.

1/232 (quasi recitativo)

Hn. *senza rigore*
C. Overman
Vln.

I can pass from your land-scape al-to-ge-ther. Where will you go?

Hn. Caedmon Overman
C. You said God knows what to make of me. That will do to be-gin with. Do you know how to han - dle hor-ses?
Vln.

Hn.

Caedmon **Overman**

I do, yes. We have a place for you here if you want to take it. The sta-ble-man died two months

Vln.

Hn.

Caedmon

a-go. What's your an-swer? Is this the pat-tern of things, then? Let me have time to think of the dan-gers.

1/250 Adagio

Overman *[calling after him]*

[limping off] I'll give an an-swer by eve-ning. There the job is. What is it that ar-gues in the man?

Vla. Vc.

Cl.

Hn.

Over.

Vla. Vc.

And what holds him here? What sor - row or sin or old night -

1/259

Fl.

Cl.

Over.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

mare has got its claws in-to him?
And yet he seems to look as straight

Fl.

Cl.

Over.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

at things as the warp of the world will let him.
Any-how, I've

1/269

Fl.

Cl.

Over.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

He remains in thought for a moment, then leaves.
o-pened the road, wher - e-ver it leads.

p

pizz

calando

BEDE

It was the year of the Synod of Whitby. There had been controversy over the recent years between the Roman and Celtic Churches and it was agreed that a synod should be held at the monastery of Stroeneshalh, with the Abbess Hilda presiding, where matters concerning the true tradition of the Church should be decided. Now it has reached its end, the bishops and priests have gone back to their different sees and territories, and the Lady Abbess can find quiet in the cloister.

*[Scene Two: it is the evening of a summer's day in the monastery garden.
Walking with the Abbess is a novice nun, recently come to the monastery.]*

2/1 Lentamente

E. Hn. *dolce* *p*

Fl. *p dolce*

E. Hn.

Abbess

A. This is the first time I have heard the silence of the cloisters

Vc. *p*

Harp *p*

2/10

un poco piu mosso

Fl.

E. Hn.

A. since the great de - bat e be - gan.

Vc. Have there e - ver been so ma - ny bi - shops or

Harp

Fl.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

A.

Vc.

Harp

good men to - ge - ther in one place, or so ma - ny words crow - ded in - to one week?

2/16

Fl.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

A.

When my af - ter - noon brain lost its way in the ar - gu - ment

Fl.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

A.

I closed my eyes and mea - sured which of them said least in the lon - - gest way.

Harp

Fl. *dim*

E. Hn. *dim*

Bass-Cl. *dim*

A.

But you have not heard me say so, daugh - ter. They are all great and god - ly men and

2/27 **tranquillo**

Fl.

Hn.

A. deep - ly to be re - ve-renced.

Vc. Yet

A. how tran - quil the air is now they have gone, they sy-nod o-ver,

Vln. *arco sul G* *mp* *pp*

Vla. *pp* *mp* *p*

Vc. *mp*

2/33

Fl.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

A.

the di - vi - sion closed.
Pa - tience, jus - tice, hu - mi - li-ty
and all

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Fl.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

A.

cha - ri - ta - ble - ness
give warmth e - nou - gh to light this
house. But for - give me,

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

[to clarinet]

2/42 più mosso

Novice

N. -

A. some-thing is troub-ling you. Are you un - hap - py? Dis-turbed, re-verend Mo - ther.

Vln. *pp con sordino*

Vla. *pp con sordino*

2/44 sempre animato

N. -

A. hu - man con - di - tion. But in what way, child?

Vln. *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *pp con sordino*

My thoughts play

p espressivo

p espressivo

p espressivo

N. tru - ant, I sup - pose that's it. I find I'm half left out of the wor -

Vln. -

Vla. -

Vc. -

N.
ship I make. My lips pray to our Fa - ther, to our

Vln. *fp*

Vla. *fp*

Vc. *fp*

Harp *p*

N. Fa - ther in heaven; I love and o-beay you

Vln. *dim* *pp* *p cresc*

Vla. *dim* *pp* *p cresc*

Vc. *dim* *pizz* *arco* *p cresc*

Harp *p* *pp*

2/56 [clarinet]

Cl.

N. my spi - ri - tual mo - ther. This is all the daugh-ter-hood I should e - ver need. And yet mo -

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

Cl.

N. ving through my prayers are a - no - ther fa - ther and mo - ther un - re - mem - bered,

Vc.

Harp

2/62 più mosso

Cl. *pp*

N. un i - ma - gined. My mo - ther died when

Vln. *pp*

Vla. *pp*

Vc. *pp*

Harp

N. I was born, she was on - ly a girl, bare - ly

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

N. six - teen. My grand-pa-rents brought me up at Rook-hope_ when I asked them a - bout her they

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

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a tempo

Fl.

N. on - ly turned a - way and cried. And no - one would speak of my fa - ther

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Fl.

N.
nor tell me his name or what had become of him.

Vln. *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *cresc*

cresc

cresc

Fl. *f*

E. Hn. *f*

Bass-Cl. *f*

N. And yet these pa - rents are strange - ly ac - tive in

sub p

sub p

sub p

Vln. *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Harp *f*

3

3

3

3

3

3

3

3

Fl.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

N.

me, stand be - tween me and God, cast a sha - dow of long - ing o - ver me, when I should be wholy

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

senza sord. **p** cresc

senza sord. **p** cresc

senza sord. **p** cresc

Fl.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

N.

and sim - ply his, whol-ly and sim - ply his. And of late is this

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

agitato

f

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

E. Hn. Bass-Cl. N.

p

2/98 calmandosi

N. A. vln.

A. vln.

Let us with ve - ry *p*

A. Vln. Vla. Vc.

p

E. Hn. A. Vln. Vla. Vc.

p

4

E. Hn.

A.

deed your fa - ther and mo - ther them - selves, your di - vi - sion, your com-plex - i-ty, to be with

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

2/117 Lento

Fl.

E. Hn.

A.

God. This is your whole - ness and your sim - pli - ci-ty.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

15^{ma}

pp

15^{ma}

pp

15^{ma}

pp

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2/122 **tranquillo ancora**

Fl.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

A.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

[The sun is setting] **Abbess**
How un -

Fl.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

A.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

pro - fi - ta - ble for God if we had no - thing to give Him save our un - di - vi - ded at - ten - tion.

Harp

3/1 Lento

Hn. *p*
calando *pp*
(they leave)

A.

Vln. *con sordino*
p

Vla. *con sordino*
p

Vc. *p* *con sordino*

BEDE *[with the music]*

We had left Caedmon uncertain whether to leave his hiding place and the bare subsistence of his life, to become stableman to the monastery. He was afraid of coming too close to what was contained there, and of weakening the defenses which he had spent so many years building. And yet, as he said, he felt directed by the pattern of things. So he agreed to take charge of the horses, and this he continued to do to everyone's content, withdrawn but not unfriendly as the weeks went by. And now we have come to the day of the long-remembered solar eclipse of that year. On the evening of that day the farm-workers are celebrating a holiday feast.

Vln. *pp*
p

Vla. *pp*

Vc. *pp*

Fl. *p*

Vln. *cresc* *f*

Vc. *f*

3/19 accelerando

Fl.

Ob.

Vln.

Vla. *f*

vigoroso....

Ob.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc. *ferocious*

3

...e vivace

(♩ = 76)

3/32

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

Bass-Cl. *f*

Hn. *f*

Vln.

Vla.

Vc. *ff*

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

3/40

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

A musical score page featuring seven staves of music for orchestra. The instruments are: Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bass-Cl.), Horn (Hn.), Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vla.), and Cello (Vc.). The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Various dynamics are indicated, such as 'p' (piano) and 'cresc' (crescendo). Performance instructions like '3' over groups of notes are also present. The music consists of six systems of four measures each.

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*Scene Three: In the Great Barn. Evening.
The farmworkers are making preparations for a feast.*

Fl.
ff
 Ob.
ff
 Bass-Cl.
ff
 Hn.
ff
 K.
Kern
 As for me I'm thank-ful that this day is to end with some
 Vln.
ff
 Vla.
ff
 Vc.
ff
 Harp
ff

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Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

K.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

friend - li - ness and a for - giv - ing tide of ale to flow smooth o - ver us. Ah, sure - ly there's no - thing like na -

cresc

cresc

cresc

cresc

cresc

cresc

f

f

f

f

Joddy

mf

mf

mf

mf

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

J.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

ture be-ing un-na - tur-al to make a man think of his sins those of us who have them! [laughter] Kern

f

f

f

f

dim

dim

dim

What does

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

p

p

dim

p

dim

Fl. *p*

Ob. *p*

Hn. *p*

Caedmon

C. About what? **Overman**

K. Sta - ble - man say? The sun's ec-lipse, he means.

I held my

Vln.

Vla.

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl. *p*

Hn.

Widow

W. He's done lit - tle else but hold his

C. breath at the si - lence of the world.

Vln.

Vla.

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

W.

breath since he came here. **Caedmon** And what

Overman We all came through in - to day - light a gain.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

3/77

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

C.

words can be found for that? When

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Widow

calando

calando

calando

calando

Fl. *pp*

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W. the light went

Vln.

Vla. *p*

Vc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W. out of the day it

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

3/90

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W. was like the **Joddy** day, the day

J. When that

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Fl.

Ob. cresc

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W. of judge ment

J. creep ing night

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

3/101

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W.

J.

K.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

had ar - rived.
in_ day took us o - Kern Whose

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W.

J.

K.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

When the heavens
ver life drained from the air a -
death or whose birth

13 f cresc dim dim

12 f cresc dim dim

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn. *cresc*

W. fall out with them - selves stars

J. round you, a-ni-mals whim-per-ing as if a

K. or what great vic to - ry *p*

Vln. *calando*

Vla. *calando*

Vc.

3/119 **animato**

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W. in the sky, e - ven they mis - guide you.

J. ghost un - seen is walk - ing, fa-mi - liar things be - co - ming shapes of the night. **Overman**

Over.

K. does it sig ni - fy? **Un - animato**

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

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Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W.

J.

Over.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Widow
Joddy
The
plea
The
plea
to

til you feel the world be-ing gi - ven back to

3/131

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W.

J.

Over.

K.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

warmth
a new
glint
on
some
ding
Kern
Who
knows

pizz > non arpegg. ff pizz > non arpegg. ff pizz > non arpegg. ff pizz > non arpegg. ff

E# F# G A# B# C# D ff près de la table

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Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W.

J.

Over.

K.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

lay ing its hands to your face.
the pitch fork tines, the blush of the thing lost, the veins on Jod.
what bane or be - ne - fit has been de - ci - ded for our fu - ture?

3/146

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W.

J.

Over.

dy's nose plain for all to see!

..and it's wait-ing for the spi-got to come

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

FGA

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Widow [with a fistful of straws] straws are pulled...

W.

J.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

Who pulls the short straw takes the harp and makes what he can of it.
out of the bar-rel.

cresc

arcò f

3/160

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Widow

Joddy ...and ale is poured...

J.

Over.

K.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

Ah! Not me!

Let's Joddy

Let's Overman

Let's Kern

Let's

ff campana in aria

Eb F Gb Ab, Bb C D

Edward Lambert: Caedmon

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

W.
give thanks we've got the world with us

J.
give thanks we've got the world with us

Over.
give thanks we've got the world with us

K.
give thanks we've got the world with us

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

Fl.

Ob.

Bass-Cl.

Hn. *tutta forza*

W.
yet.

J.
yet.

Over.
yet.

K.
yet.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

A small harp is passed around.

JODDY begins tentatively, warming up as he goes, accompanied by groans and laughter from the others, which eventually drown him out.

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parlato

J. Who has the bad hap to be first one to bring harp on - to lap to strum a cold string
Harp {

J. with fin - ger and thumb be - fore the drink cha - ses warm fire in - to fa - ces and makes the blood spin
Harp {

tornando a tempo giusto

J. for good com - fort with - in for good com - fort with - in this man, though I says it, whoso brave-ly will face it, is
Harp {

[thinking]

3-173

J. wor - thy of wor - ship, of lord - ship, of sir - ship, and so he'll con - ti - nue to woo you and win you, to
Harp { [con pedale]

J. rhy - me you and spin you with mus - cle and si - new to mid - night and worse un -
Harp {

accel.

J. til some man lo - ses the strings of his purse... so who's going to be wil - ling to for - feit a shil - ling or a - ny, or

Harp {

J. a - ny to fish out a pen - ny...

Harp {

JODDY

Who's going to take the harp, then?

THE OTHERS

Kern, give us "When I was walking"!

KERNShall I do that? *[taking the harp]***THE OTHERS**

Do that, Kern! Let's hear it again!

3/174 Kern *cantabile*

K. When I was walk- ing in a green glade a la - dy was loi - tering shy - ly in

Harp {

K. shade. "Take a step, a step," I said, "till I see the sun touch your lip and lie o - ver your knee."

S1, S2 {

B1 B2 {

Harp {

Chorusthe others join in,
except for
Caedmon(hum) **p**

3/190

K. She stood up so straight, a birch-tree be-come, "Go back to your mate, I've

S1, S2 {

B1 B2 {

Harp {

Picc. **piccolo (as tin whistle)**

K.
a hus - band at home."

Harp

"Then bet - ter walk in - to the day - light," I said, "for deeds that are"

Picc.

K.
dark - est are done in the shade."

p

S1, S2
"for deeds that are dark - est are done in the

B1 B2

Harp

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Picc. *piu forte*

K. When I felt for her breast she be-came a ga - zelle, said "If you ride me I'll take you to

S1, S2 shade."

B1 B2

Perc. *p* [played by viola] *poco a poco cresc.*

Perc. *p* [played by cello]

Harp *piu forte*

Picc.

K.
hell, and there you'll suf - fer the truth of your creed: the deeds that are dark - est are done

Perc.

Perc.

Harp

Picc.

K.
in the shade, *crescendo* are done in the shade."

S1, S2
"Deeds that are dark - est are done in the shade."

B1 B2

Perc.

Perc.

Harp

(applause)

OVERMANRefill, now, refill,
and a toast to the oast!

3/224 molto energico e pazzo

like a tin whistle

Picc.

E. Hn. *sempre f*

E. Cl. *f*

Over. **Overman**
All true men of thirst Out - pour me who durst Al - le - lu - ia Now you shall hear The

S1, S2

T2, B2

Perc. *(optional)*

Vln. *f* *out of tune, con portamento like a fiddle* *ff* *pizz* *arcof*

Harp

Picc.

E. Hn.

E. Cl.

Over. sing-ing of beer If it's brewed As it should Tongue and throat will hear How it sings deep and clear Wink - ing sun - light

S1, S2

T2, B2

Perc.

Vln. *ff* *pizz*

Harp

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Picc. E. Hn. Es Cl. Over.

in the air. No man has a fault Who turns bar-ley to malt

S1, S2 T2, B2

Perc.

Vln. arco ff

Harp

Picc. E. Hn. Es Cl. Over.

Al - le - lu - ia Who fer-ments the wort Will come to no hurt If it's brewed As it should In the sweat-ing and roast - ing Be

S1, S2 T2, B2

Perc.

Vln. pizz. arco ff

Harp

3/263

Picc.

E. Hn.

E. Cl.

Over.

S1, S2

T2, B2

Perc.

Vln.

Harp

re-a - dy for boast - ing The toast of our feast - ing. What mo-per will ask To

Skir - ri-lap - pit tol - de - ro Skir - ri lap - pit tol - de - ro

Picc.

E. Hn.

E. Cl.

Over.

S1, S2

T2, B2

Perc.

Vln.

Harp

bung up the cask? Al - le - lu - ia Of beer for good sake No pri-soner we'll make If it's brewed As it should But let it come

If it's brewed As it should

Picc.
E. Hn.
Es Cl.
Over.
lead - ing From sift - ing and sleep - ing Un-till the time for sleep - ing.
S1, S2
T2, B2
Perc.
Vln.
Harp

Skir - ri - lap - pit tol - de - ro Skir - ri - lap - pit
ff pizz
fz fz fz fz fz fz
3 3 3 3 3 3

3/280 Adagio

Picc.
E. Hn.
Es Cl.
Over.
tol - de - ro Al - le - lu - ia If it's brewed As it should
fp p p p
Then hold-ing our headWe're off to our beds Deep dreams ne-ver fail Men kissed by the ale
S1, S2
T2, B2
Perc.
Vln.
Harp

p
Adagio
arco
p
3 3 3 3 3 3

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3/294 a tempo

Picc. *pp*

E. Hn.

E. Cl.

Over. *pp falsetto*
We shall float like an ark On the de-luge of dark To the ri - sing of the lark.

S1, S2

T2, B2

Vln. *cresc*

Harp *p* *glissando*

3/302 subito molto lento

Picc. *f*

E. Hn.

E. Cl.

Hn.

Over. *f*
Ski - ri - lap - pit tol - to de - ro. Heigh - ho, Heigh-ho,

S1, S2
tol - de - ro Skir - ri - lap - pit tol - de - ro Skir - ri - lap - pit tol - de - ro.

T2, B2

Perc.

Vln. *pizz ff arco pizz arco sffz*

Vla. *pizz f arco sffz*

Vc. *sffz*

Harp *f* *fz* *fz* *fz* *fz*

molto accel... ...e piú animato al fine

Picc.

E. Hn.

E♭ Cl.

Hn.

Over.

Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho, Ski - ri - lap - pit tol - de - ro. Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho,

cresc

S1, S2

T2, B2

Heigh - ho, heigh - ho, Heigh - ho, heigh - ho,

Perc.

molto accel... ...e piú animato al fine

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Picc. *ff*

E. Hn. *ff*

E. Cl. *ff*

Hn. *ff*

Over. *sffz*

Heigh - ho, Heigh - ho, Ski - ri - lap - pit tol - de - ro. Heigh!

S1, S2 Skir - ri - lap - pit tol - de - ro, Skir - ri - lap - pit tol - de - ro,
tol - de - ro Heigh - ho, heigh - ho, heigh - ho, heigh! *sffz*

T2, B2 Skir - ri - lap - pit tol - de - ro Skir - ri - lap - pit tol - de - ro
Heigh - ho, heigh - ho, Heigh - ho, heigh - ho, >

Perc.

Vln. *sffz*

Vla. *sffz*

Vc. *sffz*

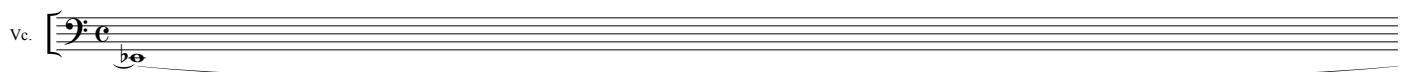
Harp *sffz*

Joddy

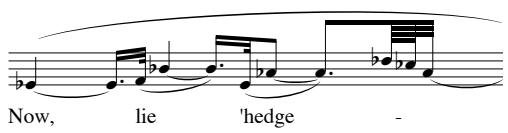
Who's to have the harp now?

WidowCaedmon the Stableman!
Let him sing for his supper!**Caedmon****Voices**Give us your voice, Stableman!
Where is he?

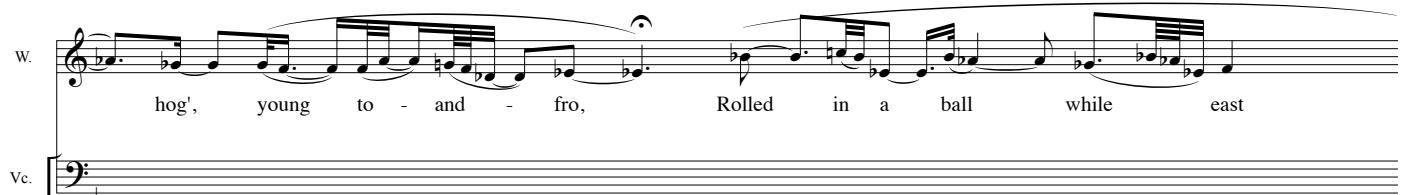
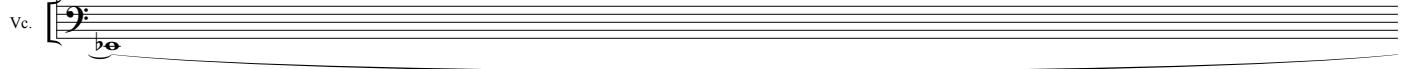
You'll have to ac - cept me as the dumb man I am.

VoicesSuch ingratitude!
We'll help you along!
Give us a verse!**Joddy**There must be some old
rhyming you can
remember.
What rocked your cradle?**Caedmon**

No - thing that could pos - si - bly please you.

OvermanThat's how it is: let
him be as he will,
stay the way we find
him.
Here's the Widow
can tell us of
rocking cradles.**Widow***sottissimo voce, senza rigore*

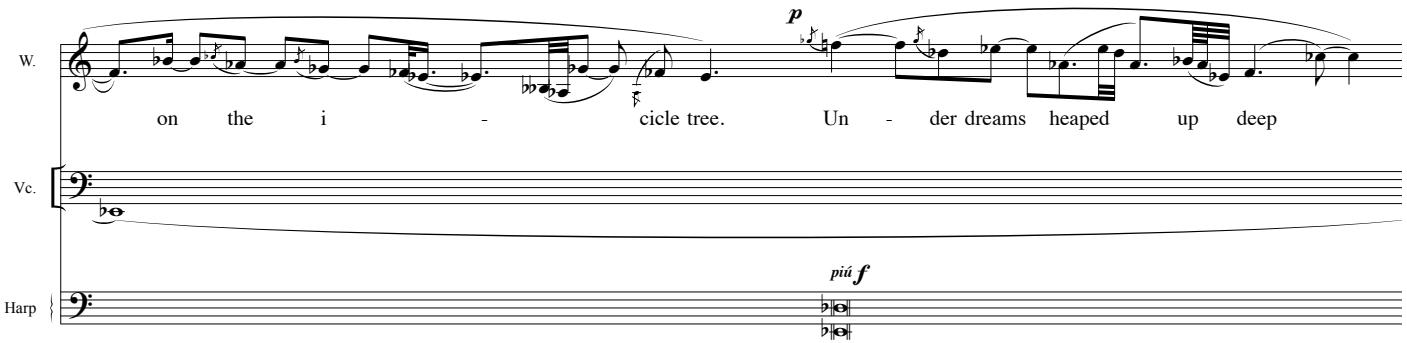
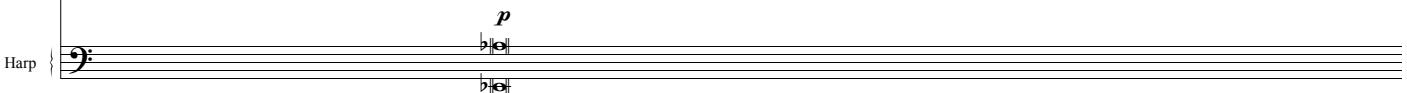
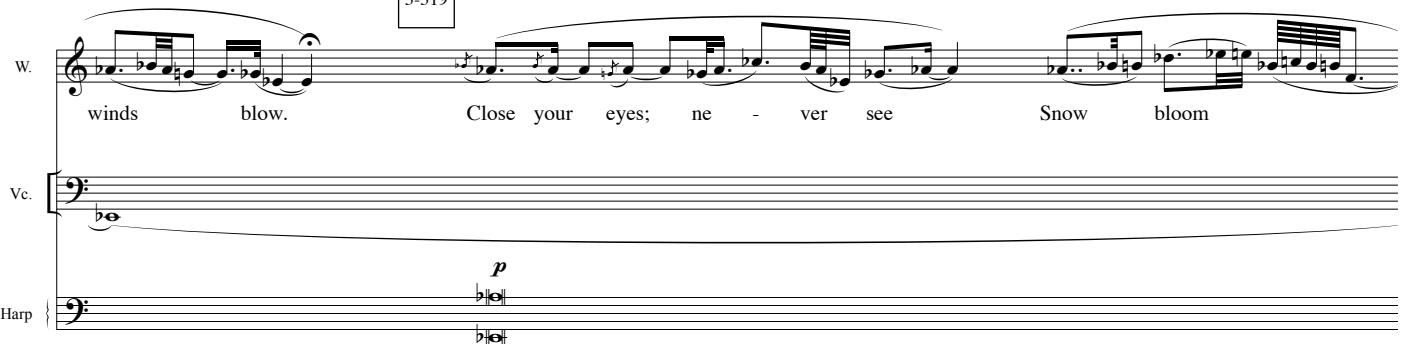
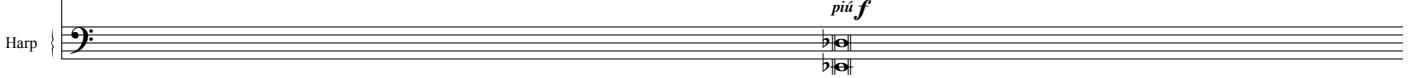
Now, lie 'hedge



hog', young to - and - fro, Rolled in a ball while east



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*p**più f*

calando

W. Curl in a do - noth - ing, know - noth-ing sleep...

Vc.

Harp { *p*

(the scene dissolves into sleep)

BEDE

So Caedmon made his way through the night, sick with himself for never finding, even for the sake of mirth, words that would make a bridge between himself and his fellow men. Caedmon slept. Distantly, the sound of singing and laughter from the barn sank down through the dark and drained away, while the voices from the monastery sang the Holy Office of night and the sea intoned its regular responses. Caedmon dreamt. Clambering back to his old shelter in the cliff, a person was in the cave-mouth, as though a time had been agreed for meeting. Or was Caedmon seeing... could it be himself he saw waiting there? If only the sunlight wouldn't flash its feathers like a bird bathing.

4/1 [Scene Four: Caedmon's dream]
quasi recitative

Hn.

P. Person in the Dream Caedmon

Vc.

You have been ta-king your time, Caed-mon. I move dan-gerous-ly slow-ly, I know. What am I to call you?

Hn.

P. Person

Vc.

Why should you want a name to make di- vi-sion bet-ween us? Call me by your own name if you like.

Hn.

P. Person

Vc.

Are you at peace with - in your-self? Why did you come a-way in to si - lence from

Hn. *p*

P. *Caedmon Person*
where the sing - ing was? I felt un - fit - ted. And yet fit for si - lence?

Vla.

Vc. *f*

ritenuto

4/16 lento

Cl.

Hn. *dim*

C. *Caedmon Person Caedmon*
There was no mu - sic in me. Ne - ver? I heard the sing-ing. It was like
ritenuto

Vla.

Vc. *p pp*

lento

Cl.

Hn. *mf*

C. *Person Caedmon Person*
the sound of eve-ning in a gar - den. You were young. I was twen-ty years old. Each day ra - ti-fied the next,

Vla. *mf*

4/22 animato

Hn.

P. *cresc*

Vla. *cresc*

Vc. *mf cresc*

threw out its boun - daries like the rays of the sun. You were faith it-self, you were the pur - pose of life - you were

4/29 lento

Cl. *f*

Hn. *f*

C. *(shouting)*

P. *sotto voce*

Vla.

Vc.

Let me be free of you.
part of the mu - sic then. She was ve - ry young, your

Cl. *pp*

P. *Caedmon Person*
love, not long out of child - hood. She was six - teen. Yet she

Vla.

Harp

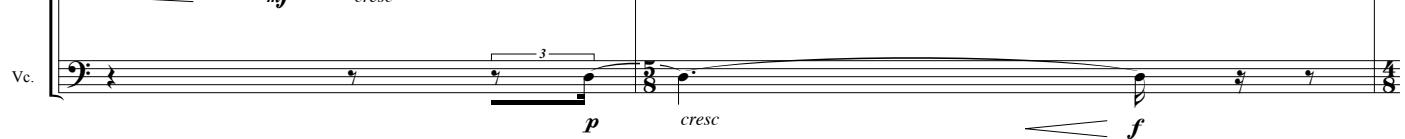
p

animando

Cl. 

Hn. 

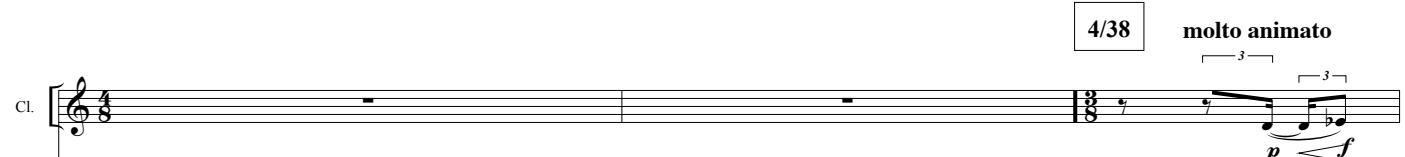
C. 

P. 

loved like a wo - man.

animando

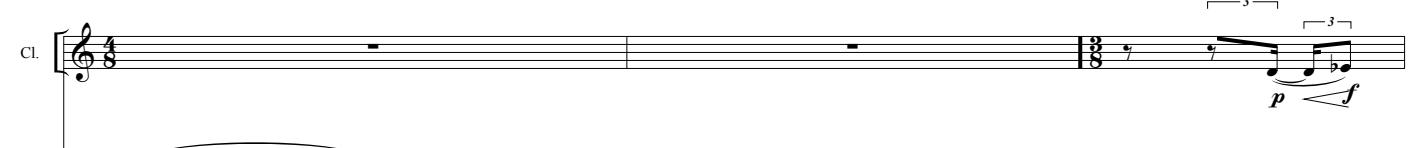
Vln. 

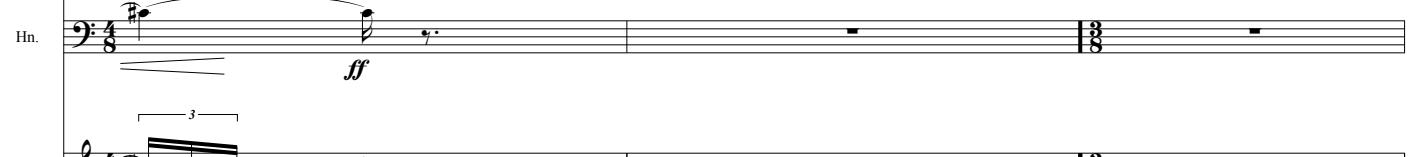
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Vc.

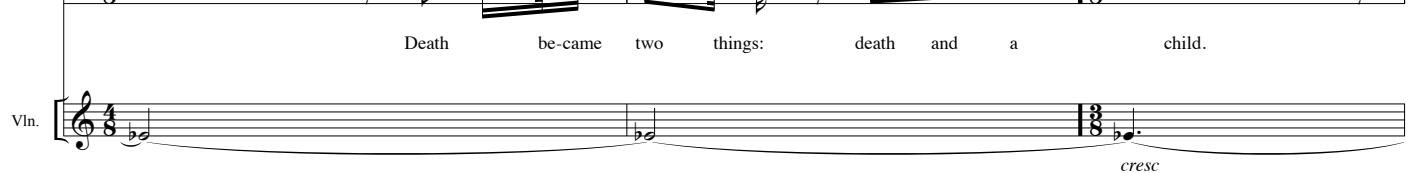
4/38

molto animato

Cl. 

Hn. 

C. 

P. 

to her.

Death be-came two things: death and a child.

Vln.

Ob. *p* *f* *f*

Cl. *p* *f* *p* *fp*

C. *marcato, molto animato*
I des-stroyed such a won-der earth hard-ly had time to va-lue her. I had seen God in life and he had given me death. I went

Vln. *f*

Vla. *f* *ff*

Vc. *f*

C. where the fight - ing was and saw him plai-ner in the pain and viol - ence, and hoped his eyes were

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

4/45

Cl.

Hn.

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Person (laughing)

co-vered in shame for his own mak - ing. You have bro-ken the si - lence. Your wound is mine

calmandosi

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

P.

[At a distance the girl who died in childbirth appears in
Caedmon's dream. In appearance she is very like the Novice Nun.]

Girl in the Dream

now. It is his now.

calmandosi

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

4/56 semplice $\text{♩} = 54$

Fl.

Ob.

G.

Vln.

Vla.

Harp

dim

pp

p

Girl

Are you rea - dy to turn to -

This section of the score begins with woodwind entries (Flute, Oboe) followed by a vocal entry from the soprano (G). The instrumentation includes Flute, Oboe, Soprano (G), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vla.), and Harp. The tempo is marked as 4/56 with a tempo of 54 BPM. The vocal line starts with "Are you rea - dy to turn to -". The instrumentation then shifts to focus on the violin and cello, with dynamic markings of *dim* and *pp*. The harp also joins in with a sustained note at the end of the measure.

Fl.

Ob.

G.

Vln.

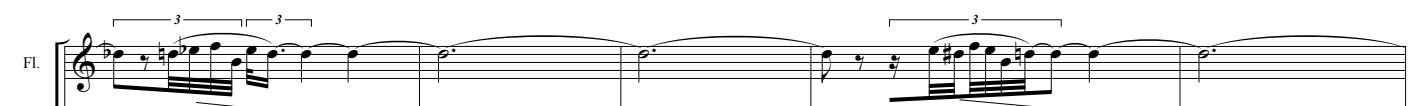
Vla.

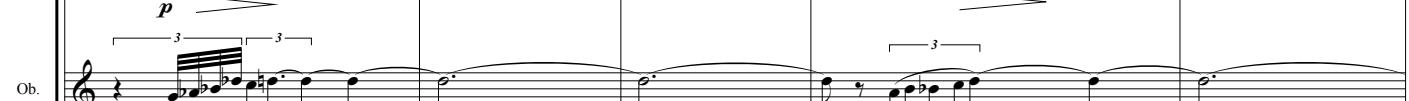
Harp

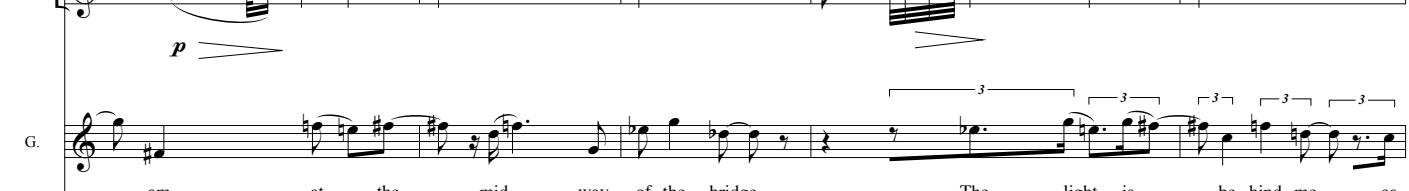
wards me? A mist is cur - ling off the ri ver. I

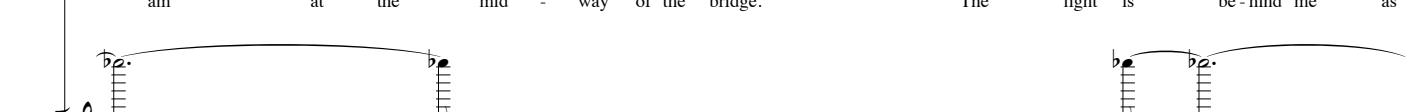
pp

This section continues the musical dialogue. The flute and oboe play eighth-note patterns. The soprano sings "wards me? A mist is cur - ling off the ri ver. I". The instrumentation includes Flute, Oboe, Soprano (G), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vla.), and Harp. The dynamic is *pp*.

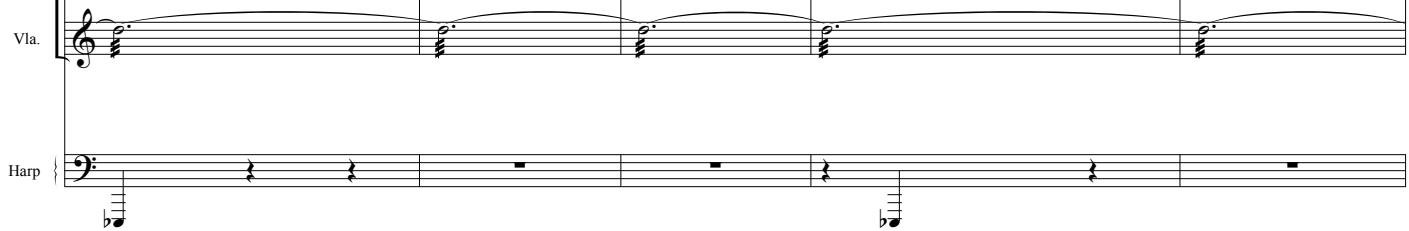
Fl. 

Ob. 

G. 

Vln. 

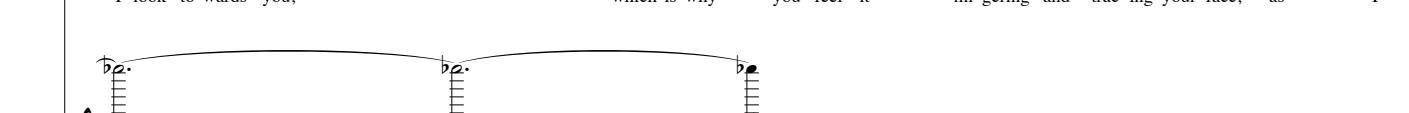
Vla. 

Harp 

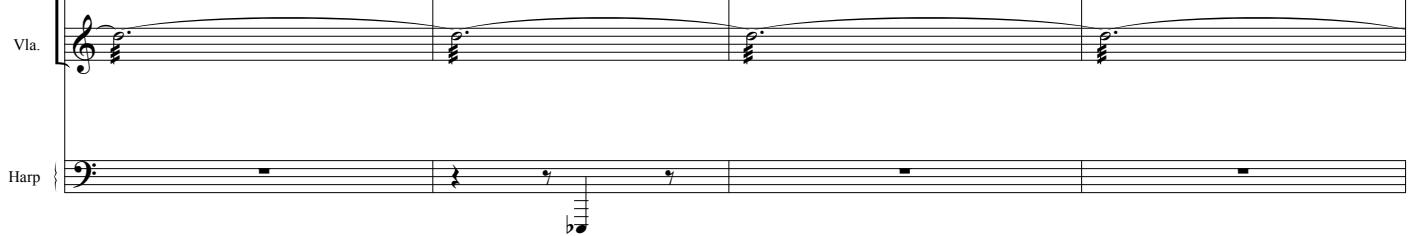
Fl. 

Ob. 

G. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Harp 

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Fl.

Ob.

G.

used to do. I am touch-ing you now.

Caedmon

C.

Vla.

Harp

4/78 animato

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Person

P.

We have wres-tled 'til the brea-king of the day.

animato

Vla.

Vc.

4/84 **calmo**
(♩ = 60)

Ob. *ff*

Cl. *ff*

Vln. *p* *cresc* *ff* *p*

Vla. *fz*

Vc. *f* *cresc* *4:6* *fz* *4:6* *fz* *4:6* *fz* *dim*

Fl.

Cl. *pp*

G. *sotto voce*
We have gone in - to the corn - field.

Vln. *pp*

Vla. *p* *pp*

Vc. *pp*

Harp *p*

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

G.

Vln.

Harp

We have made
a pri - vate har - vest

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

G.

Vln.

Vla.

Harp

col canto
and ea - ten it.

p

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4/100

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

G.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

And you take a cup of leaves still hold - ing the dew - so ear - ly in

p cresc

p

This section of the score shows the beginning of a musical phrase. It features woodwind entries (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet) with sixteenth-note patterns. The bassoon and horn provide harmonic support. The strings (Violin, Viola, Cello) enter with sustained notes. The vocal line begins with "And you take a cup of leaves still hold - ing the dew - so ear - ly in". Dynamic markings include **p** (pianissimo) and **cresc** (crescendo). The bassoon has a prominent role with sustained notes and dynamic changes.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

G.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

the morn - ing it is - we drink

cresc

cresc

cresc

f

f

This section continues the musical phrase. The flute, oboe, and clarinet play eighth-note patterns. The bassoon and horn provide harmonic support. The strings (Violin, Viola, Cello) play eighth-note patterns. The vocal line continues with "the morn - ing it is - we drink". Dynamic markings include **cresc** (crescendo), **f** (fortissimo), and **f** (fortissimo). The bassoon has sustained notes and dynamic changes.

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4/110

più mosso

Fl. ff

Ob. ff

Cl. ff

Hn. ff

G. pp

C. to - ge - ther. Why have you let me be lost in si - lence?
Oh, my love! più mosso

Vln. p

Vla. f pp

Vc. f

Harp fz

Caedmon

C. You were ta - ken a - way from me. And the child as well. I was ne - ver to see her.

Vln. pp

Vla. pp

Vc. pp

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Fl.

C. **Girl**
It was not I who made the si - lence.
But it's you who keep
it.

P. **Person**
[to Caedmon] Give in, the wres - tling is o - ver.

Vln.

Vla. cresc

Vc. cresc f

4/118 con intensità $\text{J.} = 44$

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

G.

The trust - ing place

con intensità $\text{J.} = 44$

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

B# C# D#
Eb F# G# A#

E°

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Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

G.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

of love is where we meet,

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

G.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

and where our voi - ces have be -

B# F# > p

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Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 128. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Horn (Hn.), Bassoon (G.), Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vla.), Cello (Vc.), and Harp. The vocal part is written in italics below the bassoon staff. The vocal line consists of the words "come one as the sun comes up" repeated three times. The score features dynamic markings such as *cresc*, *p*, and *6:9*. Measure numbers 128 through 132 are indicated at the end of each system.

Fl. Ob. Cl. Hn. G. Vln. Vla. Vc. Harp

128

129

130

131

132

4/133

Fl. Ob. Cl. Hn. G. Vln. Vla. Vc. Harp

cresc ff fz fz

cresc ff fz fz

cresc ff fz fz

p cresc ff fz

4:6 2:3 o - ver the sea. 3 3 3 ff

cresc ff fz

cresc ff fz

cresc ff fz

Db

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4/138

6

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

BEDE

So Caedmon dreamt. Even while he slept his head was full of the sounds of life, wind blowing and the flowing water, the alarm cry and the skyward singing of birds, the lowing and whinneying and bleating and cackling of living creatures, the cries, prayers and laughter of men and women. As though a harp had been put into his hand, he sought out words, trying to find, however awkwardly, the indwelling music that created us.

awkwardly, the midwelling music that created us.

Fl. Ob. Cl. Hn. P. Vln. Vla. Vc. Harp

Girl Caedmon

a - ted things. Sing. I

Vln. Vla. Vc. Harp

Bb C° D# E° F° Gb Ab

4-150 senza rigore ($\bullet = 40$ $\bullet = 60$)

C. C.

I am ready to praise
the mea sure less mak ing

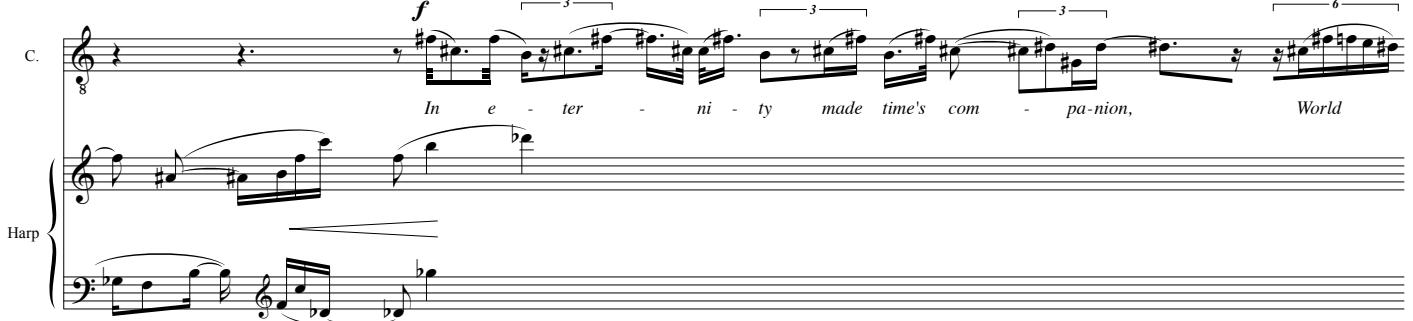
C. 

4-151

4-152

C. 

Harp

C. 

Harp

4-153

C. and earth - kind, by God's grace guar - ded.

Harp G# A Bb D# ***pp***

Un - know - a - ble God, per - fect in per - sua - sion, Of

Harp

all won - der the a - wake - ner, Who out of in - ward want - ing spun the hea - vens,

Harp ***f*** Gb A# B

sempre più animato

C. Gave the bo - dy of space a heart for li - ving And called it Earth,

Harp E F Gb A# B C Db

4-154

C.

And crea - tures warmin their ways, the day pos - ses - sing, The se - cret night in-vad -

ing, speed and strength and lithe - ness held in a mar -

vel of mus - cle.

Harp

p

f

ff

pp

BEDE

When Caedmon awake from dreaming he remembered he had made words for a song in his dream, and he remembered the words that had come to him. Now the sun would soon be rising. He went about his work in the half light, chanting under his breath, startling the animals by trumpeting out a succession of words, as neck-stretched as a cock crowing.

5/1 Andantino ($\text{♩} = 64$)

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5/1 Andantino (♩ = 64)

Fl. Ob. Cl. C. Vln. Vla. Vc. Harp.

BEDE
He listened to the choir of voices, as he had listened each morning, and he heard clearly among the others a woman's voice which seemed to be a part of his life.

Caedmon

Then the spi -

Andantino (♩ = 64)

Vln. Vla. Vc. Harp.

Fl. Ob. Cl. C. Vln. Vla. Vc. Harp.

rit of God moved a - cross the world Like a man's brea - thing and dis-turbed the dust. And

Vln. Vla. Vc. Harp.

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5/15 (♩ = 96) As Caedmon awakes, the singing of Prime is heard in the distance.

S 1

S 2

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

5/24

S 1

S 2

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Pri - mor - diis lu - cis
Pri - mor - diis lu - cis no - vae Mun - di pa -
Lu - cem di - e - rum pro - fe - rens
Lu - cem di - e - rum pro - fe - rens
cem di - e - rum pro - fe - rens
cem di - e - rum pro - fe - rens

pp

2:3 r 4:6

word in the world. And from the neigh - bour-hood of his heart Eve

pp

4:6

pp

4:6

p

5/35

S 1 no - vae Mun - di pa - rans o - ri - gi - nem.

S 2 rans o - ri - gi - nem.

Hn. *f*

C. took life, fruit and flower of the rib stem... Overman (entering)

Over. What's this, Sta-ble man? We were

Vln. *f*

Vla.

Vc.

(Scene Five: before the monastery at daybreak.)

più mosso

C. ...Scarce ly fore - tel - ling all that the win - ter with-held,

Over. told to ac - cept you as the dumb man you are.

Vc. *p*

Harp

Hn. *p* *pp*

C. 8
be - tween two morn - ings leaves came like words to the bran ches... 4:6

Over.

Vc.

Harp 4:6

C. 8
That's how it was. 4:6 In-deed...

Over. 4:6
said you had no - thing to give when the harp came round. 4:6 But now things are dif ferent? 6

BEDE

The Overman conducted Caedmon to the Abbess, who asked him to tell his dream in the presence also of the Prior and the Precentor, and to recollect for her the words he had made, so that they might give their judgement on what the dream was and how it had come about. The sun came up. The sea turned to fire. Now he no longer stood outside the walls hearing the music as the sun rose; he stood within the walls, himself a part of the music. Caedmon's masters became in their turn the hearers.

5/53 ($\text{♩} = 54$)

Fl. 3 3 p

Ob. 3 3 p

C. 6 Caedmon
...I slept, I tell my-self I dreamt, but what re - a - li - ty it was,

Vln. 6 ($\text{♩} = 54$) p

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

C. more real than my wa - king life. Prior Can you de - scribe it, this dream of yours? I was told

Vln.

Vla.

p

Caedmon

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn. *poco*

C. to sing. At whose bid-ding? Precentor Caedmon I can't tell you e - very-thing. I can only

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

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Fl. *p*

Ob.

Cl. *p*

Hn. *f*

C. tell you: in that night time, death died in - to love. And the two

Vln. *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p* *f*

Harp diminuendo

<img alt="Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 102. The score includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Violin, Viola, Cello, and Harp. The vocal part is for soprano (C). The vocal line includes lyrics: 'tell you: in that night time, death died in - to love. And the two' followed by 'diminuendo'. Dynamic markings include p, f, pp, and ff. Measure numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 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Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

...Search - ing
the sun's rays,

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

crescendo
Up out of the blind
soil

crescendo
crescendo
crescendo
crescendo

Fl. crescendo *fp* *f* diminuendo *p*

Ob. crescendo *fp* *f* diminuendo *p*

Cl. crescendo *fp* *f* diminuendo *p*

Hn. *f* diminuendo *p*

C. 8 Flowers fetch their brilliancy Mined like gold and gem -

Vln. crescendo *fp* *f* diminuendo *p*

Vla. crescendo *fp* *f* diminuendo *p*

Vc. crescendo *fp* *f* diminuendo *p*

Harp

Fl.

Ob. *p*

Cl. *p*

C. 8 stone... The wound was his now, he said.

Over. Overman *4:6* *5:6* You're not limp-ing a ny-more!

Vln. *p*

Fl. *p*

Ob. *p*

Cl. *fp*

Hn. *f*

A. *Caedmon with renewed inspiration*

C. *f* Now the morn - ing tide of

Pri.

Over.

Pre.

Vln. *fp*

Vla. *p*

Vc.

Harp *f*

Fl.

Ob. *p*

Cl.

Hn. *4:6*

A. like a night - in - gale

C. the sand of night

Pri. from where it comes or where

Over. way. The seal which kept his lips has been

Pre. I have seen this man be-fore. Where could it have been? His voice and ways re -

Vln.

Vla. *p*

Vc. *f* *4:6* *4:6* *4:6* *4:6*

Harp { *p* *2:3* *2:3*

5/107

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

C.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Harp

Caedmon

And lifts

poco f

fp

fp

fp

ff

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Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

C. 8
the heart that's gone a - ground To ride

Vln.

Vla.

Vc. pizz fz fz

Harp

Fl. sfp sfz p crescendo f molto crescendo

Ob. sfp sfz p crescendo f molto crescendo

Cl. sfp sfz p crescendo f molto crescendo

Hn. sfp sfz p crescendo p molto crescendo

C. 8 cre - a tion's sea of

Vln. sfp sfz p crescendo f molto crescendo

Vla. arco sfp sfz p crescendo f molto crescendo

Vc. sfp sfz p crescendo f molto crescendo

Harp p ff E° F°

Fl. > Ob. 4:6 >
Cl. to bass clarinet Hn. 4:6 >

A. C. Abbess
Good Caed-mon, Sta - ble-man:
sound.

Vln. Vla. Vc. Harp

A. "No man lights a can-dle and hides it un-der a bowl, but puts it in-to a can-dle-stick, where it gives light to e-very-one"

Vln. Vla. Vc.

A. in the house." We must think and talk more to - ge - ther. (*the Abbess and the Prior lead Caedmon into the monastery*).

Vln. *pp*

Vla. *pp*

Vc.

5/135

 $\text{♪} = 64$

Bass-Cl. *bass-clarinet f*

Hn. *f*

Precentor

Pre. Caed-mon: that's the name! Af - ter the bat - tle by the floo-ded ri - ver, I

Vc. *p f*

Bass-Cl. *crescendo*

Hn. *crescendo*

Pre. saw that man re - turn to us to help a - mong the woun ded on the bat - te

Vln. *f > > >*

Vla. *f crescendo*

Vc. *pizz > arco p*

Ob. 3
 Bass-Cl. ff
 Hn. ff
 Pre. ff
 field, those he had fought be - side and those he had fought a-against. What
 Vln. f
 Vla. diminuendo
 Vc. p

Ob.

Hn. *p*

Overman
E - very true
jour - ney starts in a

Pre.
sud-den voice made him turn his horse, I won - der.

Vln.

Vla. *diminuendo*

Vc. *f*
diminuendo *p* *poco f*

Hn.

Over.
storm of pain.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

(the Preceptor returns to the monastery;
the Overman sets about his work and leaves)

5/150 Interludium $\text{♩} = 84$

Picc.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

piccolo

Picc. *cor anglais*

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

5/164

Picc. *p* *f*

E. Hn. *p*

Bass-Cl. *p*

Hn. -

Vln. *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p*

Picc.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Picc.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

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Picc.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn. *p cresc*

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

5/176

 $\text{d} = 112$

Picc.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Picc. 

E. Hn. 

Bass-Cl. 

Hn. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vc. 

Picc. 

E. Hn. 

Bass-Cl. 

Hn. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vc. 

accel.

Picc.
E. Hn.
Bass-Cl.
Hn.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.

5/211

 $\text{♪} = 144$

Picc.
E. Hn.
Bass-Cl.
Hn.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.

Picc.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

This musical score page shows seven staves of music for a symphony orchestra. The instruments listed from top to bottom are Picc., E. Hn., Bass-Cl., Hn., Vln., Vla., and Vc. The music consists of six measures of dense, rhythmic notation. Measure 1 starts with a forte dynamic. Measures 2-4 show continuous eighth-note patterns with various slurs and grace notes. Measure 5 concludes with a forte dynamic. Measure 6 begins with a sustained note followed by eighth-note patterns.

5/228

Picc.

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

This musical score page shows seven staves of music for a symphony orchestra, starting at measure 5/228. The instruments listed from top to bottom are Picc., E. Hn., Bass-Cl., Hn., Vln., Vla., and Vc. A box labeled "5/228" is in the upper left corner. The music includes dynamics like forte and piano, and performance instructions such as "to clarinet". Measures 1-3 feature eighth-note patterns with grace notes and slurs. Measure 4 begins with a sustained note followed by eighth-note patterns. Measure 5 concludes with a forte dynamic.

Picc.

sempre f

E. Hn.

Bass-Cl.

Hn.

Vln.

sempre f

Vla.

Vc.

5/242

 $\text{♩} = 96$

Picc.

to flute

Ob.

pp

Cl.

clarinet

Hn.

p

Vln.

p

Vla.

pp

Vc.

pp

Harp

f

8va

Eb Fb G# A, Bb Cb D

The musical score consists of eight staves. From top to bottom: Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Hn.), Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vla.), Cello (Vc.), and Harp. The harp staff contains six measures of music, starting with a dynamic of *f*, followed by measures with *p*, *pp*, and *G° C°*. The other instruments have staves below them, each with four measures of music. Dynamics include *dim*, *p*, and *pp*.

BEDE (*over the music*)

In the monastery, the sins of his life, Caedmon used to say, made him feel an interloper. And when the Abbess Hilda spoke of God's forgiveness, "I believe that", he said, "with awe and with wonder. It is self-forgiveness that is harder to come by, self-sorrow that is harder to lose." But by Hilda's persuasion he was brought into the Order; and now his voice sang in antiphon with the voice of the nun who had been born in Rookhope all those years before - but of this he never spoke; the appearance in his dream of the girl who had borne his child - this he gave no hint of. It was all that was left of his silence and all that there would be of it now, until the time came for his life to end.

For many years Caedmon lived in the peace of the monastery, making his verses, submitting to the discipline of the order, until a day when he seemed to be visited by a fore-knowledge of his death. He asked that the Eucharist should be brought to him. "What need is there of that?" his fellow monk asked him. "You talk so merrily." "In spite of that," Caedmon said, "bring it to me." So when he had received the bread and the wine he lay on the bed prepared for him, as quietly as though he lay under the apple trees of the orchard. But now it was night-time.

5/260

 $\text{♪} = 64$

Cl.

Hn. pp p

Vla.

Vc. p

Harp Db f

E° F° A♯ B°

Cl.

Vla. pp

Vc.

Harp Gb p G° f

5/270

 $\text{♪} = 42$

Cl.

Hn. p dim

Vla.

Harp p pp Gb mf p

(Scene Six: inside the monastery
many years later. It is night. Caedmon,
now an aged monk and attended by one
of the brothers, is lying on a pallet
bed.)

6/1 lento, col canto

Hn. *pp*

C. *Caedmon* *3* *5*

Vc. *pp*

Harp *dolce*

How ma-ny in-ches square is that small win-dow a-bove my head?

6/6 più mosso

C. A hu - man hand could al - most span it.

Vc. And yet, in that seg-ment of sky I can see

Harp *G°*

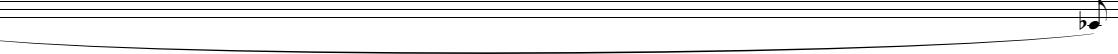
C. dis - tance with-out end. The earth - time that's left to me mea - sures less than the win - dow,

Vc.

C. but there's e - ter - ni - ty in it too. I've been shown such a u - ni - verse! Be - fore I am lost and found in

Vc.

C. God's love I should like to make one thing more. One thing more in thanks-giving for ha-v-ing seen and known and lived and died.

Vc. 

6/7 ♩ = 66 ♩. = 42

C. 

Harp 

p espressivo 

G# A°, Bb D# 

C. 

And the sound of the waves shift -

6/23 (*in the distance the sound of Compline can be heard*)

S 1

S 2

C.

ting their bur den, Light came,

S1

ter mi - num re -

S2

cis an te ter mi - num re -

C.

$\frac{3}{8}$ 3 3 4:6 4:6 3 3 4:6 4:6 4:6 4:6 4:6 5

a voice call - ing a - cross the fields, Your long-

6/38

S 1 rum Cre - a - tor po - sci - mus

S 2 rum Cre - a - tor po - sci - mus

T 1 s ut

T 2 s ut pro

B 1 ut

B 2 ut pro

C. ing that all should be well. I gave lit - tle e - enough praise, though each

T 1 pro tu - a cle - men - ti - a sis pra - sul et cu - sto - di - a.

T 2 tu - a cle - men - ti - a sis pra - sul et cu - sto - di - a.

B 1 pro tu - a cle - men - ti - a sis pra - sul et cu - sto - di - a.

B 2 tu - a cle - men - ti - a sis pra - sul et cu - sto - di - a.

C. mo - ment Was e - ter - nal as it died to ful -

6/52 senza rigore

C. p fill the year: Sum - mer's wide - o - pen arms, the

C. vine yard's blood, Snow si - lence, and the Spring Walk-ing a road, a - way from an

6/64

 $\text{J.} = 48 \quad \text{A.} = 72$ *poco a poco crescendo*

S 1

S 2

C.

Prea_ pa_ pi_ si_
sta_ ter i me,

empty tomb. So, Master, for-give me for this loi - ter-ing.

S 1

S 2

T 1

T 2

C.

me,
tri com u ce,
Pa_ que par ni ce,

I am rea - ching to - wards you now. My hands were full of dear dis -

6/78 animato

S 1

S 2

T 1

C.

Harp

Cum Spi ri tu pa ra
Spi ri tu
Spi ri tu pa -

co - ve-ries But earth - ly time can have them....

pp f

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6/87 rallentando e crescendo

S 1

cli - to - *Re* - *gnans* - *per* - *om* -

S 2

- - - - - *om* -

T 1

ra - cli - to - - - *re* - *gnans* - *per* - *om* -

T 2

- - - - - *om* -

C.

- - - - - *2:3* -

diminuendo al fine

4.6 ne sae cu lum. A -

4.6 ne sae cu lum. calando

4.6 om ne sae cu lum. A men.

4.6 ne sae calando cu -

4.6 om ne sae cu calando lum.

4.6 om ne sae calando -

Harp

f diminuendo

Musical score for Soprano 1 (S 1) showing measures 11-12. The vocal line consists of eighth-note patterns primarily on the B and C naturals. Measure 11 ends with a fermata over the last note. Measure 12 begins with a dynamic instruction *calando*. Measure 13 starts with a dynamic instruction *men.*