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Shiloh, a Requiem

Symphonic Fantasy after Melville

Commissioned by the New Philharmonia Orchestra for the celebration of their 20th season.

in Full Score



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Instrumentation

3 Flutes (1st Flute doubles on Piccolo)
2 Oboes
1 English Horn in F
2 Clarinets in B♭
1 Bass Clarinet in B♭
2 Bassoons
1 Contrabass Bassoon
4 Horns in F
3 Trumpets in B♭
2 Trombones
1 Bass Trombone
1 Tuba
1 Timpani
3 Percussion (Tubular chimes, suspended cymbal, crash cymbals, tam-tam, bass drum, snare drum, triangle)
1 Harp
Strings

Performance Notes

Performance time: approximately 19 min.

Program Listing

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Program Notes

Shiloh, a Requiem (2014), commissioned by the New Philharmonia Orchestra for the celebration of their 20th season, is a symphonic fantasy after Melville. When I was invited to write this piece I had just finished my second symphony, a nine-movement work for orchestra and chorus on the theme of freedom, which sets various texts associated with the American Revolutionary War and the American Civil War. The seventh movement, based on Herman Melville's poem *Shiloh, a Requiem*, particularly moved me. I was thus inspired to create the current work as a set of orchestral variations on this movement.

Shiloh, a Requiem

Skimming lightly, wheeling still,
The swallows fly low
Over the field in clouded days,
The forest-field of Shiloh –
Over the field where April rain
Solaced the parched ones stretched in pain
Through the pause of night
That followed the Sunday fight
Around the church of Shiloh –
The church so lone, the log-built one,
That echoed to many a parting groan
And natural prayer
Of dying foemen mingled there –
Foemen at morn, but friends at eve –
Fame or country least their care:
(What like a bullet can undeceive!)
But now they lie low,
While over them the swallows skim,
And all is hushed at Shiloh.

The two-day Civil War Battle of Shiloh, fought April 6 – 7, 1862, in southwestern Tennessee, was the deadliest battle in United States history up to that time. With a total of nearly 20,000 killed and wounded, few could imagine there would be three more years of war and even larger and more deadly battles to come. Melville's poem describes the scene after the first day of battle. The horrors of the battlefield are intensified by Melville's juxtaposition of tranquil images of swallows and April rain.

The music opens with an arrangement that closely follows the original version, with a serene setting using primarily harp and strings, joined by upper winds. Seven variations follow, each typically highlighting a soloist or a particular section or sections of the orchestra. The characters of these variations are generally different, ranging from serene to warlike.

The first variation, for upper winds, pizzicato strings, harp, and timpani, is reminiscent of a lively dance. The second, in the character of a march, features brass and lower winds, with French horns answering the trumpet's melody. The third is a cadenza for solo violin, while the fourth is an energetic variation for winds and French horns.

The fifth variation, with harshly clashing dissonances, most closely depicts the battle itself. A repeated bass line and insistent rhythmic pattern represents the implacable relentlessness and intensity of war. A quiet middle section portrays the overnight pause in battle, with the repeated bass line still present but extended in time. The sixth variation is a re-orchestrated return to the serenity of the opening statement. An energetic variation for full orchestra brings the work to an exuberant conclusion.

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Largo, peacefully ($\text{♩} = 46$)

Flute 1
Flute 2
Flute 3
Oboe 1
Oboe 2
English Horn
Clarinet in B♭ 1
Clarinet in B♭ 2
Bass Clarinet in B♭
Bassoon 1
Bassoon 2
Contrabassoon

Horn in F 1
Horn in F 2
Horn in F 3
Horn in F 4
Trumpet in B♭ 1
Trumpet in B♭ 2
Trumpet in B♭ 3
Trombone 1
Trombone 2
Bass Trombone
Tuba
Timpani
Chimes
Sus Cymbal
Bass Drum
Harp

Largo, peacefully ($\text{♩} = 46$)

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabass

Measure 9

Measure 9 solo

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14

19 tutti

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

=

27

36

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

41

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timpani
Chim.
Sus. Cym.
B. D.
Hpf.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

48

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timpani
Chim.
Sus. Cym.
B. D.
Hpf.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

55

64

Vln. I solo
Vln. II tutti
Vla.
Vc. solo
Cb. pizz.

69

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Tim.
Hpf.

74

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

Var. I - Andante, marcato ($\text{♩} = 100$)

84

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Tim.
Hpf.

96

Var. I - Andante, marcato ($\text{♩} = 100$)

84

pizz.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

96

pizz.

101

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Tim.
Hpn.

113

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

118

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Tim.
Hpn.

123

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

134

139

139

Var. II - Andante, marcato ($\text{♩} = 110$)

151 **152**

167

Var. II - Andante, marcato ($\text{♩} = 110$)

152

167

172

B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.

185

=

191

B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.

198

211

214

214

214

Vln. I

=

Var. III - Largo, peacefully ($\text{♩} = 46$)

223

227

237

Var. III - Largo, peacefully ($\text{♩} = 46$)

227

237

Vln. I

239 Vln. I 247

253 Vln. I Freely, passionately

264 Vln. I 277

272 Vln. I 292

294 riten. Fl. 1 303

a tempo Fl. 2

Cl. 1 Cl. 2

riten. Vln. I 303

a tempo Var. IV - Allegro, marcato (♩ = 126)

305 Fl. 1 310

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1 Ob. 2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1 Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Hn. 1 Hn. 2

Hn. 3 Hn. 4

311

316

=

317

327

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

f

=

334

342

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

p

ff

343

349

351

357

359

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

364

This image shows a page from the full score of the musical work "Shiloh, a Requiem". The page contains ten staves, each representing a different instrument or voice part. The instruments listed on the left are Flute 1, Flute 2, Flute 3, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, English Horn, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bassoon 1, and Bassoon 2. The page is divided into two sections by measure numbers: 359 and 364. In section 359, all instruments play at a forte dynamic (f). In section 364, the dynamics change frequently: Flute 1 and Flute 2 play at fortissimo (ff); Oboe 1 and Oboe 2 play at piano (p); English Horn and Clarinet 1 play at pianissimo (pp); and Bassoon 1 and Bassoon 2 play at very pianissimo (pp). Articulations such as trills and grace notes are also present in the score.

Var. V - Allegro, marcato ($\text{♩} = 126$)

373

374

Var. V - Allegro, marcato ($\text{♩} = 126$)

374

tutti

Var. V - Allegro, marcato ($\text{♩} = 126$)

383

386

This page contains two musical score snippets from the full score of "Shiloh, a Requiem". The top section, labeled 383, spans from measure 383 to 386. It includes parts for Flute 1, Flute 2, Flute 3, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, English Horn, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Cello, Horn 1, Horn 2, Horn 3, Horn 4, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Trombone 3, Bass Trombone, Tuba, Timpani, Double Bass, Cymbals, Bass Drum, and Bassoon. The bottom section, labeled 386, begins at measure 386 and includes parts for Violin I, Violin II, Cello, Double Bass, and Bassoon.

394

394

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timp.
S. D.
Cym.
B. D.
Hpf.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

399

401

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timp.
S. D.
Cym.
B. D.
Hp.

401

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

416

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba
Tim.
S. D.
Cym.
B. D.
Hp.

426

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

430

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.

432

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timp.

S. D.
Cym.
B. D.

Hp.

436

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

437

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timp.
S. D.
Cym.
B. D.
Hp.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

To Chim.
To Sus. Cym.

Var. VI - Largo, peacefully ($\text{♩} = 46$)

444

Cl. 1
B. Cl.
Hn. 1
Hn. 3
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2

450

con sordino
p
con sordino
p

Var. VI - Largo, peacefully ($\text{♩} = 46$)

444

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

450

p
p
p
p

459

Fl. 1
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1

460

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1

460

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

474

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tim.
S. D.
Cym.
B. D.

477

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tim.
S. D.
Cym.
B. D.

487

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tim.
S. D.
Cym.
B. D.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

489

Var. VII - Allegro, marcato ($\text{♩} = 126$)

503

509 To Picc.

516

Horn 1
Horn 2
Horn 3
Horn 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timpani
Chim.
T-t.
B. D.
H.p.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

517

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tim.
Chim.
T.-t.
B. D.
Hp.

523

Piccolo
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
f 3
ff senza sordino
ff senza sordino
ff senza sordino
ff
Cymbals ff
ff
f 3
523

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Ve.
Cb.

524

529

530

534

This page contains two systems of musical notation. System 1 (measures 530-534) includes parts for Picc., Fl. 2, Fl. 3, Ob. 1, Ob. 2, Eng. Hn., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, B. Cl., Bsn. 1, Bsn. 2, Cbsn., Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Hn. 3, Hn. 4, Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, B. Tbn., Tba., Timp., Chm., Cym., B. D., and Hp. System 2 (measures 534) includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb.

538

Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timp.
Chim.
Cym.
B. D.

541

Hp.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

Triangle
To Chim.
To T-t.

544

The musical score page 544 shows a complex arrangement for a full orchestra. The instruments listed include Picc., Fl. 2, Fl. 3, Ob. 1, Ob. 2, Eng. Hn., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, B. Cl., Bsn. 1, Bsn. 2, Cbsn., Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Hn. 3, Hn. 4, Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, B. Tbn., Tba., Timp., Chimes, Tri., Cym., B. D., Hp., Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vcl., and Cb. The score consists of multiple staves, each with a different instrument's name above it. The music is written in a standard musical notation with stems, clefs, and rests. Dynamics like **ff** (fortissimo) and **p** (pianissimo) are indicated throughout the score. The Chimes, Tam-tam, and Cym. sections have specific dynamic markings: Chimes **p**, Tam-tam **ff**, and Cym. **fp**.