

for John Mitchinson

OLD LOVE'S DOMAIN

Opus 29

A CYCLE OF FIVE SONGS

FOR HIGH VOICE AND PIANO

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ANDREW DOWNES: OLD LOVE'S DOMAIN Opus 29 (1983)

Duration 21'

A setting of 5 Thomas Hardy poems for tenor or soprano and piano.

These songs were commissioned by John Mitchinson and first performed on BBC Radio 3 in 1985 with subsequent performances on radio and in the Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham. At each performance John Mitchinson was accompanied by Michael Pollock.

The songs have since been performed on numerous occasions by Paula Downes: notably at the Candili Singing Course in Greece, accompanied by Verene Rimlinger; in St John's Church, Hagley, accompanied by Anna Downes; in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge, accompanied by Mark Williams; in the Bateman Auditorium of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, and in the Master's Lodge of Trinity College, Cambridge, accompanied by Andrew Tortise; in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, and in Birmingham Cathedral, accompanied by David Trippett; and on CD recorded in July 2000, accompanied by David Trippett.

The poems lament the death of a loved one. The cycle takes its title from a line in the fourth poem.

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THE TEXTS
by Thomas Hardy ---

1. The Division

Rain on the windows, creaking doors,
With blasts that besom the green.
And I am here, and you are there,
And a hundred miles between!

O were it but the weather, Dear,
O were it but the miles
That summed up all our severance,
There might be room for smiles.

But that thwart thing betwixt us twain,
Which nothing cleaves nor clears,
Is more than distance, Dear, or rain,
And longer than the years!

1893

2. Something Tapped

Something tapped on the pain of my room
When there was never a trace
Of wind or rain, and I saw in the gloom
My weary Beloved's face.

'O I am tired of waiting,' she said,
'Night, morn, noon, afternoon;
So cold it is in my lonely bed,
And I thought you would join me soon!'

I rose and neared the window-glass,
But vanished thence had she:
Only a pallid moth, alas,
Tapped at the pane for me.

August 1913

3. Where the Picnic Was

Where we made the fire
In the Summer time
Of branch and briar
On the hill to the sea,
I slowly climb
Through winter mire,
And scan and trace
The forsaken place
Quite readily.

Now a cold wind blows,
And the grass is gray,
But the spot still shows
As a burnt circle - aye,
And stick-ends, charred,
Still strew the sward
Whereon I stand,
Last relic of the band
Who came that day!

Yes, I am here
Just as last year,
And the sea breathes brine
From its strange straight line
Up hither, the same
As when we four came.
- But two have wandered far
From this grassy rise
Into urban roar
Where no picnics are,
And one has shut her eyes
For evermore

4. At Castle Boterel

As I drive to the junction of lane and highway,
And the drizzle bedrenches the waggonette,
I look behind at the fading byway,
And see on its slope, now glistening wet,
Distinctly yet

Myself and a girlish form benighted
In dry March weather. We climb the road
Beside a chaise. We had just alighted
To ease the sturdy pony's load
When he sighed and slowed.

What we did as we climbed, and what we talked of
Matters not much, nor to what it led, -
Something that life will not be balked of
Without rude reason till hope is dead,
And feeling fled.

It filled but a minute. But was there ever
A time of such quality, since or before,
In that hill's story? To one mind never,
Though it has been climbed, foot-swift, foot-sore,
By thousands more.

Primal rocks form the road's steep border,
And much have they faced there, first and last,
Of the transitory in Earth's long order;
but what they record in colour and cast
Is - that we two passed.

And to me, through Time's unflinching rigour,
In mindless rote, has ruled from sight
The substance now, one phantom figure
Remains on the slope, as when that night
Saw us alight.

I look and see it there, shrinking, shrinking,
I look back at it amid the rain
For the very last time; for my sand is sinking,
And I shall traverse old love's domain
Never again.

March 1913

5. The Curtains Now Are Drawn

I
The curtains now are drawn,
And the spindrift strikes the glass,
Blown up the jagged pass
By the surly salt sou'-west,
And the sneering glare is gone
Behind the yonder crest,
While she sings to me:
'O the dream that thou art my Love, be it thine,
And the dream that I am thy Love, be it mine,
And death may come, but loving is divine.'

II
I stand here in the rain,
With its smite upon her stone,
And the grasses that have grown
Over women, children, men,
And their texts that 'Life is vain;'
But I hear the notes as when
Once she sang to me:
'O the dream that thou art my Love, be it thine,
And the dream that I am thy Love, be it mine,
And death may come, but loving is divine'

1913

1. The Division

Words by Thomas Hardy

Music by ANDREW DOWNES

Moderato con moto [$\text{♩} = 60$ approx]

TENOR

PIANO

mp

RAIN ON THE WIN DOWNS,

f

CREA KING DOORS, WITH

f

BLASTS THAT BE-SOM THE

LIFT FINGERS

-1- PED

This is a handwritten musical score for '1. The Division' by Andrew Downes. It consists of two staves: a Tenor part and a Piano part. The Tenor staff uses a treble clef and a common time signature. The Piano staff uses a treble clef and a common time signature. The score includes lyrics from Thomas Hardy's poem. Various dynamics (p, pp, f, mf), fingerings (3, 4, 5), and performance instructions like 'LIFT FINGERS' and踏 (pedal) are included. A large blue watermark 'Preview Only' is diagonally across the page.

Appassionato con moto
mp CRES. Poco A-Poco

f

GREEN, AND I AM HERE, AND YOU ARE

mf

(PED)

1 2

A tempo

THERE, AND A HUN-DRED MILES BE—

3 4

Poco meno mosso

Molto legato

mp

TWEEN—

mp p mp

5 6

MP

WERE IT BUT THE WEATHER, DEAR, O WERE IT BUT THE

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MILES THAT SUMMED UP ALL OUR SEV - ER-ANCE, THERE

MIGHT BE ROOM FOR SMILES .

A tempo

Molto legato

f

BUT THAT THWART

Subito mf

P

f

f

THING BE-TWIXT US TWAIN, WHICH NOTH-ING CLEAVES OR

pp f

(f)

CLEAR, IS MORE THAN DIS-TANCE, DEAR, OR

(PP) f



The vocal line continues with eighth notes (B, A, G, F#). The piano accompaniment includes a dynamic marking "(pp)" above the staff. The vocal line concludes with a half note (E) followed by a fermata. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord.

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2. Something Tapped

Andante ($\text{♩} = 63$ approx.) - poco animato

TENOR

SOME-THING TAPPED ON THE PANE OF MY ROOM

WHEN THERE WAS NEVER A TRACE OF WIND OR RAIN,

PIANO

Piu legato

AND I SAW IN THE GLOOM MY WEA-RY BE-LOV-ED'S FACE

Molto mosso ($\text{♩} = 52$ approx.)

Molto legato

mp tenderly

I AM TIRED OF

PED [ALLOW ALL NOTES TO VIBRATE FREELY] →

(mp) 3

WAI-TING, SHE SAID, TIRED OF WAI-TING

(P)

(PED) →

(mp)

NIGHT, MORN, NOON, AF-TER-NOON SO

(P)

(PEO) →

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COLD IT IS IN MY LONELY BED, AND I

LIFT FINGERS

(PED) →

(mp)

THOUGHT —— YOU WOULD JOIN ME SOON! YOU WOULD

P

(PED) →

TEMPO I

JOIN ME SOON ——

mp I

pp

(PED) ↑

(mp)

ROSE AND NEARED THE WINDOW GLASS, BUT VANISHED THENCE HAD SHE:

5
4

5
4

(mp)

Legato

ON - LY A PALL-ID MOTH, AL-AS,

TAPPED AT THE PANE FOR

F

F

F

F

P

ME

PP

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9.

3. Where the Picnic Was

Moderato ($\text{♩} = 76-80$ approx.)

TENOR

PIANO

P
WHERE WE MADE THE

mp

FIRE IN THE SUMM ER TIME OF

(PP)

f

BRANCH AND BRIAR ON THE HILL TO THE SEA

mp

I SLOW-LY CLIMB — THROUGH WIN-TER

(f)

MIRE — AND SCAN AND TRACE THE FOR —

SA - KEN PLACE QUITE READ - I - LY

mf

appassionato

NOW A COLD WIND

BLOWS

f
b.p.

LIFT FINGERS

PED

ALLOW NOTES TO SUSTAIN FREELY

f

AND THE GRASS IS GRAY

(PED)

mf

mf Poco misterioso

Musical score for piano, page 13, measures 3-4. The score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has a key signature of one flat. Measure 3 starts with a whole rest followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "BUT THE SPOT STILL SHOWS AS A" are written above the notes. Measure 4 starts with a whole rest followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "BURNT CIR-CLE" are written above the notes. There are three pairs of dynamic markings: "mp" with a crescendo arrow, "LIFT FINGERS" with a downward arrow, and another "mp" with a crescendo arrow.

PED

ALLOW NOTES TO SUSTAIN FREELY

Musical score for piano, page 13, measures 5-6. The score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one flat. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has a key signature of one flat. Measure 5 starts with a whole rest followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "AYE —, AND STICKENDS," are written above the notes. Measure 6 starts with a whole rest followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "CHARRED (cantabile)" are written above the notes. There are three pairs of dynamic markings: "mp" with a crescendo arrow, "p" with a downward arrow, and "pp" with a crescendo arrow. The instruction "(PED)" is written below the bass staff, and "ALLOW NOTES TO SUSTAIN FREELY" is written to the right of the treble staff.

(mp)

Musical score for piano, page 13, measures 7-8. The score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one flat. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has a key signature of one flat. Measure 7 starts with a whole rest followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "STILL STREW THE SWARD WHERE — ON I" are written above the notes. Measure 8 starts with a whole rest followed by a dotted half note. There are two pairs of dynamic markings: "(pp)" with a crescendo arrow and "pp" with a crescendo arrow. The instruction "(PED)" is written below the bass staff.

(mp)

STAND LAST RE-LIC OF THE

(pp)

(PED) →

(mp) Poco Rit---

BAND WHO CAME THAT DAY

Poco MENO Mosso
mp

YES I AM HERE

(PED) ↑ mp

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JUST AS LAST YEAR, AND THE SEA BREATHE
 BRINE FROM ITS STRANGE STRAIGHT LINE
 UP HITHER, THE SAME AS WHEN WE FOUR

Poco Più Mosso
mf

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f ANIMATO

CAME — . - BUT TWO HAVE WANDERED FAR FROM THIS

f

(f) Poco Rit.

GRASS - Y RISE IN - TO UR - BAN ROAR WHERE NO PIC - NICS

Meno Mosso CALM

ARE AND ONE - HAS SHUT HER

Legato

mp

mp

16-

EYES FOR EV-ER — MORE.

3
2

EYES FOR EV-ER — MORE.

3
2

mp pp

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Words by Thomas Hardy

4. At Castle Boterel

Music by ANDREW DOWNES

Moderato ($\text{d} = 63\text{--}66 \text{ approx}$)

TENOR

PIANO

6

8

6

8

p

mp

(P)

(mp)

mp

TEN.

R.H.

L.H.

mp

p

PED

PED

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HIGH - WAY - , AND THE DRIZZLE BE-DRENCHES THE WAGG-ON-

R.H.

L.H.

PED.

19

mp

R.H.

L.H.

PED

BY — WAY —, AND SEE ON ITS SLOPE, NOW

PED

2 2 Poco Rit A TEMPO

GLISTENING WET, DIS - TINCT - LY YET

PED

mp WITH TENDERNESS

Handwritten musical score for voice and piano. The vocal line consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a dotted half note followed by a sixteenth-note pattern. The lyrics "MY - SELF AND A GIR - LISH FORM BE -" are written above the notes. The bottom staff begins with a dynamic marking "(P)" and continues with a sixteenth-note pattern. The vocal parts are separated by a brace.

Handwritten musical score for voice and piano. The vocal line consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a quarter note followed by a sixteenth-note pattern. The lyrics "NIGH - TED IN" are written above the notes. The bottom staff begins with a dynamic marking "(P)" and continues with a sixteenth-note pattern. A blue diagonal watermark "Preview File Only" is overlaid across this section.

Handwritten musical score for voice and piano. The vocal line consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a dotted half note followed by a sixteenth-note pattern. The lyrics "DRY MARCH WEATHER" are written above the notes. The bottom staff begins with a dynamic marking "(P)" and continues with a sixteenth-note pattern. The piano part includes a dynamic marking "p" at the end of the measure.

mp

WE CLIMB THE ROAD BE-SIDE A CHAISE

WE HAD JUST AL-

P

Poco Meno Mosso

-IGH-TED TO EASE THE STUR-DY PON-Y's LOAD WHEN HE

3 8 7 8 2 4

3 8 7 8 2 4

A TEMPO

SIGHED AND SLOWED WHAT WE

PP LIFT FINGERS

ped ↑

DID AS WE CLIMBED, AND WHAT WE TALKED OF

3
DID AS WE CLIMBED, AND WHAT WE TALKED OF

f
p

mp P

MAT-TERS NOT MUCH, NOR TO WHAT IT LED,

3
4
pp
3
4

mf P

SOME-THING THAT LIFE WILL NOT BE BALKED OF WITH-OUT RUDE

3 4 4 7

RE-A-SON TILL HOPE IS DEAD

5 8 3 4 3 4 5 8

P PP MOLTO LEGATO

AND FEE-LING FLED

PP

Poco Rit.

Poco Più Mosso

mp

IT FILLED BUT A MIN-UTE. BUT WAS THERE

PPP

f

mf

EV-ER A TIME OF SUCH QUAL-I-TY,
SINCE OR BE-FOR-E,

mp

mp

IN THAT HILL'S STO-RY ? TO ONE MIND

f

NE-VER, THOUGH IT HAS BEEN CLIMBED, FOOT-SWIFT, FOOT-SORE,

TEMPO I ($\text{d} = \text{d}.$)

f

BY THOU - SANDS MORE

mp *p*

mp

(P)

(mp)

R.H.

L.H.

PED →

mf

3 7 .

PRIM AE VAL ROCKS FORM THE

R.H. (P)

L.H.

(PED)

↑

2

ROAD'S STEEP BOR DER AND

(mf)

R.H.

L.H.

PED

↑

28

MUCH HAVE THEY FACED THERE, FIRST AND LAST,
mf LEGATO

OF THE TRANS-² I TO RV IN EARTH'S LONG
 mp

OR-² DER; BUT WHAT THEY RE-CORD IN
 PPP

29-

Poco Rit.

2 2
COL-OUR AND CAST IS - THAT WE TWO

A TEMPO f
PASSED P(Sempre) (LEG.)

mf (L.H. only diminuendo)

PED (allow all notes to sustain freely) →

(d.=d) A little slower mp

(P) PP (PED) ↑

P RELEASE FINGERS

PED ↑

-30-

Poco Rit.

2 2
COL-OUR AND CAST IS - THAT WE TWO

A TEMPO f
PASSED P(Sempre) (LEG.)

mf (L.H. only diminuendo)

PED (allow all notes to sustain freely) →

(d.=d) A little slower mp

(P) PP (PED) ↑

P RELEASE FINGERS

PED ↑

-30-

P

NIGHT SAW US AL — IGH_T

Molto legato, b_9 b_9

b_9 b_9 b_9 b_9

PP

P PP P

LOOK AND SEE IT THERE, SHRIN-KING, SHRIN-KING, I

b_9 b_9 b_9 b_9 b_9 b_9 $\#_9$ $\#_9$

(PP)

(P)

LOOK BACK AT IT AM-ID THE RAIN.

c_9 c_9 b_9 b_9 $\#_9$ $\#_9$ $\#_9$ $\#_9$

(PP)

(P)

FOR THE VE-RY LAST TIME

(PP)

F

FOR MY SAND IS SIN-KING, AND I SHALL TRAV-

(PP)

f

3

-ERSE OLD LOVES DO - MAIN NE-VER A - GAIN

(f)

Handwritten musical score for three voices (Treble, Bass, Alto) in common time. The key signature is one flat. The score consists of eight measures.

Measure 1: Treble: half note; Bass: quarter note; Alto: half note.

Measure 2: Treble: half note; Bass: quarter note; Alto: half note.

Measure 3: Treble: half note; Bass: quarter note; Alto: half note.

Measure 4: Treble: half note; Bass: quarter note; Alto: half note.

Measure 5: Treble: half note; Bass: quarter note; Alto: half note.

Measure 6: Treble: half note; Bass: quarter note; Alto: half note.

Measure 7: Treble: half note; Bass: quarter note; Alto: half note.

Measure 8: Treble: half note; Bass: quarter note; Alto: half note.

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5. The Curtains Now Are Drawn

Words by Thomas Hardy

Music by
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Andante (♩=60 approx)

Hauntingly

TENOR

Musical score for Tenor and Piano. The Tenor part starts with a sustained note (♩) followed by a melodic line. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords. Measure 2 begins with a piano dynamic (P) and continues with eighth-note chords.

PIANO

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Musical score for Right Hand (R.H.) and Left Hand (L.H.). The R.H. part features sustained notes and a melodic line. The L.H. part includes a dynamic (PP), a instruction to "LIFT FINGERS", and a piano dynamic (P). The vocal line continues with lyrics: THE CUR-TAINS NOW ARE.

DRAWN —, AND THE SPIN - DRIFT STRIKES — THE
 R.H.
 L.H.
 PED

GLASS —, BLOWN UP THE JAGG — ED
 R.H.
 L.H.
 (PED)

f

PASS BY THE SUR-LY SALT SOU-

R.H.

L.H.

mf

PED (ALLOW ALL NOTES TO VIBRATE FREELY)

f

$\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{#}{4}$

-WEST

-WEST

R.H.

L.H.

mf

(PED) →

mp

AND THE SNEE — RING GLARE IS

R.H.

L.H.

(PED)

ff

GONE BE — HIND THE YON — DER CREST

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Poco Rit

A TEMPO

WHILE SHE SINGS TO ME

Lightly

PP LIFT FINGERS

PED (ALLOW PEDAL TO SUSTAIN NOTES)

Ethereal mp

(pp)

(poco)

THE DREAM

(mp)

THAT THOU ART MY LOVE

(pp)

(poco)

P

BE IT THINE,

(PP)

(P)

AND THE DREAM THAT I AM THY

(PP)

(P)

LOVE, BE IT MINE

(PP)

PED

P
PP
PPP

PED

mp

AND DEATH MAY COME, BUT

(PPP)

(PED)

P

LO - VING IS DI - VINE BUT

P

LO - VING IS DI - VINE BUT

(P)

Poco Rit ... A TEMPO

LO - VING IS DI - VINE

PPP

I STAND HERE IN THE

(PED) ↑ PED

A TEMPO mp

I STAND HERE IN THE

P

(PED)

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RAIN --, WITH ITS SMITE UP-ON HER STONE --, AND THE

P

mp p

GRASS - ES THAT HAVE GROWN O - VER WO-MEN, CHIL - DREN, MEN

ff POCORIT ... A TEMPO

AND THEIR TEXTS THAT LIFE IS VAIN;

mp

BUT I HEAR THE NOTES AS WHEN ONCE SHE SANG TO

4
ME :
 PP (LIFT FINGERS)

PED →
 [Ethereal]
 mp
 O THE DREAM — THAT THOU — ART MY
 (PP) →
 (PED) →

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4
 LOVE —, BE — IT THINE —,
 (PP)
 (PED) →

mp

AND THE DREAM

(PP)

(PED) →

THAT I AM THY LOVE

(PP)

(PED) →

P ————— PP mp

BE IT MINE, AND IT IS

(PPP) PP

(PED) → PED →

(mp)

DEATH MAY COME, BUT LOV-ING IS DI-VINE

This is the first system of a handwritten musical score. It consists of three staves. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the piano. The piano part includes a bass line and harmonic chords. The vocal parts are written in common time with a key signature of one flat. The vocal line starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "DEATH MAY COME, BUT LOV-ING IS DI-VINE" are written below the vocal staves.



(pp)

This is the third system of the handwritten musical score. The vocal parts continue with eighth-note patterns. The piano part maintains harmonic stability with sustained notes and chords. The dynamic marking (pp) is placed above the piano staff.

(p^{ed})



Portato..... ATTEMPO

p

pp

»

BUT LO-YING IS DI-VINE



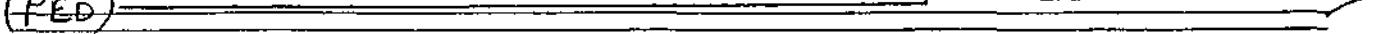
(pp)

PPP

This is the sixth system of the handwritten musical score. The vocal parts continue with eighth-note patterns. The piano part maintains harmonic stability with sustained notes and chords. The dynamic marking (pp) is placed above the piano staff. The dynamic marking PPP is placed above the piano staff in the next measure.

(p^{ed})

↑ P^{ED}



LIT - - - -

(P)ed)

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