



Andrew Downes

Symphony no. 3



"Spirits of the Earth"



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ANDREW DOWNES: SYMPHONY No.3 "SPIRITS OF THE EARTH" Opus 45 (1992) Duration 30'
For large symphony orchestra - 3 flutes, 2 oboes, 3 clarinets, 2 bassoons, contra bassoon, 4 horns, 3 trumpets, 2 trombones, bass trombone, tuba, timpani, tuned percussion (crotales, 2 glockenspiels, 1 xylophone, 3 marimbas), percussion (a-go-go- bell, 3 cowbells, Chinese blocks, whip, wood block, suspended cymbal, cymbal, gong, tubular bells), drums (tom-toms; frame drums - tuned and unpitched; large bongos; side drum; bass drum; drum kit; about 6 unpitched drums; deep, hollow, pitchless drums) and strings.

This Symphony in 5 movements was first performed by the Birmingham Conservatoire Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Mogrelia, on 1st April 1993, in a concert in aid of the NSPCC, in the Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham. The work is dedicated to the NSPCC.

"Two triumphant premieres in three days! After Thursday's success of his eloquent Third Symphony, Andrew Downes heard his deeply affecting St Luke Passion given on Saturday...
"Spirits of the Earth, his third Symphony, is probably the most demanding work Andrew Downes has yet written. It assumes virtuosity from its players, a finely honed sense of collective ensemble, and the capacity for various sections of the orchestra to play in several independent tempi. As the substantial five movement work moves towards its close these disparate elements come together in final reconciliation.
"The premiere it received last night from the Conservatoire Symphony Orchestra was nothing short of astonishing. Very few inaccuracies marred this virile, sensitive performance..."

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Instrumentation

flutes 1, 2 & 3 (3rd doubles piccolo)
oboes 1 & 2
clarinets 1, 2 & 3 in A & Bb
bassoons 1 & 2
contra bassoon

horns 1 & 2 in F
horns 3 & 4 in F
trumpets 1, 2 & 3 in C
trombones 1 & 2
bass trombone
tuba

timpani

tuned percussion (crotales,
2 glockenspiels, 1 xylophone,
3 marimbas)

percussion (a-go-go bell,
3 cowbells, chinese blocks,
whip, wood block, suspended cymbal,
cymbal, gong, tubular bells)

drums (tom-toms; frame drums -
tuned & unpitched; large bongos;
side drum; bass drum; drum kit;
about 6 unpitched drums;
deep, hollow, pitchless drums)

violins 1

violins 2

violas

cellos

double basses

Andrew Downes: Symphony No.3 - "Spirits of the Earth"

This Symphony is characterized by its exciting rhythms and counter-rhythms. As in his other recent works Downes brings together musical and rhythmical influences from all cultures: from 'pop' (there is a drum kit part in the work) through to jazz and big band styles (at certain points brass players stand up as they do in dance bands) through to plainsong and organum which merge with African and American Indian styles. There is often, for example, a marimba in the background giving the atmosphere of a broad African savannah, punctuated by many other percussion sounds to bring the whole scene to life.

The work is designed to excite both the ear and the eye - there is constant movement, giving a feeling of dance, freedom of expression and rhythm.

In between frenzied and busy passages come many beautifully melodic moments. The second movement, for example, begins with a slow, reflective African folk-like theme on flutes, which returns throughout the movement. The fourth movement, entitled "Belas Knap", because the music is inspired by the beautiful climb up to the Belas Knap Long Barrow in the Cotswolds, has broad lines full of elation and freedom, and there is throughout a feeling of history as one thinks of the generations which have trodden this path since those ancient times.

The work attempts to create a oneness:- of the past with the future, of the different cultures of the earth, and of man with nature. There is a feeling of old spirits coming alive (especially in movement 4, "Belas Knap"), and there are the sounds of nature around us (in movement 2 the many comments from the percussion could represent creatures in the woods and jungles of the world), and there are suggestions, in the multi-time passages, of different time zones and dimensions all existing together.

Movements 1,3 and 5 begin with great energy, and movements 2 and 4 calmly, but there are contrasting sections in all movements, and themes recur from one movement to the next. The work draws to a close with a viola solo which is both rhythmic and profound and which comes towards the end of a beautiful 'chorale'. This 'chorale' returns from earlier in the last movement. The 'chorale' represents in fact the main theme of the whole work. It is a heartfelt expression of hope that we can all live together in harmony.

Cynthia Downes

Andrew Downes

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1

Allegro ma non troppo (♩ = c. 126)

flutes 1.2.3.
oboe 1.2.
clarinet 1.2.3.
in A
bassoon 1.2.
contre bassoon

1.2.
horn
inf
3.4.
trumpet 1.2.3.
in C
trombone 1.2.
bass trombone
tuba

timpani
percussion
marimba
lightly
mp
glockenspiel
mf

violin 1
violin 2
viola
'cello
double bass

a.3

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A

(a.3)

flt
ob
clt
bsn
cbsn

hn
trpt.
trb
btrb
tube

timp
glock.
(sus cym.)
tamtoms
(cym.)
b (bass drum)

vlh 1
vlh 2
vla
vc
db

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B
 3.
 bsn
 c bsn
 trb 1.2.
 b trb
 tuba
 timp
 tom/s
 snare down
 drums kit
 [B]
 vln 1
 vln 2
 vla
 vc
 db
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C gently, tenderly
 flt
 ob
 clt
 sd
 vln 1
 vln 2
 vla
 vc

D

flute

oboe

clarinet

bassoon

horns

trumpet

tuba

bass tuba

triangle/
suspended
cymbal

snare drum

large
bongos

uh 1

uh 2

ula

vc

db

E

hn
bassoon
oboe
bass
bassoon
timpani
marimba
a-go-go wood block
toms toms

trumpet 1
trumpet 2
tuba
tuba
double bass

F

soaring

Ht
ob
clt
bsn

vn
trpt

timp
marin 1
marin 2
marin 3
a-go-go
wood block
tom toms

uh 1
uh 2
ula
uc
db

G

ht
ob
alt
bsn
cbsn

hn
trpt
trb
btrb
tuba

timp

marim 1
marim 2
marim 3
e-gro-gro

vh 1
vh 2
vla
vc
db

G

ht
ob
alt
bsn
cbsn

hn
trpt
trb
btrb
tuba

timp

marim 1
marim 2
marim 3
e-gro-gro

vh 1
vh 2
vla
vc
db

J

Fl
ob
clt
bsn

hn
trpt
tb
btrb

timp
glock 1
glock 2
Marim 1
Marim 2
e-g-o-g-o

vln 1
vln 2
vla
vc
db

dry and pithy

K

Ht ob clt bsn

change to B^b

change to B^b

hn hpt

temp marin a-30-30/whip

vln 1 vln 2 vla vc db

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M

($\lambda = J$)

1+2 o2

bells up

in B^b

in B^b

f p

mf

arco

M

ht
ob
clt (in B^b)
bsn
cbsn

hn
trpt
trb
bbtub
tuba

timp
marim
tam-tams

vh 1
vh 2
vla
vc
db

N

ff

ob

ct

bsn

cbsn

h
trpt
trb
bbtb
tuba

timp

glock

crotales

Morims

tom-toms

vln 1

vln 2

vla

vc

db

bells up

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0

1+2 a.2

Flt ob cdt bsn cbns

(h-h) (h-h)

hn fpt trb btrb tuba

a.2

tim glock crotolas side drum

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0

pizz.

vh1 vh2 vla vc db

(h-h) (h-h)

P

(f-f) (f-f)

Ht ob clt bsn cbsn

hn trpt trb btrb/tuba

timp s.d.

vcl 1 vcl 2 vla vc db

Q

fl
ob
clt
bsn
cbsn

hn
trpt
trb
btrb
tuba

timp
marims
s.d.

vln1
vln2
vla
vc
db

R

flt
ob
clt
bsn
cbsn

h1
trpt
trb
btrb
tuba

tuba f p

timp
marims

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R

vln 1
vln 2
vla
vc
db

S

clt *a3 legato*

bsn *a2 mp*

mp

hn *a2 legato*

tuba *mp*

p

timp

morms {

bongos

T

borges *p*

S

vh1 *p*

vln2 *mf*

vla

vc

db

T *legato : separate*

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(senza rull)

vh1

vln2

vla

vc

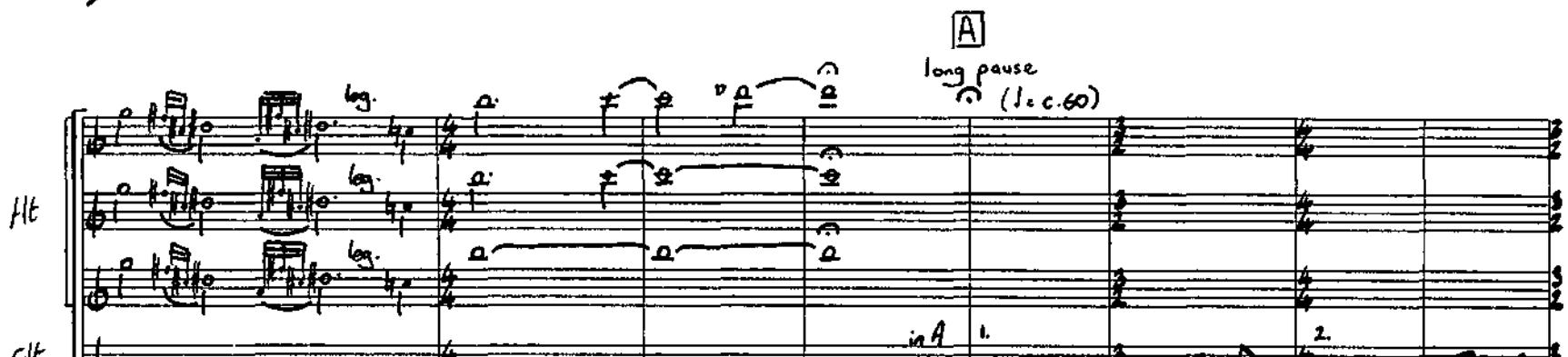
db

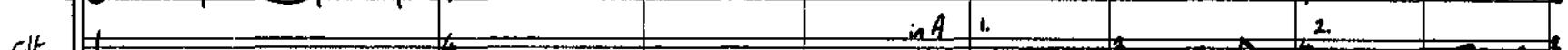
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Very slow: spatial: reflective
 Simple: African folk style ($\text{♩} = \text{c} 150$)

Ht 



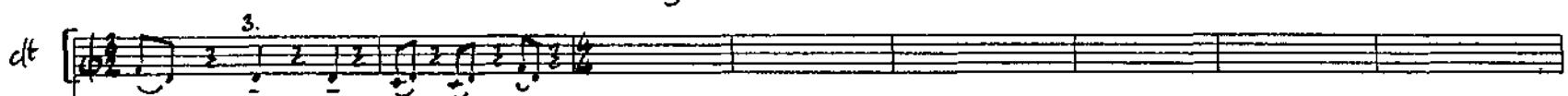
Ht 

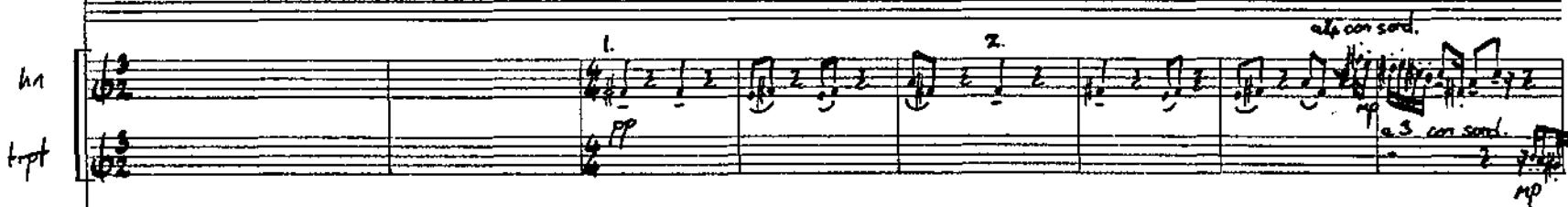
Clt (in A) 

vn 1 

vla 

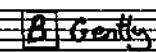


clt 

hn 

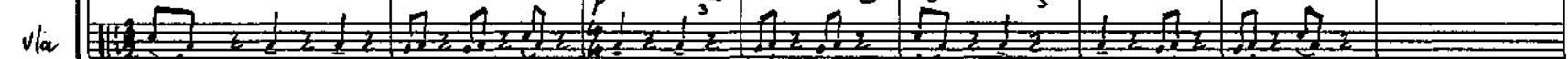
trpt 

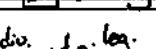
3 Marimba 



vn 1 

vn 2 

vla 



D

Fl
ob
clt
bsn
cbns

ln
(con sord.) a2
(con sord.) a2
(con sord.) a1
trpt
tb
btrb tuba

timp
Marim
triangle
drums

vn1
vn2
vla
vc
cb

D

p

E

ht
ob
clt
bsn
cbsn

hn
trpt
trb
btrb
tuba

timp
xylophone
frame drums
agogo

vln1
vln2
vla
vc
db

F

Ht ob clt bsn

hn trpt trb ttb tuba

timp marimbal marimba2 tom-toms

vh1 vh2 vla vc db

G with bounce

a3

open

softly tongued

p

marim1

marim2

toms

G with bounce

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H

flt
 ob
 clt
 bsn
 cbsn

 hn
 tpt
 trb
 btrb
 tuba

 kmp
 S.D.
 tom-toms

H
 vln1
 vln2
 vla
 vc
 db

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I

Fl
ob
clt
bsn
cbsn

 hn
trpt
trb
bbtb
tuba

 timp
S.D.
frame
drums

 Vln 1
Vln 2
vla
vc
db

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Handwritten musical score for orchestra and percussion. The score consists of two systems of music, each with ten staves. The instruments listed on the left are: Ht, ob, clt, bsn, cbsn, hn, trpt, hb, b-fb, tuba, timp, cow-bell, s.d., frame drums, vln 1, vln 2, vla, vc, and db. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, dynamic markings like f , mf , and p , and performance instructions such as "rall. leg.", "unis a3", "cow-bell", "s.d. (snare drum)", and "frame drums". A blue watermark "Preview Page Only" is diagonally across the page.

Ethereal: contemplative

poco rall. | J | *Ethereal: contemplative*

Tempo I^o (d=650)

flute
ob
clt
bsn
cbsn

hn
trpt
trb
btrb
tuba

timp
frame drums

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poco rall. | J | *Ethereal: contemplative*

Tempo I^o (d=650)

vn1
vn2
vla
vc
db

[A]

Flt ob clt bsn cbns

hnr tpt trb brb tuba

timp

vln1 vln2 vla vc db

muted
pp

muted 1/2
pp

leg. tongued, broadly

tutti div a3

tutti div a2

p

Handwritten musical score page 28. The score is organized into four systems of staves, each with a different instrumentation. The instruments listed on the left are: Flute (Flt), Oboe (ob), Clarinet (clt), Bassoon (bsn), Bassoon 2 (cbsn), Horn (hn), Trombone (trpt), Bass Trombone (btrb), Tuba (tuba), Timpani (temp), Marimba 1 (marimba1), Marimba 2 (marimba2), Violin 1 (vn 1), Violin 2 (vn 2), Viola (vla), Cello (vc), and Double Bass (db). The music includes various dynamic markings like f , ff , and p , and performance instructions like "a 3 open". A blue watermark "Preview File Only" is visible across the middle of the page.

L

Flute
ob
clt
bsn
cbsn

hn
trpt
trtb
tuba

timp
marimba 1
marimba 2

vh 1
vh 2
vla
vc
db

open broad

f broad

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Flt

ob

clt

bsn

cbsn

hn

tp

tb

btrb
tuba

timp

marimba

marimba2

vcl1

vcl2

vla

vc

db

legato

poco rit.

3

Molto vivace ($\text{J.} = \text{c} 136$)

h_n

vcl
vla
vc
db

II

A

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den

hn
timp
marimba
suspended cymbal

A

vcl
vla
vc
db

B molto leg.

1+2 a2

in A 1

in A 2+3 = 2

1+2 a2

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hn

trpt

frb

bfrb

tuba

timp

marimba

suspended cymbal

vh1

vh2

vla

vc

db

C

Ht ob clt bsn

hna hpt hb btb
tuba

timp tam-toms

D

hna hpt hb btb
tuba

timp tam-toms

E

vcl vch2 vla vc db

E

flt
ob
clt
bsn
cbass

ha
trpt
trb
btub
tuba

timp
suscept
cymbal
B.D.
tom-toms
trans
drums

dr 1
dr 2
vla
vc
db

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(I. = I)

ht

ob

clt

bsn

cbsn

sim.

(I. = I) broad

hn

trpt

(I. = I)f

tb

btrb

tuba

temp

marimba

marim.

(I. = I)

vh1

vh2

vla

vc

db

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F

ff the ff (J. J.)

fl

ob

clt

bsn

clsn

hn (J.N.)

trpt (c2)

tb

btrb tuba

timp

marimba/crotales

Broadly

(J.N.)

wrist

wrist

wrist

db

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G H

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fl
ob
cl
bsn

harp
tpt
trb
tuba

timp
crotales
tubular bells
gong

vln 1
vln 2
vla
vc
db

I Poco meno mosso

fl
ob
clt
bsn
cbn

hn
trpt
tuba
btrb

vln 1
vln 2
vla
vc
db

Poco meno mosso

J a tempo

poco accel.

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fl
ob
clt
bsn
cbsn

h
trpt
trb
tuba
btrb

timp
tub. bells
S.D.

vh1
vh2
vla
vc
db

poco accel. — J a tempo

mp cresc.

pizz.

K Delicate: buoyant

sim.

fl
ob
clt
ben

(f, f sempre)

sforz.

mp

(f, f sempre)

(f, f sempre)

hn
frpt
tb
tuba
b tuba

(f, f sempre)

ting
tubular
bells/
glock 1
glock 2
marimba

glock 1

glock 2

mp

maxim.

appass.

K Delicate: buoyant

(f, f) leg.

vh 1
vh 2
vcl
vc
db

pizz.

mp

(L) accel. poco a poco

(1.1)

fl
ob
cl
bsn

hn
fpt
trb
btrb

tim
glock1
glock2
marimba

vln 1
vln 2
vla
vc
db

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