

**Derek B Scott**

**Wilberforce, Tone Poem,  
Op. 43**

*for orchestra*

# *Wilberforce*

## (Tone poem)

This tone poem utilizes music from an operetta composed in the early 1980s to a book and lyrics by historian Steve Davis. It was staged in 1983 during Hull's sesquicentenary commemoration of the death of Hull-born William Wilberforce, who had played a major role in ensuring the passing of the Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade (1807).

The opening is based on musical material associated with William Wilberforce's struggle and sometimes disillusionment with the campaign to end Britain's slave trade. The next section contains music that represents growing awareness of the oppression and misery linked to slavery. This is followed by a calypso, which featured in the operetta to satirize the myths peddled about the joyful dancing and singing of enslaved labourers on sugar, coffee and cotton plantations. After the return of earlier music in denunciation of the slave trade, Wilberforce mocks the carefree sentiments of the calypso in a bitter and scornful calypso of his own.

The final section of the tone poem represents the growing support for the efforts of Wilberforce and others, such as Thomas Clarkson, Olaudah Equiano, and Granville Sharp, who were fighting to suppress the slave trade. These efforts proved successful when the Abolition of the Slave Trade Bill was passed in 1807. However, it was not until 1834 that slavery in the British Empire was ended, after the passing of the Slave Abolition Act in 1833.

### **Instrumentation**

2 flutes (2<sup>nd</sup> fl. doubling piccolo), 2 oboes, 1 (alt. sax.), 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons – 4 horns, 2 trumpets, 3 trombones, 1 tuba – timps + perc. Harp – Str.

*Duration 11 mins 30 secs*

(Untuned percussion, 1 player: snare drum, bass drum, claves, cymbals, cowbell, 3 tom-toms, 2 bongos.)

## Full Score

*Wilberforce*

Tone Poem for Orchestra

Derek B. Scott, Op. 43

**Larghetto  $\text{♩} = 42$**

Piccolo (2nd flute player)

Flutes

Oboe

Alto Sax

Clarinets in B $\flat$

Bassoons

Horns 1&2 in F

Horns 3&4 in F

Trumpets in B $\flat$

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Bass Trombone

Tuba

(4 timps: A B C E)

Timpani

Bass Drum

Percussion

Harp  
D $\flat$  C $\sharp$  B $\flat$   
E $\flat$  F $\sharp$  G $\flat$  A $\flat$

**Larghetto  $\text{♩} = 42$**

Violins I

Violins II

Viola

Cello

Contrabass

## Wilberforce

6

**A**

*Tempo primo*

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

A

### *Tempo primo*

## Wilberforce

**A** *Tempo primo*

Hp. (pizz.)

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

3 3 3 3

molto rall.

div.

3 3 3 3

molto rall.

## Wilberforce

14 B rit. pesante  $\text{d}=40$

Picc.

Fl. 1 f

Ob. 1 f

A. Sx.  $p$

B♭ Cl.  $p$

Bsn.  $p$

Hns 1&2  $mfp$   
Hn 4

Hns 3&4  $mfp$

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timpani

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I  $p$

Vlns II  $p$

Vla.  $p$

Vc.  $f$

Cb.  $p$

## Wilberforce

C

Allegro ( $\text{♩} = 120$ )

21

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

**C**

**Allegro ( $\text{♩} = 120$ )**

*p*

*f*

*ff*

*div.*

*f ritmico*

*ritmico*

*pizz.*

*f ritmico*

## Wilberforce

5

28

**D**

*d = 40*

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

*mp*

*B♭ to D♯, C♯ to C♯.*

*arco*

## Wilberforce

35

This musical score page contains 21 staves of music for various instruments and voices. The instrumentation includes Picc., Fl., Ob., A. Sx., B♭ Cl., Bsn., Hns 1&2, Hns 3&4, B♭ Tpt., Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, B. Tbn., Tuba, Timp., Perc., Hp. (double bassoon), Vlns I, Vlns II, Vla., Vc., and Cb. The vocal parts are labeled 'Picc.', 'Fl.', 'Ob.', 'A. Sx.', 'B. Cl.', 'Bsn.', 'Hns 1&2', 'Hns 3&4', 'B. Tpt.', 'Tbn. 1', 'Tbn. 2', 'B. Tbn.', 'Tuba', 'Timp.', 'Perc.', 'Hp.', 'Vlns I', 'Vlns II', 'Vla.', 'Vc.', and 'Cb.'. The score is in common time and G major. Measure 35 begins with a rest followed by dynamic markings: *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *p*, *p*, *p*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *p*, *p*, *p*, *p*, *p*, *p*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*. The vocal parts enter with melodic lines, primarily consisting of eighth-note patterns. The double bassoon (Hp.) has a sustained note in the first measure. The strings (Vlns I, Vlns II, Vla., Vc., Cb.) begin their entries in the later measures of the section.

## Wilberforce

7

**41**

Picc.

Fl.

Ob. *cresc.*

A. Sx. *cresc.*

B♭ Cl. *cresc.*

Bsn. *cresc.*

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp. *mp* *cresc.* D♯ to B♯ *Tom-toms* *f*

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II *cresc.*

Vla. *cresc.*

Vc. *cresc.*

Cb. *cresc.*

**E** (2nd flute player on piccolo) **Allegro (♩ = 120)**

## Wilberforce

46

A♯ to B♯, B♯ to E♯,  
E♯ to F♯

Picc.  
Fl.  
Ob.  
A. Sx.  
B♭ Cl.  
Bsn.  
Hns 1&2  
Hns 3&4  
B♭ Tpt.  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
B. Tbn.  
Tuba  
Timp.  
Quads  
Hp.  
Vlns I  
Vlns II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

## Wilberforce

9

51

F

Picc.  
Fl.  
Ob.  
A. Sx.  
B♭ Cl.  
Bsn.  
Hns 1&2  
Hns 3&4  
B♭ Tpt.  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
B. Tbn.  
Tuba  
Timpani  
Quads  
Hp.  
Vlns I  
Vlns II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

arco

## Wilberforce

58 Allegro assai ( $\text{♩} = 104$ )

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

Quads

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Hn 2

div.

div.

div.

div.

## Wilberforce

66 G

Tempo di Calypso ( $\text{♩} = 110$ )

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

Quads

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

G

Tempo di Calypso ( $\text{♩} = 110$ )

p

mf

pizz.

p

## Wilberforce

74

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

Quads

Cowbell  
*ff*

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

## Wilberforce

13

82

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timpani

C. Bl.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

H

Wilberforce

89

Picc. - - - - -

Fl. - - - - -

Ob. - - - - -

A. Sx. *mp*

B♭ Cl. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

Hns 1&2 *mp*

Hns 3&4 - - - - -

B♭ Tpt. *mp*

Tbn. 1 *mp*

Tbn. 2 *mp*

B. Tbn. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Timp. - - - - -

Perc. Tom-toms  
(finger touch on 3rd quaver)  
*ff*

Hp. - - - - -

Vlns I *mp*

Vlns II *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. arco  
*mp*  
arco

Cb. *mp*

## Wilberforce

15

96

I

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Bgno. Dr.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

D: C: B:  
E: F: G: A:

ffz

## Wilberforce

J

rit.

Larghetto  $\text{d} = 42$ 

103

## Wilberforce

17

*III*

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

**K** pesante  $\text{d} = 40$

## Wilberforce

L

Allegro ( $\text{♩} = 120$ )

117

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

L

Allegro ( $\text{♩} = 120$ )

## Wilberforce

19

124

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Quads

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

## Wilberforce

**M**Adagio ( $\text{♩} = 60$ )

131

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Quads

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Wilberforce

**M**

Adagio ( $\text{♩} = 60$ )

*f*

*mp*

*mp*

*div.*

*molto rit.*

*mp*

*div.*

*molto rit.*

*mp*

## Wilberforce

21

## Wilberforce

146

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

## Wilberforce

23

152

Picc. *mf*

Fl. *mf*

Ob.

A. Sx. *ff*

B♭ Cl. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. *mf*

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc. *mf*

Cb. *mf*

## Wilberforce

158

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

(O)

(O)

## Wilberforce

164 P

*rit.*

Vivace ( $\text{♩} = 144$ )

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

## Wilberforce

Q

172

Picc. Fl. Ob. A. Sx. B♭ Cl. Bsn. Hns 1&2 Hns 3&4 B♭ Tpt. Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Tuba Timp. Perc. Hp. Vlns I Vlns II Vla. Vc. Cb.

*p*

*p*

*pp*

*p*

*mp*

*Q*

Vlns I Vlns II Vla. Vc. Cb.

*pizz.*

*mp*

*cresc. poco a poco*

*mp*

*cresc. poco a poco*

*mp*

*cresc. poco a poco*

*mp*

*mp*

*Q*

## Wilberforce

27

180

Picc.

Fl.

Ob. *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

A. Sx. *mf*

B♭ Cl.

Bsn. *mp* *mf*

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt. *p*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb. *pizz.* *non div.* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

## Wilberforce

R

188

Picc.

Fl. *mf* *cresc. poco a poco*

Ob. *mf* *cresc. poco a poco*

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn. *f* *ff*

Hns 1&2 *mf* *f* *ff*

Hns 3&4 *mf* *f* *ff*

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba *f*

Timp.

Perc. *Snare Drum* *mf* *f*

Hp.

Vlns I *mf* *f* *ff*

Vlns II *f* *ff*

Vla. *mf* *f* *ff*

Vc. *arco*

Cb. *ff arco* *ff*

## Wilberforce

29

196      *rit.*      *più mosso*

Picc.      Fl.      Ob.      A. Sx.      B♭ Cl.      Bsn.      Hns 1&2      Hns 3&4      B♭ Tpt.      Tbn. 1      Tbn. 2      B. Tbn.      Tuba      Timp.      Perc.      Hp.      Vlns I      Vlns II      Vla.      Vc.      Cb.

*pp subito*

*mf*

*solo*

*pp subito*

*pp subito*

*pp subito*

*pizz.*

*pp subito pizz.*

*pp subito pizz.*

*pp subito pizz.*

*pizz.*

*pp subito pizz.*

*pp subito pizz.*

## Wilberforce

204

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Clv.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pizz.

mf

F#

Bb

arco

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

## Wilberforce

31

212

S

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Clv.

Hp. B $\flat$   
G $\sharp$  F $\sharp$  f B $\flat$

Vlns I arco

Vlns II arco

Vla. arco

Vc. arco

Cb. >> m $f$  arco f

S

## Wilberforce

220

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Clv.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

220

*mf*

*dim.*

*f*

*mf*

*mp*

*p*

*dim.*

*div.*

*dim.*

*pizz.*

*dim.*

*p*

*dim.*

*p*

227

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Clv.

Hp. *B♭ C♯* *B♭ C♯* *C♯* *mf* *F♯*

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

T

## Wilberforce

235

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Clv.

Hp. B<sub>b</sub> E<sub>b</sub> mp E<sub>b</sub> f

Vlns I

Vlns II mp

Vla. mp

Vc. > mp

Cb. > mp f arco

## Wilberforce

35

243 U

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn. *dim.*

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt. *ff' subito*

Tbn. 1 *ff' subito*

Tbn. 2 *ff' subito*

B. Tbn. *ff' subito*

Tuba *ff' subito*

Timp.

Clv.

Hp. *dim.* *D: C♯ B: E♯ F, G♯ A:*

Vlns I *dim.* U *p*

Vlns II *div.* *dim.* *pizz. p*

Vla. *dim.* *p*

Vc. *pizz.* *dim.* *mf* *Solo cello arco*

Cb. *pizz.* *dim.* *p*

## Wilberforce

250

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Clv.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

## Wilberforce

37

258

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timpani

Clev.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

V

*mf*

*mp*

*arc*

*f*

*pizz.*

*mp*

*f*

*mp*

## Wilberforce

W

273

Picc.

Fl.

Ob. *p*

A. Sx. *p*

B♭ Cl.

Bsn. *p*

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Clv.

Hp. *p*

Vlns I *p*

Vlns II *pizz.*

Vla. *p*

Vcl. *pizz.*

Cb. *p*

## Wilberforce

280

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Clv.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Wilberforce

41

287

X

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Ins 1&2

Ins 3&4

Hn 3

f

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Cymbals

f

Snare

B♭ to G♯  
E♭ to D♯  
rim shots

Clv.

ff

Cv.

F♯

B♭

E♭

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

f

arco

Vla.

Vc.

pizz.

arco

Cb.

f

X

## Wilberforce

294

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp.

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

*f cresc.*

*f cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*a2*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*f*

*f*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*f*

*f*

F♯

B♯

pizz.

*ff pizz.*

pizz.

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

## Wilberforce

43

**Y**

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Cymbals

Snare

rim shots

F♯

B♭

B♯

G♯

Vlns I

arco

ff

Vlns II

arco

ff

Vla.

arco

ff

Vc.

arco

ff

Cb.

arco

## Wilberforce

308 *rallentando*

*molto meno mosso (d=60)*

**Z**

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

A. Sx.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Hns 1&2

Hns 3&4

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Hp. D♯ F♯ G♯ F♯ D♯

Vlns I

Vlns II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Wilberforce

45

**315**      **Tempo primo**  $\sigma = 42$

