

Max Erwin

# Jack Straw

chamber opera in one act  
for 6 players, 7 singers, and speaker  
ca. 23 mins

*"Blood alone turns the wheels of history."*

-Benito Mussolini

Moderate, with great anticipation ♩ = 80ish

Trombone

A Noble Peasant-Woman

A Pleasant Noble-Woman

Sir William Walworth, Mayor of London

John Ball

Sir John Newton

Richard II

Jack Straw

Piano

Moderate, with great anticipation ♩ = 80ish

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

4 Curtain

Larghetto, with longing, ♩ = 60ish

Tbn. *pp* *8<sup>va</sup>*

Pno. *ff* *mf* *f* *mp*

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *mf* *mp*



9 Jack Straw enters

Tbn. *sfz* *mf*

J. Straw *mf* And so it all

Pno. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff*

Vln. I *mf* 5

Vln. II *mf* 5

Vla.

Vc.

like a mistake

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Tbn.

J. Straw  
comes down to this! *ff* The king re quests our au - di -

Pno.  
*f* *mf* *Red.*

Vln. I  
3 5 5 5

Vln. II  
3 5 5 5

Vla.  
*mf* 5 5

Vc.  
*f*



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J. Straw  
ence He comes now to - wards

Pno.  
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

Vln. I  
*mp*

Vln. II  
*mp*

Vla.  
*mp*

Vc.  
*mp*

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J. Straw

Mile End. Our for - ces

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



22

Tbn.

J. Straw

now al - rea - dy have ra - zed the trea - sur - y de - stroyed

*ff, like a sad, abortive fanfare*

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Tbn. *f* *mf* *ff*

J. Straw  
the Sav-oy pal - ace we have ta-ken the to - wer of Lon-don

Pno.

Vln. I *mf* *ff*

Vln. II *mf* *ff*

Vla. *mf* *ff*

Vc. *mf* *ff*



J. Straw  
and killed its occ - u-pants burned re - cords all of Lon-don is ours we go as we please we own the streets

Pno.

Vln. I *pp* *p*

Vln. II *pp* *p*

Vla. *pp*

Vc. *pp*

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J. Straw *f* we are now the sol - d - iers of En - gel - lands great cause

Pno. *8va*

Vln. I *5*

Vln. II *5*

Vla. *mf* *3*

Vc. *mf* *3*



40

Tbn. *pp*

J. Straw right - eous bra - ave cour - te - ous strong and

Pno. *8va*

Tbn.

J. Straw

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*f* *mp*

proud the name-less mas - ses now have a voice

*mp* *mp* *mp* *mp*



John Ball enters

J. Ball

J. Straw

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*f* *mf* *mf*

Straw - ! How\_\_ now - ? What news of the ki - i - i - i-ing? A - and

The ki - i - i - i-ing will meet

*pp* *mp*

pizz

pizz

51

J. Ball  
 what does his maj - es - ty say of our de - mands? Of what dis - po - si - tion

J. Straw  
 us

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



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A noble peasantwoman enters, inconspicuously and unnoticed

J. Ball  
 is the ki - i - i - i - ing? John the mil - ler

J. Straw  
 The ki - i - i - i - ing seems com - pla - cent

Vln. I  
 arco

Vln. II  
 arco

Vla.

Vc.

Moderate, but with less energy than before,  $\text{♩} = 75\text{ish}$  embarrassingly

10

56

Tbn. *mf*

J. Ball

J. Straw

Pno. *f* *fff*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

hath y-groun - de smal, smal, smal; the King-es Son of\_

no - thing else may be said at this time right now,

Moderate, but with less energy than before,  $\text{♩} = 75\text{ish}$



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Tbn. *f* *pp*

J. Ball

J. Straw

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

— hea - ven shall pay for all.

as it is. And now let us pray

61 rit. Slow and exceedingly sorrowful ♩ = 50ish

Peasant

J. Ball

J. Straw

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

When A - dam delved and E - ve spa-a-an who was the e - - en the ge-en-tle-

*mp* *f* *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp*



65 John Ball exits Exit peasants

Peasant

J. Ball

J. Straw

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ma - a - a-an?

A men. men.

*p* *p* *p* *mf*

71 *like clockwork*

Pno. *mp*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*pp*



Richard II enters, followed  
by Mayor and J. Newton  
and a pleasant noblewoman

*accel.* Clusmy march tempo ♩ = 75ish

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Tbn. *ff, jazzy and combative*

Mayor *ff, enfatico*  
Your maj-es - ty these re- bels

Pno. *ffff*

*Red.*

*accel.* Clusmy march tempo ♩ = 75ish

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *p* *f*

83 G.P. 4"

Mayor  
 — will dis-rupt the nat-ur-al or-der and un-leash an-ar-chy and god-less-ness

Richard II  
 Yu-up. It sure looks like it, Bill.

Vln. I G.P. 4"

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

95

J. Newton  
 Calm! Your ma-jes ty\_\_\_\_\_ I pray calm\_\_\_\_\_

Vln. I mf

Vln. II fff

Vla. fff

Vc. fff



103

J. Newton *de fer to your five wits*

Richard II *f, as if reciting a memorized passage*  
*Im-a-gin a - tion, com-mon*

Vln. I

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *fff, col legno* *f, ord.<sup>3</sup>*

Vc. *fff, col legno* *f, ord.<sup>3</sup>*



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J. Newton *Good! Now let us*

Richard II *wit, fan-ta - sy, est - tim-a - tion, and mem-o - ry.*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. *3*

Vc. *3*



125

J. Newton

th! Wa - al -

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

128

Mayor

I here - by ad vi - se swift death

J. Newton

worth, frie - e - end ma - yo - o - o -

Pno.

*f*

*ppp*

*ppp*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*mp, sul pont.*

*mp, sul pont.*

*Leg.*

133

Tbn. *passionately*

Mayor  
on the re - bel lea - der the scum the jack - - daw

J. Newton  
- or

Pno.

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf, ord.*

Vc. *f, ord.*

142 *sfp* **rit.**

Mayor  
Jack Straw!

Richard II *mf, passionlessly*

Sou - ounds good.

Pno. *ped. simile* *ff* 7

Vln. I **rit.**

Vln. II *mp* 5 7

Vla.

Vc.

Slow and lethargic, ♩ = 105ish

Richard II <sup>147</sup>

Let's do it. I'm down. You guys just say

Slow and lethargic, ♩ = 105ish

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*mp*

*dolce*



Mayor <sup>150</sup>

J. Newton

Richard II

*restrained, mf*

This ra-ab-ble just needs to be re-min-ded of

*mf*

A - - ah! Now the da-ay is ours! we a - -

when. I'll do what-ev-er. It's a good i-dea

*mp*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*mp*

*ff*

Tbn. *mp* *mp, agitated and declamatory*

Noble E - 'vry man in Eng-land shall be

Mayor the sta - tutes of the realm

J. Newton -re vic - tor i - us

Richard II *mp* *ff*  
I rea-lly think so.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



Tbn. *ff*

Noble re - quired to serve and take on - ly the wa - ges, meed li - ver

Mayor *mp, declamatory*  
Work-men shall not take for their la bour and work - - man-ship a - bove the same

Vla. *more tense now*

Vc. *more tense now*

Quick and forceful, ♩ = 105

Tbn.

Noble

Mayor

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Quick and forceful, ♩ = 105



Tbn.

Noble   
*mf, expressively*

Mayor   
*mf, expressively*

J. Newton   
*mf, expressively*

Richard II   
*mf, expressively*

Vln. I   
*f simile*

Vln. II   
*f simile*

Vla.   
*f, passionately*

Vc.   
*f, passionately*

167

Noble  
kill the jack - - - daw Jack Straw!

Mayor  
kill the jack - - - daw Jack Straw!

J. Newton  
kill the jack - - - daw Jack Straw!

Richard II  
kill the jack - - - daw Jack Straw!

Pno.  
*mp* 6 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

Vla.  
Vc.

**Agitated, ♩ = 85**

169  
*f*

J. Newton  
To this e - e - end I coun - sel mee - ting

Vln. I  
*maestoso*

Vln. II  
*maestoso*

171

Tbn.

Noble

J. Newton

Pno.

Vln. I

Vla.

Vc.

*with poise, mf*

*mf, harshly, speechlike*

*gracefully, mf*

*maestoso*

*maestoso*

Be - cause that ma - ny val - iant Beg - gars

the re - bel lout

173

Tbn.

Noble

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

as long as they live of beg - ging give them selves to I - dle - ness and Vice

175 **accel.** . . . . . **As before, ♩ = 105**  
*f, with conviction*

Richard II *I shall lure them in - to our snares*

Pno. *mp*

*Ped. \* Ped. \* Ped. \**

**accel.** . . . . . **As before, ♩ = 105**

Vln. I *p* *fff*

Vln. II *p* *fff*

Vla. *p* *fff*

Vc. *p* *fff*

179

Tbn. *p* *ff*

Richard II *gain their con-fi-dence and then strike now re-tire we re-tire all*  
*impatiently*

Pno. *fff* *mp* *fff*

*Ped. \* Ped. \**

Vln. I *pizz, ff* *arco 7 mf*

Vln. II *pizz, ff* *arco 7 mf*

Vla. *pizz, ff* *arco 7 mf*

Vc. *pizz, ff* *arco 7 mf*

Exit Richard II,  
with attendants

183 **rit.**

Richard II

re - tire re - tire ex - it now ro - yal train **rit.**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

189 **Smoothly, ♩ = 60ish** Jack Straw enters

J. Straw

My men are now

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*mp*

*mf*

*f*

*mp*

*p*

*ppp*

*ppp*

*ppp*

*ppp*

193 John Ball enters

J. Ball

Men are ly-ing i - dle now

J. Straw

bored

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*mf*

*ff*

*ff*

*mf*

*f*

*mf*

197

*mp, plaintively*

Peasant  
Our ra\_tions are low

J. Ball  
and this breeds con tempt

J. Straw  
*mf*  
no-thing left no-thing left no-thing left no-thing to

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



201

Peasant  
no-thing left no-thing left no-thing left no-thing no

J. Ball  
the peo-ple are rest-less and hun-gry and thir-sy di-ver-sion must be found at once

J. Straw  
loot to burn to seize to kill to own have live sur-

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

203

Peasant  
food drink mor - ale

J. Straw  
vive all

Pno.  
*lightly, pp*  
*sempre legato*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

205

Peasant  
*mf, lightly*  
The peo - ple are rest - less and hun - gry and thirs - ty

J. Ball  
*f*  
We need mor - al strength

J. Straw  
gone

Pno.  
*mf*

Vln. I  
*pp* — *ff*

Vln. II  
*pp* — *ff*

Vla.  
*pp* — *ff*

Vc.  
*pp* — *ff*

207 *duiffully*

J. Ball  
I will give a ser - mon

J. Straw  
We should have gone back

Pno.

Vln. I *ppp*

Vln. II *ppp*

Vla. *ppp*

Vc. *ppp*



209

Tbn. *mp*

Peasant  
the peo - ple the peo - ple are rest - less we are hun - gry we are con -

J. Straw  
with the oth - ers

Pno.

211

Tbn. *sfz* *niente*

Peasant *sfz*  
fused

J. Straw  
I start to doubt our

Pno.  
8<sup>th</sup>

Vln. I *mf* 5

Vln. II *mf* 5

Vla. *pizz, mp*

Vc. *pizz, mp*

**Disjointed, ♩ = 120**

J. Straw  
— pur - pose The ci - ty is now — emp - ty doors are closed

Pno. *f*

Pluck piano strings with plectrum/credit card

**Disjointed, ♩ = 120**

Vln. I *ff, pizz*

Vln. II *ff, pizz*

Vla. *arco, mf* 5 *ff, pizz*

Vc. *mf, col legno*

Mechanically, ♩ = 65ish  
fff, with great conviction

218

J. Ball

Now reign-eth pride in price cov-e - tise is hol-den wise

J. Straw

in our fa - ces we are not wan - ted here

Pno.

8<sup>va</sup>

Vln. I

Vla.

Vc.

Mechanically, ♩ = 65ish



223

J. Ball

lech-er-y with-out shame glut-o-ny with-out blame en - vy reign-eth with rea-son and

Pno.

8<sup>va</sup>

8<sup>vb</sup>

*l.h. gradually more intense*

227

J. Ball

sloth is ta - ken in great sea - son God make a - mends

At this point, the tuplets are just an indication that the rapid rhythm should be irregular. If you can play it accurately, great. If not, fine.

Pno.

229

Tbn.

J. Ball

for now is time

Hit cluster of keys (white and black) with forearm, as if collapsing onto the keyboard, approximately:

Pno.

232

Tbn.

J. Newton

Re - bels! His ma

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

236

Tbn. *mf* 3

J. Newton *mf* 3

Richard II *f, with dignity*  
My sub-jects, I sym - pa-thize with your plight.

Vln. I *f, dolce*

Vln. II *f, dolce*

Vla. *mf* 6

Vc. *mf* 6

241

Richard II  
Send your lea-der to me so we may ne - go - ti-ate the terms of your e - man-ci - pa-tion

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. 6

Vc. 6



245 **Exuberantly, ♩ = 110**

Peasant *mf* Vic - to-ry lib - er-ty

J. Ball *mf* Vic - to-ry glo - ri - a glo -

Pno. *mp* *Exuberantly, ♩ = 110*

Vla. *ff* *mf* *simile*

Vc. *ff* *mf* *simile*



248

Peasant vic - to-ry glo - ri-a glo - ri - a vic - to-ry vic - to-ry.

J. Ball ri - a dom - i - ne vic - to-ry vic - to-ry glo - ri - a

Pno.

Vln. I *f* *simile*

Vln. II *f* *simile*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

Peasant glo - ri - a lib - er - ty vic - to - ry

J. Ball glo - ri - a dom - i - ne vic - to - ry

J. Straw We tri - umph

Pno. *p* *f*  
\* *ped. simile*

Vln. I *mf, maestoso*

Vln. II *mf, maestoso*

Vla. *mf, maestoso*

Vc. *mf, maestoso*

254

Peasant *vic - to-ry vic-to ry\_\_ glo - ri-a lib - er-ty vic-to-ry*

J. Ball *glo - ri-a dom-i- ne\_\_ vic - to-ry glo - ri-a vic - to-ry*

J. Straw *We have won!*

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



259 *rit. . . . . ff f*

J. Straw *But my friends! I have a stra-ange feel-ing a-bout this sit -*

Pno. *mf*

*Moderate and agitated, ♩ = 75*

Vln. I *f mp*

Vln. II *f mp*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *ff*

262

J. Straw

u - a - tion my head bu - urns my eye- lids flut - ter my back itch - es and my

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*f* *ff* *mf* *f*

*p* *f* *mp* *p*

*mf* *ff*

8<sup>th</sup>



266

J. Ball

Neigh-bor hark! Eng-land is grown to such a pass of late, that rich men

J. Straw

nerves are shot

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*ff* *mf*

*mf, legato*

*p* *p* *p* *p*

270

J. Ball

tri-umph to see the poor beg at their gate. But I am a - ble by good scrip - ture be-fore you to

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



273

J. Ball

prove, that God doth not this deal-ing a - llow nor love— When

J. Straw

I fear death

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

J. Ball  
A - dam delved and E - ve spa-a - an who was the-e

J. Straw  
and de - struc - tion I fear for my life

Pno.

Ped. *sfz* \* Ped. *sfz* \*

Strike lower register of keys (black & white) with left arm



rit.

Peasant  
*ff, like an outburst*  
My coun-try-men!

J. Ball  
en the ge - en - tle - man?

J. Straw  
and those of my coun - try - men

Pno.

*f* 7

rit.

Vln. I  
*mf* *ppp*

Vln. II  
*mf* *ppp*

Vla.  
*f, sul pont.* *mp, arco*

Vc.  
*f, sul pont.* *mp, arco*

283 *mf, politely*

Peasant I rea-lize that my stage pre-sence has been hi-ther-to con-fined to mar-gin-al i-ty at best

Pno. *mp* 3 8<sup>vb</sup>

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla.

Vc.

288

Tbn. *mp* *ff* 3 3 3 3

Peasant but I must speak for our chil-dren and our chil-drens chil-drens chil-drens chil dren

J. Ball We must ful - fill

J. Straw *mf* hold

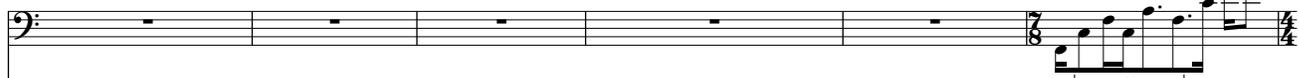
Pno. *p* 3 3 *mf* 3 3

Vln. I *animando*

Vln. II *animando*

Vla.

Vc.

Tbn. 

J. Ball  God's plans

J. Straw  on let's just think this through... I have some doubts

Pno. 

Vln. I  *fff, pizz*

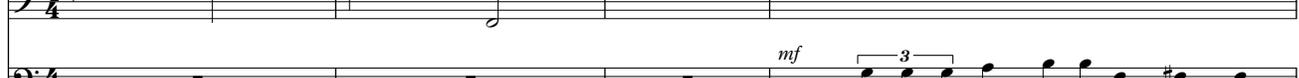
Vln. II  *fff, pizz*

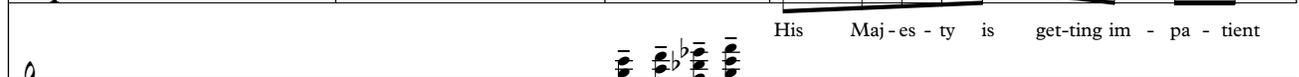
Vla. 

Vc.  *p* *f*

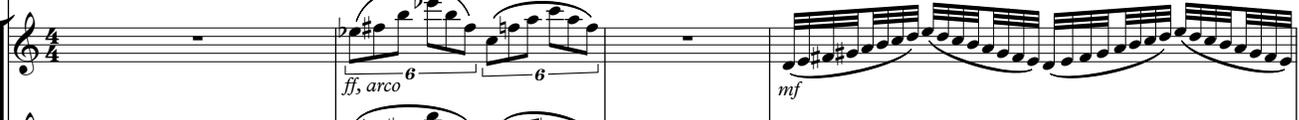


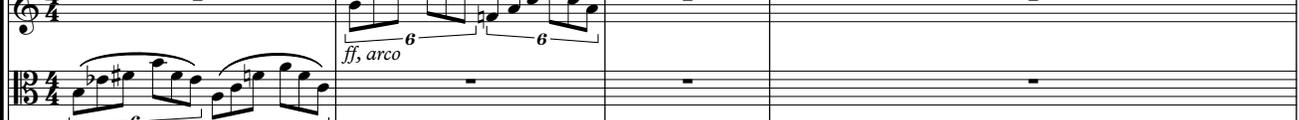
J. Newton enters, followed by Richard II and Mayor

Tbn. 

J. Newton  *mf* His Maj - es - ty is get - ting im - pa - tient

Pno.  *f*

Vln. I  *ff, arco* 6 6 *mf*

Vln. II  *ff, arco* 6 6

Vla.  *ff* 6 6

Vc.  *ff* 6 6

J. Ball *f* There is no time now for your doubts...

J. Newton are you guys com-ning or what

Vln. I

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*



*accel.*

J. Ball — our free-dom is in your hands to make di - vi-sion e - qual-ly of each man's

Pno. *mf*

Vln. I *p* *accel.*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p*

310

J. Ball  
goods in - diff - rent - ly and right - ly may you fol - low arms to rid you from

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

313

Peasant  
vic-to-ry glo - ri-a\_ glo-

J. Ball  
these ci - vil ha - a - a - arms\_

J. Straw  
O - kay I'm go - ing

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Jack Straw begins to cross the stage extremely slowly

319 **rit.** **Largo**

Peasant  
ri-a la-cri-mo-sa

J. Straw  
now

Pno.  
*f, anguished*  
*ff, legato* *ped.* *ped simile*

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.



325

Pno.  
*fff*  
*mf*  
*ped.* *\* ped.* *\* ped.* *\* ped.*

Vln. I  
*p* *mp*

Vln. II  
*p* *mp*

Vla.  
*p* *mp*

Vc.  
*p* *mf*

330

Pno. *p*

Vln. I *mf* *ff*

Vln. II *mf* *ff*

Vla. *mf* *ff*

Vc. *f* *fff*



334

Pno. *mf* *f* *mp*

**Larghetto**

Vln. I *mf* *5*

Vln. II *mf* *5*

Vla. *pizz, mp*

Vc. *pizz, mp*

337

Tbn. *mf* 6 6 6 6

Pno. *p* *mp*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



340

Tbn. *f* 3 3

Pno. *f* 3 3 3 3 *ff*

Vln. I *p* *fff*

Vln. II *p* *fff*

Vla. *p, arco* *fff*

Vc. *p, arco* *fff*

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Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pizz

ff pizz

ff

mf

mf



Conducting stops.  
The following section is performed rubato until indicated.

348

Tbn.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

arco

p

arco

p

6

6

6

6

rit.

fff

fff

fff

fff

fff

352

Pno. *f*

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *f*



354

Pno. *8<sup>me</sup>* *accel.*

Vln. I *accel.*

Vln. II *accel.*

Vla.

Vc. *ff* *5* *mp*

356 -

Pno. *mf*

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla.

Vc. *f*



360

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. *mf*

*mp*

*p*

8<sup>vb</sup>

365 **Faster**

**Pno.**  
The piano part features a complex texture. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and ties, while the left hand plays a rhythmic accompaniment with triplets. Dynamics range from *fff* to *mp*, and the tempo changes to *allargando* in the final measure.

**Vln. I**  
Violin I plays a melodic line with slurs and ties, featuring triplets in the later measures.

**Vln. II**  
Violin II plays a melodic line with slurs and ties, featuring triplets in the later measures.

**Vla.**  
Viola plays a melodic line with slurs and ties, featuring triplets in the later measures.

**Vc.**  
Violoncello plays a melodic line with slurs and ties, featuring triplets in the later measures.

**Dynamic markings:** *fff*, *mp*, *p*

**Performance instructions:** *allargando*

Strained, ♩ = 130  
Conductor gives sign to align players

371

Musical score for vocal soloists and piano. The score is in 7/8 time and includes parts for Tbn., Peasant, Noble, Mayor, J. Ball, J. Newton, and Richard II. The piano part is in the bottom system of this section. The lyrics for the vocal parts are: *mox in-fes-tan-do po-ten tes— su - a tur - pi-da ar - ma fer-en-tes reg - ni reg - em,*. The piano part features a *fff* dynamic followed by *mp* and *mf* dynamics, with triplets and a *8va* marking.

Strained, ♩ = 130  
Conductor gives sign to align players

Musical score for string quartet, including parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., and Vc. The score is in 7/8 time. The dynamics are *mp, sul pont.* for the violins and *mf, sul pont.* for the viola and cello. The score features sustained chords and triplets.

Tbn.

Peasant  
*ne-que gen-tes* *si - ne i - u - re fe - re*

Noble  
*ne-que gen-tes* *si - ne i - u - re fe - re*

Mayor  
*ne-que gen-tes* *si - ne i - u - re fe - re*

J. Ball  
*ne-que gen-tes* *si - ne i - u - re fe - re*

J. Newton  
*ne-que gen-tes* *si - ne i - u - re fe - re*

Richard II  
*ne-que gen-tes* *si - ne i - u - re fe - re*

Pno.  
*mp* *mf* *f*

Vln. I  
*p* *mp*

Vln. II  
*p* *mp*

Vla.  
*p* *mp*

Vc.  
*p* *mp*

382

The musical score consists of the following parts:

- Tbn.**: Bass clef, playing a sustained low note.
- Peasant**: Treble clef, lyrics: *su - per - an - tes*
- Noble**: Treble clef, lyrics: *su - per - an - tes*
- Mayor**: Treble clef, lyrics: *su - per - an - tes*
- J. Ball**: Bass clef, lyrics: *su - per - an - tes*
- J. Newton**: Bass clef, lyrics: *su - per - an - tes*
- Richard II**: Treble clef, lyrics: *su - per - an - tes*
- Pno.**: Treble and Bass clefs. The right hand features complex chords and textures, including triplets and a quintuplet, with dynamic markings *sffz* and *ffffz*. A performance instruction reads: "Slam down keyboard cover on piano body". The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.
- Vln. I**: Treble clef, playing a melodic line with slurs.
- Vln. II**: Treble clef, playing a melodic line with slurs.
- Vla.**: Treble clef, playing a melodic line with slurs.
- Vc.**: Bass clef, playing a melodic line with slurs.

J. Straw dies

389

With relief, ♩ = 55

Tbn. *ppp* *f, declamatory and poised*

Richard II It's o-ver your lea-der is dead I am your new lea-der

J. Straw *sfp* *mf* *ff* *f* *p*  
Ah! Dang it, I messed up\_  
*light and distinct, nearly spoken*

Pno. *fff* *mp*  
*una corda*  
Rapid cluster glissandi on piano strings using both hands

With relief, ♩ = 55

Vln. I *p, sul tasto* *extremely lightly*

Vln. II *p, sul tasto* *extremely lightly*

Vla. *p, sul tasto* *extremely lightly*

Vc. *p, sul tasto* *extremely lightly*

397

J. Ball *mf*  
*con-sum-ma-tum est*

Richard II I am your king I or-der you to dis- perse go back to your fam i- lies go home  
The peasants shrug. Exeunt omnes, separately

Pno.

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

404 **accel.**

$\text{♩} = 80$

Tbn.

Pno.

*mp* *7* *7* *ff* *6* *6* *6* *6* *6* *6* *5*

*tre corde* *Ped.* *\*Ped.* *\*Ped.* *\*Ped.* *ped simile*

$\text{♩} = 80$

**accel.**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



Spoken text: The Peasants' Revolt, also called the Great Rising, was a major uprising across large parts of England in 1381.

408 Enter Speaker

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*mp* *ord.* *ff* *mp*

*mp* *ord.* *ff* *mp*

*mp* *ord.* *ff* *mp*

*mp* *ord.* *ff* *mf*

Inspired by radical cleric John Ball, Kentish rebels advanced on London. They were met at Mile End by Richard II, who conceded to their demands.

411

Pno. *f* *p* *ff*

Vln. I *ff* *ppp*

Vln. II *ff* *ppp*

Vla. *ff* *ppp*

Vc.



Soon after, the Mayor of London killed the rebel leader Jack Straw, effectively putting an end to the rebellion.

414

Pno. *p* *mp*

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc.

416

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



418

Exit Speaker

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

420

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

8<sup>va</sup>



423

Tbn.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*f*

*cres. poco a poco*

*cres. poco a poco*

*cres. poco a poco*

*cres. poco a poco*

