In the Presence of an Unknown Light

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Joseph Scardetta

Adagietto \( \approx 70 \)

Bishop
(Tenor Solo)

G----
(Bass Solo)

Protest
Chanters

Flute

Piano

Percussion:
Timpani (G2-D3)
Bell Tree
Snare Drum
Suspended Cymbal
Vibraphone

Harp

Contrabass

Adagietto \( \approx 70 \)

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to Bell Tree

PP

Bell Tree

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This is the first time since I have lived here that anyone has visited me. Who
Bish.

G.

Fl.

Pno.

Perc.

Hp.

Cb.

Andante \( \approx \) 80

You certainly do not seem to me to be ill.

Mon-sieur.

shall die three hours hence. I am something of a doctor; I know how the last

mp express.

Vibraphone

Andante \( \approx \) 80

pp senza express.
hour draws on Ye ster-day on-by my feet were cold. To-day
the chill is in my knees. Now I feel it mounting to my
wait.

When it reaches my heart, I shall stop. It is

good to see a man, a man on the point of death. I should have liked to last

To Bell Tree

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I con-gra-tu-late you sir. Af-ter all, you did not vote for the death of the king.

Do not con-gra-tu-late me

What do you mean? That man has a ty rant

too much sir. I did vote for the end of the ty rant
While ignorance. That tyrant en-gendered royalty which is au-thority falsely understood. While

science is au-thority rightly understood. Man should be governed only by

arco
And con-science.

It is the same thing. Con-science is the in-nate scien-cy with-in us.

As for Lou-is the Six-teenth, I said no. I did not think I had the right to kill a
man, but I felt it my duty to exterminate e -
I voted for that. I voted for that.

The end of the tyrant, the end of prostitution for woman, the
I voted for that. We have caused the fall of the old world, and the

vibraphone motor off

old world that vase of miseries has become through its upsettingpron the
human race an urn of joy!

You may say troubled joy, and to-day joy which has disap-


Mixed

You may say troubled joy, and to-day joy which has disap-


arco
peared

A - las! The work was in - com-plete. We de-mo-lished the old, re-gime in

deads

We de-mo-lished the old re-

Vibr

motor off

pizz.

mp

mp

mp

mp
Bish.

Fl.

Pno.

Vib.

Hp.

Cb.

To Sus. Cym.

The image contains a musical score with notes and dynamics indicated, along with a portion of text in English. The text is not fully readable due to the nature of the musical notation. However, it seems to be discussing deeds, but they were not able to suppress it entirely. To destroy abuses is.
You may have demolished, and it may be of no enough. Customs must change.
And the wrath of Right is an element of progress!

¡El pueblo unido jamás será vencido! ¡El pueblo unido jamás será vencido!
The pueblo nunca se rindió!}

very close to sounding board

French Revolution is the most important step of the
Bish.

G.

Fl.

Pno.

Perc.

Harp.

Cb.

-human race since the advent of Christ. It set free all the, unknown

social quantities. It caused the waves

Vibraphone

mf ped. each note
God! Good cannot have an impious steward. He

who is an atheist is but a bad leader for the
in-finite had no self, the self would be a limit upon the in-finite. In other words it would

not exist. There is then an "I". That "I" of the in-finite is
This is the hour of God.

Time presses.

God!

motor on (wide vib.)

motor off

(motor off)
I came here as a priest, to you a lone soul, to one who is near to him who is in death. This is the hour of God. Do you not think it would be regrettable.
C1

Andante \( \approx 80 \)

Bishop, if we had met in vain? spoken (p)

Bishop, I have passed my life in meditation, study, and

G.

Fl.

Pno.

Vib.

Hp.

Cb.

D1

Andante \( \approx 80 \)

Bishop, I was sixty years of age when my country com-

manded me to con

G.

Fl.

Pno.

Vib.

Hp.

Cb.

mp

pp

mp

pp

mp

pp
cern myself with its affairs. I obeyed. Abscess existed; I combated them.

ted them. Tyrannies existed; I destroyed them. Rights and principles

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existed; I proclaimed and confessed them. Our country was invaded I do

I have aided the oppressed and comforted the suffering.
I have done my duty, with all my powers and all the good I was able. After which I was hunted down, persecuted and cursed.
For many years I wish my white hair have been conscious that many think they have the right to despise me. To the poor, igno-rant...
on the point of death
What is it that you have come to ask of me?

To Bell Tree

Your

To Bell Tree

O1