

## Text

Dies iræ, dies illa,  
solvet sæclum in favilla:  
teste David cum Sibylla.

Quantus tremor est futurus,  
quando judex est venturus,  
cuncta stricte discussurus!

Tuba, mirum spargens sonum  
per sepulchra regionum,  
coget omnes ante thronum.

Mors stupebit, et natura,  
Cum resurget creatura,  
iudicanti responsura.

Rex tremendæ maiestatis,  
Qui salvandos salvas gratis,  
Salva me, fons pietatis.

Quærens me, sedisti lassus:  
Redemisti Crucem passus:  
Tantus labor non sit cassus.

Iuste Iudex ultionis,  
Donum fac remissionis  
Ante diem rationis.

## Translation

*The day of wrath, that day,  
will dissolve the world in ashes,  
(this is) the testimony of David along with the sibyl.*

*How great will be the quaking,  
when the Judge is about to descend,  
strictly investigating all things!*

*The trumpet, scattering a wondrous sound  
through the sepulchres of the regions,  
will summon all before the throne.*

*Death and nature will marvel,  
when the creature will rise again,  
to respond to the Judge.*

*King of fearsome majesty,  
Who saves the redeemed freely,  
save me, O fount of mercy.*

*Seeking me, You rested, tired  
You redeemed [me], having suffered the cross  
let not such hardship be in vain.*

*Just Judge of vengeance,  
make a gift of remission  
before the day of reckoning.*

—Traditional Latin

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# Dies Irae

*for SATB Chorus and Piano*

Traditional Latin

José Maurício Nunes Garcia (1767–1830)  
*arr. by Matthew Harrison (ASCAP)*

**Allegro vivo**

Soprano      Alto

Tenor      Bass

**Allegro vivo**

Piano

4

Di es i rae,

Di es i rae,

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From *Missa de Requiem*, CPM 185 (1816), José Maurício Nunes Garcia (1767–1830), PD.

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7

di - es il - la sol-vet  
di - es il - la,  
sol-vet

10

sae - clum, sol-vet sae - clum in fa - vil - la, tes-te  
sae - clum, sol-vet sae - clum in fa - vil - la, tes-te

13

Da - vid cum Si - byl - la, tes - te Da - vid cum Si -  
Da - vid cum Si - byl - la, tes - te Da - vid cum Si -

16

byl - la, cum Si - byl - la. Quan - tus

byl - la, cum Si - byl - la. Quan - tus

20

tre - mor est fu - tu rus,

tre - mor est fu - tu rus,

23

quan - tus tre - mor est fu - tu rus,

quan - tus tre - mor est fu - tu rus,

The musical score consists of three systems of music. The top system starts at measure 16, featuring two vocal parts (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics "byl - la, cum Si - byl - la." are repeated twice, followed by "Quan - tus". The middle system begins at measure 20, continuing the vocal parts and piano. The lyrics "tre - mor est fu - tu rus," are repeated twice. The bottom system begins at measure 23, continuing the vocal parts and piano. The lyrics "quan - tus tre - mor est fu - tu rus," are repeated twice. Measure numbers 16, 20, and 23 are positioned to the left of their respective systems. Dynamics like *p* (piano) are indicated above certain notes. The piano part features various chords and bass lines.

26

quan-do ju - dex est ven -

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tu - rus, cun - cta stri - cte dis - cus - su - rus, cun - cta

tu - rus, cun - cta stri - cte dis - cus - su - rus, cun - cta

stri - cte dis - cus - su - rus, cun - cta stri - cte dis - cus -

stri - cte dis - cus - su - rus, cun - cta stri - cte dis - cus -

35

su \_\_\_\_\_  
rus,  
cun - cta stri -  
su -  
- rus,  
cun - cta stri -

38

cte dis - cus - su  
- rus.  
cte dis - cus - su  
rus.

41

f

46      *unis.*

**p**

Tu - ba mi - rum spar - gens so - num

Tu - ba mi - rum spar - gens so - num

**p**

**f**

Per se - pul - cra re - gi - o - num,

Per se - pul - cra re - gi - o - num,

**p**

co - get, co - get o - mnes, co - get o - mnes

co - get, co - get o - mnes, co - get o - mnes

**f**

61

an - te      thro - num.

an - te      thro - num.

65 *Solo p*

S: Mors stu - pe - bit et na - tu - ra, Cum re -

A: *Solo p* Mors stu - pe - bit et na - tu - ra,

T: *Solo p* Mors stu - pe - bit et na - tu - ra,

B: *p*

70

*Tutti f*

sur - get cre - a - tu - ra, Ju - di - can - ti

*Tutti f*

Cum re - sur - get cre - a - tu - ra, Ju - di - can - ti

*Tutti f*

8 Cum re - sur - get cre - a - tu - ra, Ju - di - can - ti

(Tutti) *f*

Ju - di - can - ti

75

*Solo p*

re - spon - su - ra, re - spon - su -

*Solo p*

re - spon - su - ra, re - spon - su -

*Solo p*

8 re - spon - su - ra, re - spon - su -

*Solo p*

re - spon - su - ra, re - spon - su -

*p*

80

ra,  
ra,  
ra,  
ra,  
ra,  
ra,

re - spon - su - ra,  
re - spon - su - ra,  
re - spon - su - ra,  
re - spon - su - ra,

85

S A T B

Tutti unis. *f*

Rex, rex,

Tutti unis. *f*

Rex, rex,

*p*

*f*

12

89

Musical score for measures 89-92. The vocal line consists of two parts: a soprano part and a basso continuo part. The soprano part has lyrics: "rex tre - men - dae ma - jes - ta - tis," repeated. The basso continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The key signature changes from B-flat major to A major at measure 90.

93

Musical score for measures 93-96. The vocal line consists of two parts: a soprano part and a basso continuo part. The soprano part has lyrics: "Rex, rex, rex tre - men - dae ma - jes - Rex, rex, rex tre - men - dae - ma - jes -". The basso continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The key signature changes from B-flat major to A major at measure 94.

97

Musical score for measures 97-100. The vocal line consists of two parts: a soprano part and a basso continuo part. The soprano part has lyrics: "ta - tis, Qui sal - - van - dos ta - tis, Qui sal - - van - dos". The basso continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The key signature changes from B-flat major to A major at measure 98.

101

101

sal - vas gra - tis, Sal - va me, fons pi - e - ta - tis.  
 sal - vas gra - tis, Sal - va me, fons pi - e - ta - tis.

105 Solo

Solo Re - cor - da - re, Je - su pi - e,  
 Solo Re - cor - da - re, Je - su pi - e,

109

Quod sum cau - sa tu - ae vi - ae,  
 Quod sum cau - sa tu - ae vi - ae,

113

Ne me per - das il - la di - e. Quae - rens

Ne me per - das il - la di - e. Quae - rens

118

me, se - di - sti las - sus, Re - de -

me, se - di - sti las - sus, Re - de -

122

Tutti **f**

mi - sti cru - cem pas - sus, Tan - tus

Tutti **f**

**f**

mi - sti cru - cem pas - sus, Tan - tus

126

la - bor, tan - tus la - bor non sit  
la - bor, tan - tus la - bor non sit

130

cas - sus. Jus - te ju - dex ul - ti -  
cas - sus. Jus - te ju - dex ul - ti -

135

o - mis, Do - num fac re - mis - si - o - nis,  
o - mis Do - num fac re - mis - si - o - nis,

139 *f*

An - te di - em, an - te di - em ra - ti -

An - te di - em, an - te di - em ra - ti -

143

o - - nis.

o - - nis.

cresc. al fine