

The monk Eilmer of Malmesbury sees a mysterious celestial body

Eilmer of Malmesbury, 1066

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♩ = 90

Soprano *solo p*
You've come, have you? have you? have you? You've

Alto *solo p*
Come, — come, — come, — come,

Tenor *solo p*
You've come, come, come, come, have you?

Bass *solo p*
You've come, come, come, come,

Percussion (bass drum)

The mysterious celestial body is Halley's Comet (though it won't be named until 1705). The fear that it was an ill omen turned out to be justified. A few months later the English lost the Battle of Hastings and King Harold was killed.

10

S. *mp* *p*
come, you source of tears, — you've come, you source of tears to ma-ny mo - thers. It's long since I saw you, long since I

A. *mp* *p*
come, you source of tears, you've come you source of tears to mo - thers. Long, — long, — long, —

T. *p*
It's long, long, long,

B. *mp* *p*
come, you source of tears, you source of tears. Long, long, long,

18

S. *mf*
saw you, but now you're much more ter-ri - ble, — but now you're much more ter-ri - ble, — For now I see you

A. *mf*
— long, now you're much more ter-ri - ble, — but now you're much more ter-ri - ble, — For now I

T. *mf*
long, now you're more you're much more ter-ri - ble, now I

B. *mf*
long, now you're much more, you're much more ter-ri - ble, now I

24

S. *p*
 bran-dish-ing the down - fall_ of my coun - try, for now I see you bran-dish-ing the down - fall_ of my coun - try.

A. *p*
 see you, down - fall_ of my coun - try, for now I see you, down - fall_ of my coun - try.

T. *p*
 see you, down - fall, now I see you, down - fall_ of my coun - try.

B. *p*
 see you, down - fall, now I see you, down - fall_ of my coun - try.

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29 ♩ = 150

S.

A. *tutti pp cresc.*
 You've come, you source of tears, you've come, you source of

T. *tutti ff*
 You! _____

B. *tutti ff*
 You! _____

Perc. *ff pp cresc.*

38 *tutti mp*

S. *mp cresc.*
 ma - ny mo - thers.

A. *mp cresc.*
 tears, you've come, you source of tears to ma - ny mo - thers. You've come, you source of tears, you've come, you source of tears, you've

T. *mp cresc.*
 source tears source tears

B. *mp cresc.*
 source tears source tears

Perc.

45

S. *f* ma-ny mo-thers. source tears source tears

A. *f* come, you source of tears to ma-ny mo-thers. You've come, you source of tears, you've come, you source of tears, you've

T. *f* source tears come source tears come source tears

B. *f* source tears source of tears source of tears

Perc. *f*

51

S. *ff* fall off each note source tears You source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

A. *ff* fall off each note come, you source of tears to ma-ny mo-thers, source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

T. *ff* fall off each note come source tears ma-ny mo-thers, You source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

B. *ff* fall off each note source of tears source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

Perc. *ff*

57

S. *f* source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears You've come, have you? You've come, have you? You've

A. source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears.

T. *f* source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears. You've come, have you? You've come, have you? You've

B. *f* source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears have you? have you?

Perc. *f*

2

63

S. come, have you? have you? You've come, have you? You've come, have you? You've come, have you? have you? You've come, have you? You've

A. *f* have you? You've come, have you? You've come, have you? You've come, have you? have you? You've come, have you? You've

T. come, have you? have you? You've come, have you? You've come, have you? You've come, have you? have you? You've come, have you? You've

B. have you? have you? have you? have you? have you? You've come, have you? You've

Perc.

70

S. *ff* come, have you? You've come, have you? have you? You source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

A. *ff* come, have you? You've come, have you? have you? You source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

T. *ff* come, have you? You've come, have you? have you? You source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

B. *ff* come, have you? You've come, have you? have you? source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

Perc. *ff*

77

S. *f* source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears o o o o

A. *f* source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears. You've come, you source of tears,

T. *f* source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears. You've come, you source of tears, you've

B. *f* source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears You you you you you

Perc. *mf*

83

S. o o o o o o o o ma-ny mo-thers

A. — you've come, — you source of tears, — you've come, — you source of tears.

T. 8 come, you source of tears, — you've come, you source of tears — to ma-ny mo-thers.

B. you you you you you you you ma-ny mo-thers

Perc.

88 *mf*

S. ma-ny ma-ny ma - ny mo-thers ma-ny m m ma - ny mo-thers ma-ny ma-ny ma - ny mo-thers ma-ny m m ma - ny mo-thers

A. *mf*
ma-ny m m ma - ny mo-thers ma-ny ma-ny ma - ny mo-thers

T. 8 *mf*
Source of tears, you source of tears, you

B. *mf*
ma-ny mo-thers ma-ny mo-thers ma-ny mo-thers ma-ny mo-thers

92 *f*

S. ma-ny ma-ny ma - ny mo-thers ma-ny m m ma - ny mo-thers ma-ny ma-ny ma - ny mo-thers ma-ny m m ma-ny mo-thers

A. *f*
ma-ny m m ma - ny mo-thers ma-ny ma-ny ma - ny mo-thers ma-ny m m ma-ny mo-thers ma-ny ma-ny ma - ny mo-thers

T. 8 *f*
source of tears, you source of tears.

B. *f*
ma-ny mo-thers ma-ny mo-thers ma-ny m m ma-ny mo-thers ma-ny ma-ny ma - ny mo-thers

Perc. *p* *f*

4
96 *sub. pp*

S. ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny

A. *p*
It is long since I saw you,

T. *sub. pp*
ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny

B. *sub. pp*
nn e nn e nn e nn e nn e nn e nn e nn e nn e

Perc. *sub. pp*

101 *p*

S. long since I saw you. But

A. long since I saw you. But

T. ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny ma-ny But

B. nn e nn e nn e nn e nn e nn e nn e nn e nn e nn But

Perc.

5
106 *f*

S. now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble

A. now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble

T. now

B. now

Perc. *f*

113

S. now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble

A. now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble

T. *f* much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble

B. *f* much more much more much more much more

Perc.

120

S. now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble

A. now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble now you are much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble You *ff*

T. much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble You *ff*

B. much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble much more ter-ri-ble

Perc.

128 *ff*

S. source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

A. source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

T. source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

B. *ff* source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you source of tears you

Perc. *ff*

6

134

S. source of tears you source of tears

A. source of tears you source of tears. *f* down - - fall

T. *f* source of tears you source of tears. I see you bran-dish-ing the down-fall of my coun-try, I see you bran-dish-ing the

B. *f* source of tears you source of tears I see you bran-dish-ing the down-fall of my coun-try, I see you bran-dish-ing the

Perc. *mf*

140

S. *f* down down down down d down-fall down down down down d

A. down - - fall down - - fall down - - fall

T. down-fall, I see you bran-dish-ing the down-fall, I see you bran-dish-ing the down-fall, I see you bran-dish-ing the

B. down-fall, I see you bran-dish-ing the down-fall, I see you bran-dish-ing the down-fall, I see you bran-dish-ing the

Perc.

146

S. down-fall the down down-fall down down-fall down down-fall of my coun - try

A. *p* down down-fall down down-fall down down-fall of my coun - try down down d down down d down-fall

T. *p* down-fall, the down down - fall of my coun - try down down d down down d down-fall

B. down-fall, the down down - fall of my coun - try

Perc. *f* *p*

154 *ff* 7 *p dim.*

S. *ff* down down-fall down down-fall down down-fall of my coun-try down down d down down d

A. *ff* down down-fall down down-fall down down-fall of my coun-try *p* down down d down down d down-fall *dim.* down down d down down d

T. *ff* down down - fall of my coun-try *p* down down d down down d down-fall *dim.* down down d down down d

B. *ff* down down - fall of my coun-try *p* down down d down down d down-fall *dim.* down down d down down d

Perc. *ff* *p*

163

S. down-fall down down d down down d down-fall down down d down down d down-fall down down d down down d down-fall

A. down-fall down down d down down d down-fall down down d down down d down-fall down down d down down d down-fall

T. down-fall down down d down down d down-fall down down d down down d down-fall down down d down down d down-fall

B. down-fall down down d down down d down-fall down down d down down d down-fall down down d down down d down-fall

Perc.

173 *ppp*

S. *ppp* down down d down down d down-fall

A. *ppp* down down d down down d down-fall

T. *ppp* down down d down down d down-fall

B. *ppp* down down d down down d down-fall

Perc. *ppp* *ppp* *ff*