

The donkey

Words: G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

Music: COLIN MAWBY

Very dramatic and fairly slow ♩ = 70

SOPRANO

ALTO *f declamatory*

TENOR *f*

BASS

ORGAN *f*

Man.

When fish - es flew and for - ests walked And figs grew up - on thorn,

And figs grew up - on thorn,

5

più f *ff*

Some mo - ment when the moon was blood Then sure - ly I was

PROMOTIONAL COPY *ff*

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grew - up - on thorn, Some mo - ment when the moon was blood Then sure - ly I was

più f *ff*

Some mo - ment when the moon was blood Then sure - ly I was

più f *ff*

Some mo - ment when the moon was blood Then sure - ly I was

più f *ff*

10 *sub. p.*
 born, then sure - ly I was born:
sub. p.
 born, then sure - ly I was born, sure - ly I was
sub. p.
 born, then sure - ly I was born, sure - ly I was
sub. p.
 born, then sure - ly I was born:
sub. p.
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pp simile
 Ped.

14 **Allegro** ♩ = 104 *mf vicious* *sub. p sempre cresc.*
 With mon-strous head and sick-en-ing cry, mon-strous, mon-strous, mon-strous,
mf vicious *sub. p sempre cresc.*
 born: With mon-strous head and sick-en-ing cry, mon-strous, mon-strous, mon-strous,
mf vicious *sub. p sempre cresc.*
 born: With mon-strous head and sick-en-ing cry, mon-strous, mom-strous, mon-strous,
sub. p sempre cresc.
 mon-strous, mon-strous, mon-strous,
Allegro ♩ = 104 *mf simile*

19 *f* *ff*

mon-strous head and sick - - - en-ing cry, sick - - -

f *ff*

mon-strous head, and mon - strous, mon - strous, mon-strous, mon-strous, mon-strous,

f *ff*

mon-strous head, and sick - - - en-ing cry, sick - - -

f *ff*

mon-strous head, and mon - strous, mon - strous, mon-strous, mon-strous, mon-strous,

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f *ff*

Man. Ped.

23 *f*

- en - ing cry And ears like err - ant, err - ant wings,

f

mon - strous, mon - strous And ears like err - ant, err - ant wings,

f

- en - ing cry And ears like err - ant, err - ant wings,

f

mon - strous, mon - strous err - ant wings,

f

Man.

28

mf The de - vil's walk - ing pa - ro - dy On

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mf The de - vil's walk - ing pa - ro - dy On

ff *mf*

Ped.

32

f all four - foot - ed things;

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f all four - foot - ed things;

f all four - foot - ed things;

f *più f*

Man. Ped.

38

ff The tat - tered out - law of the earth *ff* Of an - cient crook - ed will:

ff The tat - tered out - law of the earth *ff* Of an - cient crook - ed will:

ff The tat - tered out - law of the earth *ff* Of an - cient crook - ed will:

ff The tat - tered out - law of the earth *ff* Of an - cient crook - ed will:

ff Man. *ff* Ped.

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42

violent Starve, scourge, de - ride me:

violent Starve, scourge, de - ride me: *f* I am dumb,

violent Starve, scourge, de - ride me:

violent Starve, scourge, de - ride me:

Man. *f* Ped. Man.

48

rit.

sub. p
I keep my se - cret still.

sub. p
I keep my se - cret still.

sub. p
I keep my se - cret still.

sub. p
I keep my se - cret still.

rit.

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sub. p

Ped.

53

**Allegro vivace
with great joy** ♩ = 126

mf

Fools! _____ For I _____ al - so had _____ my _____

mf

Fools! _____ For I _____ al - so had _____ my _____

**Allegro vivace
with great joy** ♩ = 126

mf

Man.

57

mf hour; I al - so had my hour;

mf I al - so had my hour; *f* one.

mf hour; I al - so had my hour; *f* one.

mf One far fierce_ hour and_ sweet, one.

mf

Ped.

61

più f *sub. p sempre cresc.*

There was a shout, a shout, a shout, a shout, a

sub. p sempre cresc.

far fierce_ hour_ and_ sweet: a shout, a shout, a shout, a

sub. p sempre cresc.

far fierce_ hour_ and_ sweet: a shout, a shout, a shout, a

sub. p sempre cresc.

far fierce_ hour_ and_ sweet: a shout, a

f *sub. p sempre cresc.*

64 *ff* **rit.** **maestoso**

shout a - bout my ears, a shout, And palms be -

shout a - bout my ears, a shout, And palms be -

shout a - bout my ears, a shout, And palms be -

shout a - bout my ears, a shout, And palms be -

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68 **rit.** **a tempo** **senza rit.** **fff**

- fore my feet, palms be - fore my feet.

- fore my feet, palms be - fore my feet.

- fore my feet, palms be - fore my feet.

- fore my feet, palms be - fore my feet.

rit. **a tempo** **senza rit.** **fff**

Man. Ped.