

'CONFESSIO' of ST PATRICK (Texts selected by

EGO, PATRICIUS PECCATOR, RUSTICISSIMUS ET MINIMUS
OMNIUM FIDELIUM ET CONTEMPTIBILIS SUM APUD PLURIMOS.

Douglas Mews)

I am Patrick, a sinner, most unlearned, the least of all the faithful and despised by many. My father was Calpornius of the village Bannavem Taburniae. There I was taken captive... I was then about sixteen years of age. I did not know the true God, but in captivity in Ireland the love of God came to me... The love of God came to me... Every day I had to tend sheep; I prayed through snow, through frost, through rain. The spirit within me was fervent.

One night I heard in my sleep a voice -

'It is well that you fast - soon you will go to your own country. See, your ship is ready'

I left the man with whom I had stayed for six years. In the strength of God, I came to that ship. We set sail... after three days we reached land. After travelling through deserted country for a few years, I was in Britain again with my people. And there I saw in the night the vision of a man, Victoricus, coming as it were from Ireland with letters. He gave me one of them and I read the opening words :

'The voice of the Irish - VOX HYBERIONACUM '. I thought I heard their voice, crying out with one mouth - 'We ask thee, boy, come and walk among us once more' .

I awoke full of joy and went to Ireland, not of my own accord, but by the gift - so great, so salutary - the gift to know God, to love him. I have now lived among you in faith and sincerity of heart. I am very much God's debtor, who gave me such grace that many people were reborn in God through me.

Christ was poor for our sakes. I have no wealth ; daily I expect murder, fraud, captivity; but I fear none of these things, because of the promise of heaven.

So now I commend my soul to my most faithful God....

ECCE NUNC COMMENDO ANIMAM MEAM FIDELISSIMO DEO MEO.....

This is my confession before I die..

ET HAEC EST CONFESSIO MEA ANTEQUAM MORIAR....

CONFESSIO
&
ST. PATRICK

CRAIG UTTING

TEXT: Selections made
by Douglas Mews from
'Confessio of St. Patrick'

BASS $\text{♩} \approx 80$ Simply

BARITONE

SOLO:

E-GO, PA-TRI-CI-US PEC-CA-TOR, RUS-TI-CIS-SI-MUS

SOLO

ET MI-NI-MUS OM-NI-UM FI-DE-LI-UM ET CON-TEMP-TI-BI-

SOLO

-LIS SUM A-PUD PLU-RI-mos

Speaker:

I am Patrick, a sinner,

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Tranquil
Very Smoothly

PP E-GO, PA-TRI-CI-US PEC-

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Very Smoothly

PP E-GO, PA-TRI-CI-US PEC-

$\text{♩} \approx 72$

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most unlearned, the least of all the faithful and despised by many. My father was Calpornius of the village Bannavem

Handwritten musical score for the second system. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: - CA - TOR RUS - TI - CIS - SI - MUS ET MI - NI - MUS OM - NI - UM FI - Taburniae. There I was taken captive.... The music is in 5/4 time and includes dynamic markings like *pp*. There are some circled notes in the vocal line.

Handwritten musical score for the third system. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: - DE - LI - UM ET CON - TEMP - TI - BI - LIS SUM A - PUD PLU - RI - DE - LI - UM ET CON - TEMP - TI - BI - LIS SUM A - PUD PLU - RI - The music is in 5/4 time and includes dynamic markings like *pp*.

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I was then about sixteen years of age.

I did not know the true God, but in

Handwritten musical score for the fourth system. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: - mos PLU - RI - MOS SUM A - PUD PLU - RI - MOS THE THE The music is in 5/4 time and includes dynamic markings like *pp*. There are some circled notes in the vocal line.

Handwritten musical score for the fifth system. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: captivity in Ireland the love of God came to me. PLU - RI - MOS SUM A - PUD PLU - RI - MOS THE THE The music is in 5/4 time and includes dynamic markings like *pp*.