

But the day of the Lord will come

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Authorised Edition

2 Peter III 10

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Grave $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written in common time (C) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a Bass line and an Instrumental Bass line. The score is divided into three systems, each with vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and an Instrumental Bass line. The first system (measures 1-6) begins with a 'Grave' tempo marking and a metronome marking of 80. The lyrics are 'But the day of the Lord shall come as a'. The second system (measures 7-11) continues the lyrics 'thief in the night, in which the heav'ns shall pass a - way with a great'. The third system (measures 12-17) includes a section marked 'A' and continues the lyrics 'noise. But the day of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night, in which the heav'ns shall pass a - way the heav'ns shall pass a - way, the heav'ns shall pass a - way, with a great'. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano) and *f* (forte), and articulation marks like accents and slurs. The Instrumental Bass line provides a steady accompaniment throughout.

Bass

Instrumental bass

B

IB

T

B

IB

S

A

T

B

IB

Composer's note:

About 60 years ago, as a teenager, I was walking down Queens Road, Brentwood, when I saw outside an evangelical chapel the text: "And the elements shall melt with a fervent heat", on a placard. This is a quotation from 2 Peter X 3, though the Authorised Version omits the indefinite article. The music of central D major section came into my mind. I had recently been introduced to Handel's *Messiah*, as is perhaps evident from the style of the music.

I never wrote this music down, and it had remained dormant in my mind until it occurred to me in March 2017 that I could perhaps work it into a West Gallery anthem. I then composed the outer D minor sections. So the central section is the product of my adolescent mind.

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B Brisk $\text{♩}=120$

24

S
noise, *ff* with a great noise, *mf* shall

A
noise, *ff* with a great noise, *mf* and the e-le-ments shall

T
noise, *ff* with a great noise, *mf* and the e-le-ments shall melt, shall

B
noise, *ff* with a great noise, *mf* and the e-le-ments shall melt, the e-le-ments shall

IB
ff *mf*

30

S
melt with a fer-vent heat, with a fer-vent heat, shall

A
melt with a fer-vent heat, with a fer-vent heat, shall

T
melt a fer-vent heat, shall

B
melt a fer-vent heat, and the e-le-ments shall

IB

36

S
melt, shall melt, shall melt with a fer-vent heat, with a fer-

A
melt, shall melt, shall melt with a fer-vent heat, with a fer-vent, fer-vent,

T
melt, and the e-le-ments shall melt, shall melt with a fer-vent heat, with a fer-

B
melt, shall melt, shall melt with a fer-vent heat, with a fer-vent, fer-vent,

IB

C

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44

S
A
T
B
IB

vent heat, shall melt with a fer-vent heat, shall melt,
fer-vent heat, shall melt with a fer-vent heat, and the e-le-ments shall melt,
vent heat, shall melt with a fer-vent heat, shall melt, and the
fer-vent heat, shall melt with a fer-vent heat, shall melt,

51

S
A
T
B
IB

shall melt, shall melt, shall melt with a fer-vent heat,
shall melt, shall melt, shall melt with a fer-vent heat,
e-le-ments shall melt, shall melt, shall melt with a fer-vent heat,
shall melt, and the e-le-ments shall melt, shall melt with a fer-vent heat, and the

58

S
A
T
B
IB

D
and the e-le-ments shall melt with a fer-vent heat.
and the e-le-ments shall melt, shall melt with a fer-vent heat.
and the e-le-ments shall melt, the e-le-ments shall melt with a fer-vent heat.
e-le-ments shall melt, shall melt with a fer-vent heat.

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65 **E** Grave $\text{♩} = 80$

p The earth al - so and the

71 shall be

shall be burned up, shall be

works that are there - in shall be burned up, shall be burned up, shall be

77 **F**

f shall be burned up, shall be burned up,

f burned up. shall be burned up, shall be burned up,

f burned up. shall be burned up, shall be burned up,

f burned up, shall be burned up, shall be burned up,

83

p shall be burned up, *pp* shall be burned up.

p shall be burned up, *pp* shall be burned up.

p shall be burned up, *pp* shall be burned up.

p shall be burned up, *pp* shall be burned up.

p shall be burned up, *pp* shall be burned up.