Thomas Tudway

(c.1650 - 1726)

Arise, Shine, for thy light is come

A verse anthem on the Feast of the Epiphany for 3 voices

Edited by Stephen Bullamore

Vocal Score (M18 TUD/3) ATTB soloists, SATB choir

INTRODUCTION

Thomas Tudway was one of the leading musicians of his generation. One of the first group of choristers to sing in the Chapel Royal after the Restoration of the monarchy, he was later Organist at King's College, Cambridge and Professor of Music. He also held the post of University Organist and was Organist of Peterhouse and Pembroke Colleges.

Perusal copy only - not licensed for copying or performance Were it not for his propensity towards outspokenness, there seems little doubt that he would have been appointed as a Composer to the Chapel Royal. In 1712, there were newspaper reports that he was to be appointed as a "Supernumerary Composer" and in 1714 a warrant was drawn up in order to appoint him as a third composer at Chapel Royal (alongside William Croft and John Wel/ This warrant was never executed. In July 1706 he suspended from his Cambridge posts for his pc words with regard to Queen Anne.

Tudway is particularly famous for the cel' music he made for Lord Harley, resid near Cambridge. Six quarto volum 2800 pages of music were made Tudway received £30 for eac' collection, Tudway entered correspondence with t^k Wanley. The two ser as well as a succer loan or by pur Tudway for

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e present editor has taken the r tessitura) that the upper part of nt be best taken by a high tenor and ter taken by a falsettist or his female.

es not specify solo stops for the right hand material found in this anthem. Editorial suggestions ased on other works by the composer and on those of her writers, found in contemporaneous organ books and

Verse anthems at the Chapel Royal were accompanied by lute and cello (in addition to the organ) after 1711, though there is no evidence that this practice was replicated in any other institution. Parts can be supplied on request.

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The organs used by the Chapel Royal in the early eighteenth century were all pitched a little sharper than modern pitch, in particular that at St James' Palace, pitched at a'=c.474. It is clear that the musicians of the time sometimes transposed in either direction. This anthem could work well at modern pitch in either the printed key or, if a falsettist were preferred for the verse sections, up a tone.

SOURCE

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CRITICAL COMMENTARY

b. 137 organ right hand: first two crotchets both a'in source

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