

Gabriel Jackson

At The Last Day

for four solo voices

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Duration: 6 minutes

The elements with fervent heat
Shall melt like wax in furnace glow,
The flames from hills and mountains meet
And all the ocean boil below.
The azure curtain of our sphere,
Hung like a mantle o'er the earth,
Shall shrivel up and disappear
Like bark upon the burning hearth.

And still the fiery storm to urge
The four strong winds together haste,
And, with the might of angels, scourge
The willing flames to wilder waste.
Thus do destroying powers repeal
Thy six days' work with one accord,
But Thy dominion would not feel
The loss of thousand worlds, O Lord!

Dugald Buchanan (1716-1768)
(from *The Spiritual Songs of Dugald Buchanan*)
translated by Lachlan MacBean (1853-1931)

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Text: Dugald Buchanan

Music: Gabriel Jackson

Very still and sustained (e = c.104)

Soprano

Mezzo-soprano 1

Mezzo-soprano 2

Alto

The e - - - - - le -

The e - - - - - le - ments

6

Shall

pp

ments with - - - - - fer - - - - - vent heat

Shall

pp

Shall

pp

with - - - - - fer - - - - - vent heat

Shall

11

melt like wax in fur - nace glow, - - - - - The flames

p

melt like wax in fur - nace glow, - - - - -

melt like wax in fur - nace glow, - - - - - The flames

p

melt like wax in fur - nace glow, - - - - -

20

from hills and moun - - 5 - -

from hills and moun - -

25

- tains meet, *pp* And all the o-cean boil be - low. *p* The

And all the o-cean boil be - low. *pp* The *p*

- tains meet, *pp* And all the o-cean boil be - low. *p*

And all the o-cean boil be - low. *pp* The *p*

34

a - - - 5 - - zure cur - tain of our

a - - - zure cur - tain

a - - - zure cur - tain of

39

sphere Hung like a

of our sphere Hung like a

our sphere Hung like a

44

man - tle o'er the earth, Shall shri - vel up and

man - tle o'er the earth, Shall shri - vel up and

man - tle o'er the earth, Shall shri - vel up and

51

dis - ap - pear, shall dis - ap - pear, Shall shri - vel up, shri - vel up and dis - ap

dis - ap - pear, shall dis - ap - pear, Shall shri - vel up, shri - vel up and dis - ap

dis - ap - pear, shall dis - ap - pear, Shall shri - vel up, shri - vel up and dis - ap

dis - ap - pear, shall dis - ap - pear, Shall shri - vel up, shri - vel up and dis - ap

little by little
p cresc. poco a poco

58

- pear Like bark u - pon the burn - ing_ hearth._____ And still the_ fier -
p cresc. poco a poco

- pear Like bark u - pon the burn - ing_ hearth._____ And still the_ fier -
p cresc. poco a poco

- pear Like bark u - pon the burn - ing_ hearth._____ And still the_ fier -
p cresc. poco a poco

- pear Like bark u - pon the burn - ing_ hearth._____ And still the_ fier -

becoming more urgent

67

- - - - - 3 - - - - - 3 - - - - - 3 - - - - -

- - - - - 3 - - - - - 3 - - - - - 3 - - - - -

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73

- y storm_____ to urge_____ The four winds_____

- y storm_____ to urge_____ The four winds_____

- y storm_____ to urge_____ The four winds_____

- y storm_____ to urge_____ The four winds_____

80

to - ge - ther haste, And, with the might of an -

to - ge - ther haste, And, with the might of an -

to - ge - ther haste, And, with the might of an -

to - ge - ther haste, And, with the might of an -

87

- gels, scourge The wil - ling flames to

- gels, scourge The wil - ling flames to

- gels, scourge The wil - ling flames to

- gels, scourge The wil - ling flames to

92

wild - - - er waste. Thus

wild - - - er waste. Thus

wild - - - er waste. Thus

wild - - - er waste. Thus

A tempo (♩ = c.104)

98

do des - troy - ing powers re - peal, _____ Thus do des - troy - ing powers _____ re -

do des - troy - ing powers re - peal, _____ Thus do des - troy - ing powers _____ re -

— do des - troy - ing powers re - peal, _____ Thus do des - troy - ing powers _____ re

— do des - troy - ing powers re - peal, _____ Thus do des - troy - ing powers _____ re

102

peal _____ The wil - ling flames _____ to

peal _____ The wil - ling flames _____ to

- peal _____ The wil - ling flames _____ to

- peal _____ The wil - ling flames _____ to

105

wi - der _____ waste. _____ But

wi - der _____ waste. _____ But

— wi - der _____ waste. _____ But

— wi - der _____ waste. _____ But

Slower (e = c.84)

108

Thy do - min - ion would not feel The loss of

But Thy do - min - ion would not feel The loss of

Thy The loss of

Thy The loss of

114

thou - sand worlds, The loss of thou - sand worlds, of thou - sand

thou - sand worlds, The loss of thou - sand worlds, of thou - sand

thou - sand worlds, The loss of thou - sand worlds, of thou - sand

thou - sand worlds, The loss of thou - sand worlds, of thou - sand

120

worlds, The loss of thou - sand worlds, O Lord.

worlds, The loss of thou - sand worlds, O Lord.

worlds, The loss of thou - sand worlds, O Lord.

worlds, The loss of thou - sand worlds, O Lord.