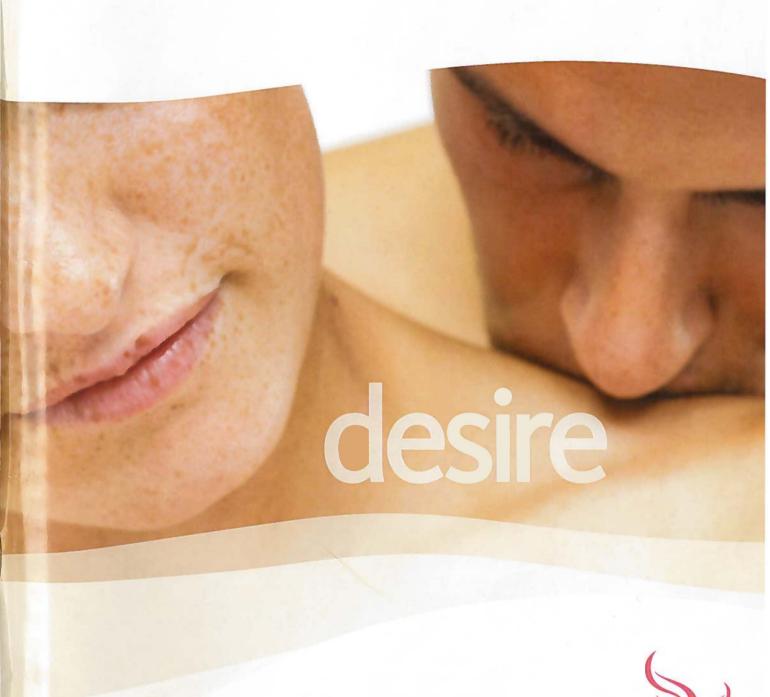
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The creation of hope: the re-creation of a better world

An interview with Tan Dun

by Victoria Looseleaf

"The first time I heard Bach was like spiritual medicine. It was a huge awakening and I learned so much from it," says the eminent New York-based composer Tan Dun, recalling his reaction to the Baroque master as part of his studies at age 20 at Beijing's Central Conservatory.

As well it should have been to a boy who came of age during the Cultural Revolution, where, as a victim of Mao Tse Tung's edicts, Tan was forced to live in rural China and plant rice. Whether because of those events or in spite of them, Tan has forged a phenomenally successful career that transcends boundaries, be they geographic, economic or cultural.

"Mao had a theory," explains Tan, "that if you are educated more, you are poisoned more. To me, this disaster turned out to be a lucky period of my music life, because I had time and experience to be with farmers and start to learn and collect local music."

Tan's so-called "lucky period", which began when he was nine and ended 10 years later, has yielded amazingly rich fruits. Included are works that have won the world's top prizes, among them the Grawemeyer in 1998 for the opera, *Marco Polo*, and, three years later, Tan took home the Grammy™ and Academy Awards for his score of the film *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

Tan, who was born in the Hunan province of China in 1957, also has earlier memories: hearing ritualistic music found in traditional Chinese folk songs and folk opera. "The memory stayed in me strongly," Tan points out, "especially after I started [in] Western music. When I was a child with my grandmother, the organic music, which is water music, or stone music, was part of our daily life at that time."

"The local people," adds Tan, "were very poor and didn't have money to buy instruments. Meanwhile, it's part of a tradition to use a lot of natural materials to make music."



All of those remembrances served him well, as Tan, who came to America in 1986 on a fellowship to study at New York's Columbia University (he received a doctorate but humbly defers from being called 'Dr. Tan'), continues to integrate his musical recollections into compositions that are both of our time and timeless.

And while Tan's output is prodigious, including the popular Peter Sellars-directed 1998 opera *Peony Pavilion*, the composer-conductor has been able to achieve that rare commodity in the classical world—accessibility. In reconnecting with and staying true to his roots, Tan has not only created an original voice, one infused with the use of shamanistic ritual, for example, as found in 2003's *The Map: Concerto for Cello, Video and Orchestra* (commissioned by the Boston Symphony, it was released on DVD last year), but one that combines his radical experimentalism with, dare one say, the gloss of commercialism.

This was evidenced in Tan's reconceived "Crouching Tiger" Concerto, conducted by the composer and premiered in late 2001 at Irvine Barclay Theatre. Sharing that bill was Tan's Water Percussion Concerto. Written in 1999, it was a

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precursor to the monumental *Water Passion after St. Matthew*, which bowed in Stuttgart, Germany, in 2000. Receiving its Los Angeles premiere in April 2005 with Grant Gershon and the Los Angeles Master Chorale, this complex, 90-minute opus was commissioned by the Internationale Bachakademie Stuttgart to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Johann Sebastian Bach's death.

This Passion, though distant in theory, is close to Tan's heart. Informed that he could choose text from the Bible, which the composer researched in English and in Chinese (he also watched a number of films about the Passion story), Tan once again looked to his childhood and organic sounds—water—for inspiration.

"Water," he explains, "could be very violent or like a lullaby, very tender. It is like a piano with a huge range. Meanwhile, I find water was important in all cultures -Tibet to India to China to Japan. And Western culture has baptizing. This," Tan points out, "became the start of my journey for the piece. And though, in the beginning, I was worried I could never understand Passion culture, by the end I realized things can be shared."

"The Passion and the Resurrection," Tan adds, "commemorate the creation of hope, the re-creation of a better world."

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Grant Gershon

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GRANT GERSHON, conductor

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Other appearances: St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Houston Grand Opera, Juilliard Opera Theatre, the Finnish chamber orchestra Avanti! and music festivals in Edinburgh, Vienna, Helsinki, Ravinia, Rome, Madrid and Aspen

Previous assignments: Los Angeles Philharmonic assistant conductor, 1994–97

On disc: Two Grammy Award-nominated recordings — *Sweeney Todd* (New York Philharmonic Special Editions) and Ligeti's *Grand Macabre* (Sony Classical) *Glass–Salonen* with the Los Angeles Master Chorale

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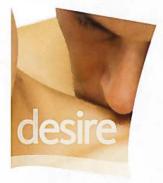
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Musical manifestations of love and desire

Music from the radiant to the ribald in works that exalt and glorify the life force that is desire

by Thomas May

esire is the basic current of the life energy. It's the vital force charging through us that not only underscores the intensity of feeling alive but prompts us to seek beyond ourselves for connection and meaning. And there's a notable philosophical tradition that sees music as the most immediate artistic conduit of desire.

But if desire has been a constant throughout human evolution, the issue of how it is channeled entails cultural values that have changed and adapted over time. Nowhere is that mutability more dynamically manifested than in the very idea of love as we most typically tend to think of it: the romantic concept of passionate love, that is, between two "soul mates," in which sexual, emotional, and spiritual desire become fused together. It's the idea, after all, that's the lifeblood of Hollywood and Hallmark alike.

In his still-provocative classic from 1940, Love in the Western World, the Swiss philosopher Denis de Rougemont argues that however "natural" it now seems to us, this idea of romantic love was a revolutionary invention of the High Middle Ages. It incorporated pagan and heretical influences, as seen in the 12th-century recasting of the Tristan and Isolde legend. This period of tremendous ferment became domesticated into the cult of courtly love, but it also inspired the creation of the bawdy verse that would make its way into the collection later known as the Carmina Burana.

This evening's program presents love in manifold guises and contexts as the shape we try to give to desire. Alongside the Western notion of romantic love — indeed

in some ways helping to crystallize it — are other wisdom traditions such as Platonic philosophy and Christian, Sufi, and Kabbalistic mysticism, which perceive desire as a gateway to ecstatic union with the transcendent Cliff Eidelman's rapturous setting of passages from the "Song of Songs" touches on both the romantic and the mystical. Meanwhile, Carl Orff's scenic cantata based on the *Carmina Burana* offers a Rabelaisian carnival of earthly delights that rarely fails to bring down the house.

Cliff Eidelman: Wedding in the Night Garden

The impulse to song—the intensified expression of the human voice — is the most elemental analogue in a musical sense for desire. That's why we never grow tired of love songs. After all, they are overwhelmingly represented in our popular music, and the hunger for them seems never to be satiated. Love songs are also firmly nested within the most "abstract" works of the classical repertoire, even where the singing is done by instruments alone. One famous example is the "Adagietto" of Mahler's Fifth Symphony, now recognized as a love letter to Alma, the young woman he had recently married.

Los Angeles native Cliff Eidelman contributes to this tradition of transforming the personal into a vehicle for the universal with *Wedding in the Night Garden*, his paean to the uplifting power of love. Eidelman wrote the piece in 2000 as a wedding gift for his wife Claire. The initial seeds for the piece centered around the human voice singing a melody that had no words. Eidelman then immersed himself in a number of Romantic poets but didn't

find the ideal text he was searching for until the Biblical poetry of Solomon's "Song of Songs" riveted his attention.

There he recognized a complement to his musical depiction of "one soul trying to connect with the other in a profound, elevated way." Eidelman chose just a few verses, here given a new context by his music.

As a prolific composer of film scores, Eidelman has worked with epic orchestral canvases, but *Wedding in the Night Garden* demonstrates his gift for conveying intimacy. He originally scored the piece for mezzo and chamber string orchestra. The revised version performed tonight gains a dimension of radiance with its added choral parts, which echo and cushion the soloist's reflections.

The work is divided into two larger sections—both framed by a luminous E major—beginning with a sense of the mysterious yearning of love and concluding with its affirmation. Eidelman describes the sound of the mezzo he had in mind as "like a voice that has no body but is in the wind that flows through the night garden." Note how he revels in the soloist's rich lowest range, used to great effect in the expectant opening against the resonant layering of the chorale. It serves as a counterweight to her climactic ascent during the moment of awakening that signals love's triumph.

Carl Orff: Carmina Burana

Carl Orff commenced his grand ode to desire's sway with an epiphany that was at once visual and literary. It was an encounter in 1935 at a used bookstore where he chanced upon the miscellaneous



anthology of medieval poems known as the *Carmina Burana*. Orff recounted how he was at once taken with the words as well as the famous illustration of "The Wheel of Fortune" in the edition he thumbed through.

Orff was already widely celebrated as a humanist educator who touted the idea of universally innate musical ability. He believed it was best cultivated as part of a holistic program incorporating gymnastics and dance. Orff conceived his own composition in the mould of ancient Greek theater as a project to join the performing arts into a unified spectacle. Writing in a fit of white-hot inspiration, he soon produced his "scenic cantata," which was premiered in 1937. Orff imagined full scenic complements for his score in the form of backdrops, costumes, lighting, and dance. Even when presented, as it usually is, in a concert setting, Carmina Burana particularly benefits from the feedback of live performance.

The work exhibits an uncanny indestructibility, having somehow survived countless recyclings in the scores of B horror films. Much more seriously, it has withstood the guilt-by-association tainting it

during the Nazi era. True, Orff was essentially apolitical and *Carmina Burana* originally raised hackles for its "licentious" sexuality (made graphic in the music—listen carefully for the male and female orgasms in Nos. 22 and 23). But the work eventually became a favorite of Third Reich officials. Still, as Richard Taruskin notes in his brilliant new *Oxford History of Western Music*, "if Bach and Beethoven could not prevent Nazi barbarity it is hard to claim that Orff could have inspired it."

Orff's musical strategy is to use a large orchestra with an expanded percussion section—all deployed to add color and create large but simple blocks of sound that reinforce the mostly choral vocal parts (the subtitle in fact refers to the piece as songs "accompanied by instruments"). The musical focus lies in a magnification of striking rhythms and percussion effects and almost ritually repetitive melodies.

It is interesting to consider Orff here as a forerunner of Minimalism, radically stripping away rhetorical complexity to reconnect with music's incantatory, pristine magical power. The original image of Fortune's Wheel that early inspired Orff

becomes an organizing principle in the way he selects and groups his texts. Their source is a motley collection of poems from the medieval goliards (and/or their educated imitators). These were essentially the wandering hippies of the era who dropped out and indulged in profane lyrics with a satirical, anti-clerical, and frequently obscene bent. The goliardic poems, firmly anchored in the id, make a stark contrast to the lofty tone of the troubadours and the emerging cult of romantic love.

But the chaotic urges of that id become oriented around the figure of Fortune, who embraces the ebb and flow of energy in its positive and negative states. *Carmina Burana* itself is framed as a vast circle, ending with the chorus which begins the piece as if to signal the eternal return of the cycle of life.

Orff reinforces the rotations of the wheel—a basic emblem itself of desire—through his stanzaic repetitions of melodic material, evoking a sense of pre-Christian, pagan wisdom. The wheel is echoed in the poems' recurring images of the cycle of seasons, the luck of gambling, the Feast of Fools-style role reversals, the swan turning on its spit, and—in perhaps the musically most enchanting sections—the emotional ups and downs of sexual passion.

By the time the image of Fortune returns to conclude the cycle, we sense how knowingly Orff has balanced the score's vigorous exuberance with introspective calms, leading us to an understanding of pleasure and pain as opposites of the same coin.

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CLIFF EIDELMAN

Born: December 5, 1964, in Los Angeles, California

Education: began studying violin at 8 and soon took up guitar and piano; later joined a number of bands; pursued jazz guitar at the Guitar Institute of Technology and later graduated from USC with a degree in music composition

Career: veteran composer of orchestral scores, Eidelman made his entry into the world of film composition at age 22 when director Monica Touber discovered an early symphonic ballet piece Eidelman wrote; she soon commissioned his first score for Magdalene (starring Nastassja Kinski); he has since composed scores for some 29 films and has also been highly active as a conductor

Notable compositions: the intensely personal score to *Triumph of the Spirit* and scores for such films as *Untamed Heart_Leap of Faith*, and *One True Thing*, as well as epics like *Star Trek VI-The Undiscovered Country*; recent film scores include music for *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* (to be released this year); has pursued other projects aside in addition to film music, notably a symphonic tone poem to Shakespeare's *The Tempest*

High praise: "Cliff Eidelman is the best possible composer for the future: his style is rich in themes and remains orchestral; his ideas stay new and melodic and his attractive style will dazzle people to come."

-film composer Jerry Goldsmith

Wedding in the Night Garden music by Cliff Eidelman text from the traditional Hebrew text of Solomon's "Song of Songs"

Who is she that shines through like the dawn, beautiful as the moon... chapter 6, verse 10

O, you who linger in the garden, a lover is listening; let me hear your voice. chapter 8, verse 13

Awake, O north wind, come, O south wind! blow upon my garden, that its perfume may spread. chapter 4, verse 16

You have captured my heart, my own... With one [glance] of your eyes... chapter 4, verse 9

Carmina Burana

music by Carl Orff text from the 12th/13th century manuscript found at the Benediktbeuren monastery near Munich; premiered June 8, 1937 at the Frankfurt Opera

Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi (Fortune, Empress of the World)

(chorus)

O Fortnua, velut Luna statu variabilis, semper crescis aut decrescis; vita detestabilis nunc obdurat et tunc curat ludo mentis aciem, egestatem, potestatem dissolvit ut glaciem.

O Fortune! like the moon ever-changing, rising first then declining; hateful life treats us badly then with kindness, making sport with our desires, causing power and poverty alike to melt like ice.

Sors immanis et inanis, rota tu volubilis, status malus, vana salus semper dissolubilis, obumbrata et velata michi quoque niteris; nunc per ludum dorsum nudum fero tui sceleris.

Dread destiny and empty fate, an ever-turning wheel, who make adversity and fickle health alike turn to nothing, in the dark and secretly you work against me; how through your trickery my naked back is turned to you unarmed.

Sors salutis et virtutis
michi nunc contraria,
est affectus et defectus
semper in angaria.
Hac in hora sine mora
corde pulsum tangite;
quod per sortem sternit fortem,
mecum omnes plangite!
Good fortune and strength
now are turned from me.
Affection and defeat are always on duty.
Come now, pluck the strings
without delay; and since by fate
the strong are overthrown,
weep you all with me.

(chorus)

Fortune plango vulnera stillantibus ocellis, quod sua michi munera subtrahit rebellis.
Verum est, quod legitur fronte capillata, sed plerumque sequitur Occasio calvata.
Verum est...

I lament the wounds that fortune deals with tear-filled eyes, for returning to the attack she takes her gifts from me. It is true, as they say the well-thacthed pate may [be the first to] lose its hair. It is true...

In Fortune solio sederam elatus, prosperitatis vario flore coronatus; quisquid enim florui felix et beatus, nunc a summo corrui gloria privatus. Quisquid...

Once on Fortune's throne I sat exalted, crowned with a wreath of prosperity's flowers. But from my happy, flower-decked paradise I was struck down and stripped of all my glory. But from my happy...



The famous "Wheel of Fortune" illustration from the original Carmina Burana manuscript.

Fortune rota volvitur: descendo minoratus; alter in altum tollitur; nimis exaltatus rex sedet in vertice caveat ruinam! nam sub axe legimus Hecubam reginam. Rex sedet...

The wheel of Fortune turns; dishonored I fall from grace and another is raised on high. Raised to [dizzying] heights of power the king sits in majesty but let him beware his ruin! For beneath the axle of Fortune's wheel behold Queen Hecuba. The king...

I. Primo vere (In springtime)

(small chorus)

Veris leta facies mundo propinatur, hiemalis acies victa iam fugatur, in vestitu vario Flora principatur, nemorum dulcisono que cantu celebratur. Ah. The joyous face of spring is presented to the world; winter's army is conquered and put to flight. In colourful dress Flora is arrayed, and the woods are sweet with birdsong in her praise. Ah.

Flore fussu gremio Phebus nov more risum dat, hoc vario iam stipate flore.

Zephyrus nectareo spirans in odore; certatim pro bravio curramus in amore. Ah. Reclining in Flora's lap, Phoebus again laughs, covered with colourful flowers.

Zephyr breathes around the scented fragrance; eagerly striving for the prize let us compete in love. Ah.

Cytharizat cantico dulcis Philomena, flore rident vario prata iam serena, salit cetus avium silve per amena, chorus promit virginum iam gaudia millena. Ah. Trilling her song, sweet Philomel is heard, and smiling with flowers the peaceful meadows lie; a flock of wild birds rise from the woods; the chorus of maidens brings a thousand joys. Ah.

(baritone)

Omnia sol temperat purus et subtilis, novo mundo reserat faciem Aprilis, ad amorem properat animus herilis, et iocundis imperat deus puerilis.

All things are tempered by the sun, so pure and fine. In a new world are revealed the beauties of April; to thoughts of love the mind of man is turned, and in pleasure's haunts the youthful god holds sway.

Rerum tanta novitas in solemni vere et veris auctoritas iubet nos gaudere, vias prebet solitas, et in tuo vere fides est et probitas tuum retinere.

Nature's great renewal in solemn spring and spring's example bid us rejoice; they charge us to keep to well-worn paths; in your springtime there is virtue and honesty in being constant to your lover.

Ama me fideliter! fidem meam nota: de corde totaliter et ex mente tota sum presentialiter absens in remota, quisquis amat taliter, volvitur in rota.

Love me truly! Remember my constancy.
With all my heart and all my mind
I am with you, even when far away.
Whoever knows such love knows the torture of
the wheel.

(chorus)

Ecce gratum, ecce gratum et optatum Ver reducit gaudia, purpuratum floret pratum, Sol serenat omnia. Iam iam cedant tristia! Estas redit, nunc recedit Hyemis sevitia.

Behold the welcome, behold the welcome, long-awaited spring, which brings back pleasure and with crimson flowers adorns the fields. The sun brings peach to all around. Away with sadness! Summer returns, and now departs cruel winter.

lam liquescit, iam liquescit et decrescit grando, nix et cetera; bruma fugit, et iam sugit ver Estatis ubera; illi mens est misera, qui nec vivit, nec lascivit, sub Estatis dextera.



CARL ORFF

Born: July 10, 1895, in Munich, Germany

Died: March 29, 1982, in Munich

Education: studied cello and piano as a young boy; 1914, graduated from the Munich Academy of Music; 1919, studied composition with Heinrich Kaminski in Munich

Assignments: 1914, appointed
Kapellmeister of the
Münchenkammerspiele; 1918-19,
worked as a conductor in Mannheim
and Darmstadt; 1924, founded the
Güntherschule for Music and Dance;
1930-33, conductor of the Munich
Bach Society

Best known for: wildly popular Carmina Burana, though his compositions in other styles and genres are equally masterful; also similarly esteemed as a remarkable visionary in the field of music education; designed a wide range of "Orff instruments" which allowed children with no musical training to perform music; many of his pioneering methods are still in practice today

Notable compositions:

Lieder for tenor and piano, 1911 Carmina Burana, scenic cantata, 1935-36

Der Mond, opera, 1936-38
Antigonae, opera, 1941-49
Orff-Schulwerk: Musik für Kinder
(5 volumes)
De temporum fine comoedia,
1962-72

Quote: "With *Carmina Burana*, my collected works begin."

-Carl Orff

Melt away, melt away and disappear hail, ice and snow; the mists flee, and spring is fed at summer's breast. Wretched is the man who neither lives nor lusts under summer's spell.

Gloriantur! Gloriantur et letantur in melle dulcedinis, qui conantur, ut untantur premio Cupidinis; simus jussu Cypridis gloriantes et letantes pares esse Paridis.

They taste delight, delight and honeyed sweetness who strive for and gain Cupid's reward. Let us submit to Venus' rule, and joyful and proud be equal to Paris.

Uf dem anger (On the Lawn)

Dance (orchestra)

(chorus and small chorus)

Floret silva nobilis floribus et foliis.
Ubi est antiquus meus amicus?
Hinc equitavit, eia, quis me amabit? Ah.
The noble forest is decked with flowers
and leaves. Where is my old, my long-lost
lover? He rode away on his horse.
Alas, who will love me now? Ah.

Floret silva undique,
nah min gesellen ist mir we.
Gruonet der walt allenthalben,
was is min geselle alse lange? Ah.
Der ist geriten hinnen,
owi, wer soll mich minnen? Ah.
The forest all around is in flower,
I long for my lover. The forest blooms all
around; where has my lover gone?
He rode away on his horse.
Alas, who will love me now? Ah.

(children's chorus and chorus)

Chramer, gip die varwe mir, die min wengel roete, damit ich die jungen man an ir dank der minnenliebe noete. Seht mich an, jungen man! Lat mich iu gevallen!

Salesman, give me colored paint to paint my cheeks so crimson red, that I may make these bold young men, whether they will or not, love me.
Look at me, you young men!
Am I not well-pleasing?

Minnet, tugentliche man, minnecliche frouwen! Minne tuot iu hoch gemuot unde lat iuch in hohen eren schouwen. Seht mich an...

Love, all you virtuous men, women worthy to be loved! Love shall raise your spirits and put a spring into your step. Look at me...

Wol dir, Wert, daz du bist also freudenriche! ich will dir sin undertan durch din liebe immer sicherliche.

Seht mich an...

Hail to you, O world that art in joy so rich and pletiful! I will ever be in your debt surely for your goodness' sake! Look at me...

Round Dance (orchestra)

(chorus)

Swaz hie gat umbe, das sint alles megede, die wellent an man alle disen summer gan! Ah!

They who here go dancing round are young maids all, who will go without a man this whole summer long.

(small chorus)

Chume, chum, geselle min, ih enbite harte din.

Suzer roservarwer munt, chum un mache mich gesunt.

Come, come, my dear, I so long have waited for you. Sweetest rosy-colored mouth, come and make me well again.

(chorus)

Swaz hie gat umbe...

They who here go dancing...

(chorus)

Were diu werlt alle min
von deine mere unze an den Rin,
des wolt ih mih darben,
daz diu chüngin von Engellant
lege an minen armen. Heil!
If the whole world were mine
from the sea to the Rhine,
gladly I'd pass it by
if the Queen of England
in my arms did die.

II. In Taberna (In the Tavern)

(baritone)

Estuans interius ira vehementi in amaritudine loquor mee menti: factus de materia, cinis elementi, similes sum folio, de quo ludunt venti. Seething inside with boiling rage, in bitterness I talk to myself.

Made of matter, risen from dust, I am like a leaf tossed in play by the winds.

Cum sit enim proprium viro sapienti supra petram ponere sedem fundamenti, stultus ego comparor fluvio labenti, sub eodem tramite nunquam permanenti.

But whereas it befits a wise man to build his house upon a rock, I, poor fool, am like a meandering river, never keeping to the same path.

Feror ego veluti sine nauta navis, ut per vias aeris vaga fertur avis; non me tenent vincula, quero mihi similes, et adiungor pravis.

I drift along like a pilotless ship or like an aimless bird, carried at random through the air. No chains hold me captive, no lock holds me fast; I am looking for those like me, and I join the depraved.

Mihi cordis gravitas res videtur gravis; iocus est amabilis dulciorque favis; quicquid Venus imperat, labor est suavis, que nunquam in cordibus habitat ignavis.

The burdens of the heart seem to weigh me down; jesting is pleasant and sweeter than the honeycomb. Whatever Venus commands is pleasant toil; she never dwells in craven hearts.

Via lata gradior more iuventutis, inplicor et vitiis immemor virtutis, voluptatis avidus magis quam salutis, mortuus in anima curam gero cutis.

On the broad path I wend my way as is youth's wont; I am caught up in vice and forgetful of virtue, caring more for voluptuous pleasure than for my health; dead in spirit, I think only of my skin.

(tenor and chorus of men)

Olim lacus colueram, olim pulcher extiteram dum cignus ego fueram. Miser, miser!

Modo niger et ustus fortiter!

Once in lakes I made my home, once I dwelt in beauty-that was when I was a swan.

Alas, poor me! Now I am black and roasted to a turn!

Girat, regirat garcifer; me rogus urit fortiter: prorpinat me nunc dapifer, miser, miser!...

On the spit I turn and turn, the fire roasts me through; now I am presented at the feast. Alas, poor me!...

Nunc in scutella iaceo, et volitare nequeo, dentes frendentes video:
Miser, miser!...

Now in a serving dish I lie and can no longer fly; gnashing teeth confront me. Alas, poor me!...

(baritone and chorus of men)

Ego, ego! Ego sum abbas Cucanienis, est consilium meum ets cum bibulis, et in secta Decii voluntas mea est, et qui mane me quesierit in taberna, post vesperam nudus egredietur, et sic denudatus veste clamabit:

I belong by choice to the sect of Decius, and whoever meets me in the morning at the tavern by evening has lost his clothes, and thus stripped of his clothes cries out:

Wafna! Wafna! Quid fecisti sors turpissima? I am, I am! I am the abbot of Cucany, and I like to drink with my friends.

Wafna! Wafna! What have you done, oh, wicked Fate? Wafna! Wafna! Wafna! All the pleasures of this life thus to take away!

Wafna! Wafna! Wafna! Wafna! Ha ha!

(chorus of men)

In taberna quando sumus, non curamus quid sit humus, sed ad ludum properamus, cui semper insudamus.

When we are in the tavern we spare no thought for the grove, but rush to the gaming tables where we always sweat and strain.

Quid agatur in taberna, ubi nummus est pincerna,

hoc est opus ut queratur, si quid loquar, audiatur.

What goes on in the tavern, where a coin gets you a drink - if this is what you would know, then listen to me.

Quidam ludunt, quidam bibunt, quidam indiscrete vivunt. Sed in ludo qui morantur, ex his quidam denudantur, quidam ibi vestiuntur, quidam saccis induuntur. Ibi nullus timet mortem, sed pro Baccho mittunt sortem.

Some men gamble, some men drink, some indulge in indiscretions.
But of those who stay to gamble, some lose their clothes, while others put on sackcloth.
There no one is afraid of death but for Bacchus plays at games of chance.

Primo pro nummata vini, ex hac bibunt libertini; semel bibunt pro captivis, post hec bibunt ter pro vivis, quater pro Christianis cunctis, quinquies pro fidelibus defunctis, sexies pro sororibus vanis, septies pro militibus silvanis.

First the dice are thrown for wine; this the libertines drink.

Once they drink to prisoners, then three times to the living, four times to all Christians, five to the faithful departed, six times to the dissolute sisters, seven to the bush-rangers.

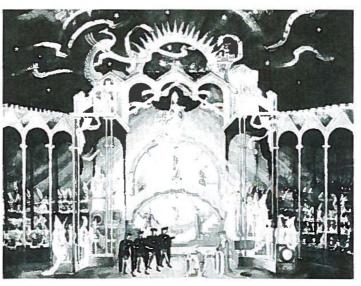
Octies pro fratribus perversis, nonies pro monachis dispersis, decies pro navigantibus, undecies pro discordantibus, duodecies pro penitetntibus, tredecies pro iter agentibus. Tam pro papa quam pro rege bibunt omnes sine lege.

Eight times to delinquent brothers, nine to the dispersed monks, ten times to the navigators, eleven to those at war, twelve to the penitent, thirteen to travelers.

They drink to the Pope and king alike, all drink without restraint.

Bibit hera, bibit herus, bibut miles, bibit clerus, bibit ille, bibit illa, bibit servus cum ancilla bibit velox, bibit piger, bibit albus, bibit niger, bibit constans, bibit vagus, bibit rudis, bubit magus.

The mistress drinks, the master drinks, the soldier drinks, the cleric drinks, this man drinks, this woman drinks, the servant with the serving maid, the quick man drinks, the sluggard drinks, the white man and the black man drink, the steady man drinks, the wanderer drinks, the simpleton drinks, the wise man drinks.



Ludwig Sievert's original set design for the 1937 Frankfurt premiere of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana (Institut für Theaterwissenschaft für Universität Köln)

Bibit pauper, et egrotus, bibit exul et ignotus, bibit puer, bibit canus, bibit presul et decanus, bibit soror, bibit frater, bibit anus, bibit mater, bibit iste, bibit ille, bibunt centum, bibunt mille.

The poor man drinks, the sick man drinks,

the exile drinks and the unknown, the boy drinks, the old man drinks, the bishop drinks and the deacon, sister drinks and brother drinks, the old crone drinks, the mother drinks, this one drinks, that one drinks, a hundred drink, a thousand drink.

durant, cum immoderate
bibunt omnes sine meta,
quamvis bibant mente leta;
sic nos rodunt omnes gentes,
et sic erimus egentes.
Qui nos rodunt confundantur
et cum iustis non scribantur.
Six hundred coins are not enough
when all these drink too much,
and without restraint.
Although they drink cheerfully,
many people censure us,
and we shall always be short of money.
May our cries be confounded and

Parum sexcente nummate

III. Cour d'amours (In the Court of Love)

(soprano and chorus of children)

never be numbered among the just.

Amor volat undique, captus est libidine. Juvenes, iuvencule coniunguntur merito. Love flies everywhere and is seized by desire. Young men and women are matched together.

Siqua sine socio, caret omni gaudio; tenet noctis infima sub intimo cordis in custodia: fit res amarissima.

If a girl lacks a partner, she misses all the fun; in the depths of her heart is darkest night: it is a bitter fate.

(baritone)

Dies, nox et omnia michi sunt contraria, virginum colloquia me fay planszer, oy suvenz suspirer, plu me fay temer.

Day, night and all the world against me, the sound of maiden's voices

makes me weep. I often hear sighing, and it makes me more afraid.

O sodales, ludidite, vos qui scitis dicite, michi mesto parcite, grand ey dolur, attamen consulate per voster honur.

O friends, be merry, say what you will, but have mercy on me, for great is my sorrow, yet give me counsel for the sake of your honour.

Tua pulchra facies, me fay planszer milies, pectus habet glacies, a remender statim vivums fierem per un baser.

Your lovely face makes me weep a thousand tears because your heart is of ice, but I would be restored at once to life by one single kiss.

(soprano)

Stetit puella rufa tunica; Si quis eam tetigit, tunica crepuit. Eia, eia, eia, eia.

There stood a young girl in a red tunic; if anyone touched her, the tunic rustled. Heigho, heigho.

Stetit puella tamquam rosula, facie splenduit, os eius floruit. A girl stood like a little rose, her face was radiant and her mouth in bloom

(baritone and chorus)

Circa mea pectora multa sunt suspiria de tua pulchitudine, que me ledunt misere. Manda liet, manda liet, min geselle chumet niet.

My breast is filled with sighing for your loveliness, and I suffer grievously. Manda liet, manda liet, my sweetheart comes not.

Tui lucent oculi sicut solis radii, sicut splendor fulguris lucem donat tenebris. Manda liet...

Your eyes shine like sunlight, like the splendour of lightning in the night. manda liet...

Vellet deus, vellent dii quod mente proposui: ut eius virginea reserassem vincula. Manda liet... May God grant you, may the gods permit the plan I have in mind: to undo the bonds of her virginity. Manda liet....

(baritone and chorus of men)

Si puer cum puellula moraretur in cellula, felix coniunctio.

Amore suscrescente, pariter e medio avulso procul tedio, fit ludus ineffabilis membris, lacertis, labiis. si puer cum puellula moraretur in cellula, felix coniunctio.

If a boy and a girl linger together, happy is their union. Increasing love leaves tedious good sense far behind, and inexpressible pleasure fills their limbs, their arms, their lips. If a boy and a girl linger together, happy is their union.

(double chorus)

Veni, veni, venias, ne me mori facias, hyrca, hyrca, nazaza, trillirivos! Come, come, pray come, let me die not, hyrca, hyrca, nazaza, trillirivos!

Pulchra tibi facies, oculorum acies, capillorum series, o quam clara species!

Lovely is your face,
the glance of your eyes,
the braids of your hair,
oh, how beautiful you are!

Rosa rubicundior, lilio candidior, omnibus formosior, semper in te glorior! Redder than the rose, whiter than the lily, comelier than all the rest; always I shall glory in you.

(soprano)

In trutina mentis dubia fluctuant contraria lascivus amor et pudicitia.

In the scales of my wavering indecision physical love and chastity are weighed.

Sed eligo quod video, collum iugo prebeo; ad iugum tamen suave transeo.

But I choose what I see, I bow my head in submission and take on the yoke which is after all sweet.

(soprano, baritone, and children)

Tempus est iocundum, o virgines; modo congaudete, vos iuvenes. Oh, oh, oh, totus floreo. lam amore virginali totus ardeo, novus amor est, quo pereo.

Pleasant is the season, O maidens; now rejoice together, young men. Oh, oh, oh, I blossom now, with pure love I am on fire! This love is new, of which I perish.

Mea me confortat promissio, mea me deportat negatio. Oh. oh., oh...

My love brings me comfort when she promises, but makes me distraught with her refusal.

Oh, oh, oh...

Tempore brumali vir patiens, animo vernali lasciviens. Oh, oh, oh...

In winter time the man is lazy, in spring he will turn amorous. Oh, oh, oh...

Mea mecum ludit virginitas mea me detrudit simplicitas. Oh, oh, oh...

My chastity leaves me, but my innocence holds me back! Oh, oh, oh...

Veni, domicella, cum gaudio, veni, veni, pulchra, iam pereo. Oh, oh, oh...

Come, my darling, come with joy, come, my beauty, for already I die! Oh, oh, oh...

(soprano)

Dulcissime, ah, totam tibi subdo me! Sweetest boy, ah, I give my all to you!

Blanziflor et Helena (Blanziflor and Helena)

(chorus)

Ave formosissima, gemma pretiosa, ave decus virginum, virgo gloriosa, ave mundi luminar, ave mundi rosa, Blanziflor et Helena, Venus generosa!

Hail to you, most lovely, precious jewel, hail, pride of virgins, most glorious virgin!

Hail, light of the world, hail, rose of the world! Blanziflor and Helena, noble Venus, hail!

Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi (Fortune, Empress of the World)

(chorus)

O Fortuna, velut Luna statu variabilis, semper crescis aut decrescis; vita detestabilis nunc obduran et tunc curat ludo mentis aciem, egestatem, potestatem dissolvit ut glaciem.

O Fortune! like the moon ever-changing, rising first then declining; hateful life treats us badly then with kindness, making sport with our desires, causing power and poverty alike to melt like ice.

Sors immanis et inanis, rota tu volubilis, status malus, vana salus semper dissolubilis, obumbrata et velata michi quoque niteris; nunc per ludum dorsum nudum fero tui sceleris.

Dread destiny and empty fate, an ever-turning wheel, who make adversity and fickle health alike turn to nothing, in the dark and secretly you work against me; how through your trickery my naked back is turned to you unarmed.

Sors salutis et virtutis

weep you all with me.

michi nunc contraria,
est affectus et defectus
semper in angaria.
Hac in hora sine mora
corde pulsum tangite;
quod per sortem sternit fortem,
mecum omnes plangite!
Good fortune and strength
now are turned from me.
Affection and defeat are always on duty.
Come now, pluck the strings
without delay; and since by fate
the strong are overthrown,



TROY COOK, baritone

Auspicious beginnings: debut with San Francisco Opera as Figaro in *The Barber of Seville*, Schaunard in *La Bohéme* and Chris the Citizen in *The Mother of Us All*; Metropolitan Opera debut as Schaunard in *La Bohéme* and Morales in *Camen*; European debut as Giacomo in *Beatrix Cenci* with the Grand Théâtre de Genêve in 2000

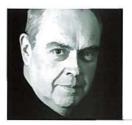
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Recent appearances: Thomson's *The Mother of Us All* with San Francisco Opera and Strauss' *Die Frau ohne Schatten* with Los Angeles Opera

As performer of contemporary music: has sung in over 70 new operas including 41 world premieres; created role of Mao Tse Tung in John Adams' Nixon in China; sang premiere of Phillip Glass' In the Penal Colony (2001) and Galileo Galilei (2002).

Upcoming projects: premiere of Kurt Rohde's *Bitter Harvest* with the Berkeley Symphony and Kent Nagano; a new version of the opera *KALI*; Janácek's *Cunning Little Vixen* with San Francisco Opera

Currently: developing an opera studies program for the music school at the California Institute for the Arts

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Los Angeles Opera appearances: in Giulio Cesare, Fantastic Mr. Fox, Florencia en el Amazonas, Gianni Schicchi, Peter Grimes, Le nozze di Figaro and Faust, among others

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Recent engagements: Carmen with Houston Grand Opera; L'incoronazione di Poppea with with Columbus Opera, Die Fledermaus with Dallas Opera, La Favorite with Opera de Montpellier and the world premiere of Florencia en el Amazonas in Houston, Los Angeles and Seattle, among other performances

Debuts: with the Metropolitan Opera in *La Traviata* and with Opera de Nice and Houston Grand Opera in *Carmen*; came to international attention at the 1991 Spoleto Festival (Italy) with the European premiere of Giancarlo Menotti's *Goya*

Upcoming projects: Giulio Cesare and Peter Grimes in Los Angeles, Rosina and The Barber of Seville in Hawaii, A Streetcar Named Desire and The Magic Flute in San Diego, among others

Awards and honors: finalist in the Metropolitan Opera Competition, winner of the San Francisco Opera and the Center for Contemporary Opera Competitions; winner of the Music Center's Viva Award and the Placido Domingo Award; honored by NBC with the televised profile "Suzanna Guzman, Outstanding Latina"

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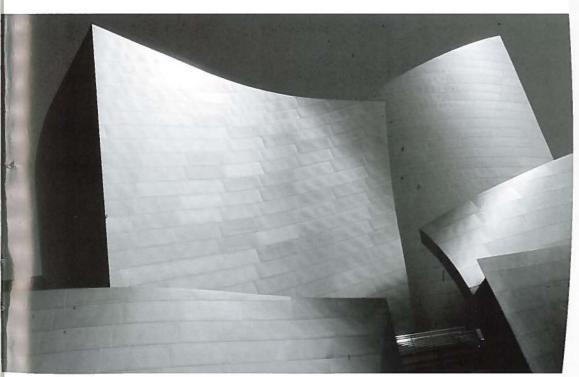
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