

## Haydn - Stabat Mater (Pinnock) [1997]



1. 1. *Stabat Mater Dolorosa* Anthony Rolfe Johnson 9:12
2. 2. *O quam tristis et afflita* Catherine Robbin 6:33
3. 3. *Quis est homo, qui non fleret* The English Concert Choir 2:40
4. 4. *Quis non posset contristari* Patricia Rozario 6:20
5. 5. *Pro peccatis suae gentis* Cornelius Hauptmann 2:38 [play](#)
6. 6. *Vidit suum dulcem natum* Anthony Rolfe Johnson 6:58
7. 7. *Eja mater, fons amoris* The English Concert Choir 2:55
8. 8. *Sancta mater istud agas* Patricia Rozario 7:55
9. 9. *Fac me vere tecum flere* Catherine Robbin 6:30
10. 10. *Virgo virginium praeclara* Patricia Rozario 7:03
11. 11. *Flammis orci ne succendar* Cornelius Hauptmann 1:59 [play](#)
12. 12. *Fac me cruce custodiri* Anthony Rolfe Johnson 2:58
13. 13a. *Quando corpus morietur* Patricia Rozario 2:12
14. 13b. *Paradisi gloria / Amen* Patricia Rozario 3:03

Patricia Rozario - soprano,  
Catherine Robbin – mezzo-soprano,  
Anthony Rolfe Johnson - tenor,  
Cornelius Hauptmann – bass.

English Concert Choir  
English Concert  
Trevor Pinnock – conductor

Stabat make a plate for The English Concert & Choir in the version of Trevor Pinnock. The sacred Bonoventura is regarded as a probable poet of the Stabat make a plate for. Joseph Haydn set his Stabat to music make a plate for the sensitive passion shows itself very clear in his composition in 1767.. The great master creates an atmosphere of a deep, restless suffering

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which agrees with the atmosphere of the literature completely. The work took his triumphal march in all of Europe very fast. That one of Haydn Setting only the unbelievable ignorance of the persons responsible hardly any role plays to today's literature and performance practice, in this one shows this one so-called classical music and the church music. Haydns Stabat make a plate for is it even superior for the great settings Rossinis, Dvoraks, Pergolesis in my opinion at least a match for, if not. Pinnocks discussion with Franz-Josephs Stabat make a plate for has turned out well in every regard. The English Concert & Choir, the soloists chieftain, Johnson, do justice to Robbin and Rozario for this brilliant work in every regard. CD production and Haydn's work form a wonderful unity. Something like that only very seldom turns out well. ---Uwe from Herford in Westphalia/Germany

At last there is a Haydn Stabat mater within easy reach. The piece is seldom performed and even more rarely recorded, and this despite the fact that it contains some of the composer's most rich and deeply felt writing. One of the few works not written to order (Prince Nikolaus Esterházy was less than keen on encouraging the sacred duties of his Kapellmeister) the Stabat mater is also one Haydn himself grew to respect highly, and Trevor Pinnock's performance makes it clear why.

The Feast of the Seven Sorrows inspired in Haydn writing of similar length, gravity and meditative concentration as the Seven Last Words were to do some 20 years later. But the almost unrelieved sobriety of minor keys and slow turning harmonies were subtly offset by a wonderfully acute instinct for pulse, melodic shape and vocal and instrumental colour. It is these elements which Pinnock and his colleagues enjoy to the full.

There is Anthony Rolfe Johnson, for instance, ideally cast to care for the opening's long, bending lines, slightly distorted by syncopation, and to catch the breath in the "dum emisit spiritum". There is Cornelius Hauptmann, not over-characterful of voice, yet splendidly incisive in the dislocated rhythms and jagged line which expresses simultaneously the violence and the indignation at the scourging.

When it comes to the almost Handelian length and strength of Haydn's melodic line, it is Catherine Robbin and Patricia Rozario who come into their own. They, too, are cunningly cast. The energetic leaps from chest to head voice in which Haydn both expressed and manipulated response to the Virgin's grief, catch the flare at the top of Robbin's voice, especially where it

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tunes in to the cor anglais with which Haydn replaces the oboes in the "O quare tristis".

Just as her mezzo flows into the upward spiral of sympathy in "Fac me vere tecum flere", so the gummy legato of Rozario's distinctive soprano creates melismas to rival those of any oboe in the "Sancta mater" duet. Some listeners may well prefer a voice of more conventional purity and high agility in this part, but the unique tint of Rozario's soprano plays its own role in the cumulative power of the performance, and nowhere more so than in the sudden surfacing "Amen" in the final vision of Paradise. Unequal temperament, the pungency of The English Concert's woodwind soloists, the often glaring brightness of its strings all make their mark on the work's sensibility. There are passing moments where they strive for unnecessary effect, such as in the long decrescendo over the chorus's "Gladius" which sounds over-engineered. But the strength of the chorus's inner parts, the near spiccaio kindling of the strings in hell, and the sensitivity to Haydn's high fibre string writing in this piece compensates for any passing weakness. (Gramophone, September 1990)

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