

# **Three Songs for Baritone and Woodwind Quintet from PASSION WITH TROPES**

## **Don Freund**

PASSION WITH TROPES is a collage of various music, theatre, and music-theatre experiences, using a collage of texts about religion, love, death, and the experience of human existence. It may be described as a theatre work about the experience of attending an oratorio (or, more specifically, a Passion). But the medium of the oratorio is supplemented or challenged by the invasion of other musical and dramatic media (e.g., chamber songs, pop songs, excerpts from plays, poetry recitations, philosophical declarations, sermons, processions) just as the scriptural telling of the Passion story is convoluted, supplemented, and challenged by texts from the works of over 40 poets, playwrights, and philosophers. (The word "trope" has a double meaning: in one sense, the use of a word or expression in a figurative way; in another, better known to students of music history, a phrase or verse added as an embellishment or interpolation to sung parts of the Mass in the medieval period.)

The performing forces for PASSION WITH TROPES consist of the traditional oratorio forces of chorus, orchestra and a quartet of "oratorio" vocal soloists, but these are counterpointed (or "troped") by supplementary forces: a quartet of "chamber" vocal soloists, a woodwind quintet, a string quintet, a brass quintet, a trio of guitar, piano and vibraphone, solo percussion, a chant choir, a jazz ensemble with four "pop" singers, six actors and a narrator. Although the numbers performed by these adjunct forces are integral to the formal and dramatic structure of the complete work (which consists of 72 numbers and is nearly three hours long), they have been conceived in such a way as to make them performable either as individual numbers, or in groups, such as the collection presented here.

## **The Tragic Sense of Life**

Miguel de Unamuno

## **The Wooden Christ**

Faustas Kirsa

## **The Return**

Ronald Duncan

From Miguel de Unamuno:  
**The Tragic Sense of Life**

God is revealed to us because he suffered, and because we suffer;  
because he suffered he demands our love,  
and because we suffer he gives us his love,  
and he covers our anguish with his eternal and infinite anguish.

And man made a God of this Christ who suffered, and through discovered the  
eternal essence of a living, human God,  
a God who loves and thirsts for love, for pity,  
a God who is a person.

It is only the dead, only the inhuman, only the impassive that does not suffer;  
and how is the world to derive its origin and life from the impassive?  
The world suffers,  
and suffering is the sense of the flesh of reality,  
and suffering is the spirit's sense of its mass and substance,  
and suffering is the self's sense of its own tangibility;  
it is only suffering that makes us persons.

And suffering is universal,  
suffering unites all flesh together,  
suffering is the universal blood, the divine blood that flows through us all.

Suffering tells us that we exist,  
suffering tells us that those whom we love exist,  
suffering tells us that the world in which we live exists,  
and suffering tells us that God exists and that he suffers,  
but his is the suffering of anguish,  
the anguish of surviving and being eternal.

"To believe in God is to love him,  
and to love him is to feel him suffer,  
to pity him.

Faustas Kirsa:  
**The Wooden Christ**

In his father's home, a farmer who's a hundred  
Carves a wooden model Lord that works some wonders.

On the face of Jesus he inscribes his misery  
When they sent his son to prison in Siberia.

He cuts deep, the wood dust drops, the god doll gazes  
Anguished god, created by its maker.

He, to crucify himself his heart and torments,  
Spears the side of God and spikes the palms and insteps.

Then he twists a crown of thorns to grave the forehead;  
White the wood the old man gouges, goads and tortures.

With the hands at rest upon the knobby kneecaps,  
Wooden Christ himself is born, alive, and painwracked.

Chips pile up to ease the heart, for Christ is risen,  
Christ himself is risen from the old man's chisel.

Now the godwright glows, and now he sees the miracle:  
Round the head of Christ are lightrays in a circle.

When he stripped the final splinter from the icon,  
You could hear the lips of the creator speaking:

"God, I don't believe this piece of wood requires  
Labor out of me to bring about a miracle.

"God, you wipe my tears dry, turn my pain to sweetness  
Through your agony with both your temples bleeding.

"If you do perform them — miracles, I beg you:  
Save the innocent, but punish persecutors!"

And, his lips against the wound of Jesus' passion,  
He himself begged mercy for his youth's transgressions.

Ronald Duncan:  
**The Return**  
from "Judas"

They covered His body with linen  
Then placed it in a tomb.  
His women wept. And they  
Who'd followed Him with more hopes than understanding  
Immediately began to shift for themselves  
Disappointed at the turn of events  
Yet relieved at the same time since these  
Now gave them no alternative but to return home:  
Peter to his fishing, it was for the season for herring;  
Andrew to his camels, two of them in foal.  
Each had a claw in his heart, a home -  
Something they could at least return to  
And they made their preparations, forgetting  
That though it is possible to lock a body in a tomb  
It is not possible to lay one's memory down beside it.  
And as they walked away, the seed started to germinate.  
Christ began to live.

Text by Miguel de Unamuno

From "The Tragic Sense of Life"  
for Baritone and Woodwind Quintet

PASSION WITH TROPES, No. 4

Don Freund

(1983)

Very Freely ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca.} 80$ )

Baritone

Reduction

Flute

Oboe

Bb Clarinet

Horn in F

Bassoon

(transposed score)

*f*

God is re - vealed to us because he suf - fered, and be - cause we suf - fer;

Very Freely ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca.} 80$ )

5

6

be - cause he suf - fered he de - mands our love, and be - cause we suf - fer he gives us his love,

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

3

5

3

5

3

mf

p

mf

p

mf

p

mf

p

mf

p

*p subito*

and he cov - ers our an - guish with his e-ter - nal and in - fi-nite an - guish.

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

*p* *mp* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p*

5

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

*p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p*

5

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

*p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p*

4     *d* = 80 (*in tempo*)     5     6

And man     made a     God     of     this     Christ     who

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

*p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p*

*p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p*

*p* *mf* *f* *p* *p* *mf* *f* *p* *p* *mf* *f* *p*

*p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p*

*p* *mf* *f* *p*

7                    8                    9

suf - fered,  
and through  
Him dis - cov - ered  
the e-ter-nal

Flute  
Oboe  
Cl (Bb)  
Hn(F)  
Bassoon

10                  11                  12

es - sence of a liv - ing, hu - man God,  
a

Flute  
Oboe  
Cl (Bb)  
Hn(F)  
Bassoon

13

God who loves and thirsts for love, for pit - y, a

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

14

15

16

God who is a per - son.

It is on - ly the dead,

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

17

3

18  $\text{♩} = 90$ , freely

$\text{♩} = 90$ , freely

19

on - ly the in - hu - man,  
on - ly the im - pas - sive

20

21 *hold back*

that does not suf-fer;

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

22 *a tempo*

and how is the world to de-ri-ve its o-ri-gin and life

23

from the im - pas-sive?

24

The

*a tempo*

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn



31

32

33

34

and suf - fer - ing is the self - sense of its own tan - gi - bi - li - ty; it is on - ly suf - fer - ing that makes us

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

35 - - - - - 36 = 120

37

38

per - sons.

*legato, blurred*

And suf - fer - ing is

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

39

40

41

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn (F)

Bn

42

43

44

suf - fer - ing      is the      u - ni - ver - sal blood,      the di - vine

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn (F)

Bn

45

blood that flows through us all.

F

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

46  $\text{♩} = 50$  47 48 49 50

Suf - fering tells us that we ex-ist, suf - fering tells us that those whom we love ex-ist,

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn



59  
 anguish of sur - vi - ving and be-ing e - ter - nal. To be - lieve in God is to love him, and to  
 60 3  
**p** subito  
 61  
 62  
 63  
 5

Fl  
 Ob  
 Cl (Bb)  
 Hn(F)  
 Bn

64  
 love him is to feel him suf - fer, to pit - y him.  
 65  
 66  
 67

Fl  
 Ob  
 Cl (Bb)  
 Hn(F)  
 Bn

Poem by Faustas Kirsa

**The Wooden Christ**  
*for Baritone and Woodwind Quintet*

PASSION WITH TROPS, No. 44

Don Freund

(1983)

 $\bullet = 72$ 

2

3

4

Baritone

*Reduction*

$\bullet = 72$

Flute

Oboe

Bb Clarinet  
(transposed score)

Horn in F

Bassoon

5

6

7

8

In his fa - ther's home, a farm - er who's a hun - dred

*Fl*

*Ob*

*Cl (Bb)*

*Hn(F)*

*Bn*

9

10

11

Carves a wood - en mod - el Lord that works some won - ders.

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

*tr ~~~~*

*mp*

12

13

14

On the face of Je - sus

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

18

19

20

Bassoon: *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon)  
*f* *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon)  
*fp* *tr* (bassoon icon)  
*tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon)  
*fp* *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon)  
*fp* *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon)  
*fp* *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon) 3 *tr* (bassoon icon)  
*fp*

Flute: *tr* (flute icon) 3 *tr* (flute icon) 3 *tr* (flute icon)  
*f* *tr* (flute icon) 3 *tr* (flute icon) 3 *tr* (flute icon)  
*fp* *tr* (flute icon)  
*tr* (flute icon) 3 *tr* (flute icon) 3 *tr* (flute icon)  
*fp* *tr* (flute icon) 3 *tr* (flute icon) 3 *tr* (flute icon)  
*fp* *tr* (flute icon) 3 *tr* (flute icon) 3 *tr* (flute icon)

Oboe: *tr* (oboe icon) 3 *tr* (oboe icon) 3 *tr* (oboe icon)  
*f* *tr* (oboe icon) 3 *tr* (oboe icon) 3 *tr* (oboe icon)  
*fp* *tr* (oboe icon)  
*tr* (oboe icon) 3 *tr* (oboe icon) 3 *tr* (oboe icon)  
*fp* *tr* (oboe icon) 3 *tr* (oboe icon) 3 *tr* (oboe icon)  
*fp* *tr* (oboe icon) 3 *tr* (oboe icon) 3 *tr* (oboe icon)

Clarinet (Bb): *tr* (clarinet icon) 3 *tr* (clarinet icon) 3 *tr* (clarinet icon)  
*f* *tr* (clarinet icon) 3 *tr* (clarinet icon) 3 *tr* (clarinet icon)  
*tr* (clarinet icon) 3 *tr* (clarinet icon) 3 *tr* (clarinet icon)  
*fp* *tr* (clarinet icon) 3 *tr* (clarinet icon) 3 *tr* (clarinet icon)  
*fp* *tr* (clarinet icon) 3 *tr* (clarinet icon) 3 *tr* (clarinet icon)

Horn (F): -

Bassoon: -

He cuts deep, the wood dust



32                   33                   34                   35

Then he twists a crown of thorns to grave the fore-head;

36                    37                    38                    39

White the wood the old man

Fl.                    Ob                    Cl (Bb)                    Hn (F)                    Bn

40                    41                    42                    43

gou - ges,      goads      and      tor - tures.      With the

Fl.                    Ob                    Cl (Bb)                    Hn (F)                    Bn

hands at rest up - on the knob - by knee - caps,

Flute  
Oboe  
Clarinet (Bb)  
Horn (F)  
Bassoon

Wood - en Christ him - self is born, a - live,

Flute  
Oboe  
Clarinet (Bb)  
Horn (F)  
Bassoon

48

49

and pain - wracked.

Flute part (Measures 48-49):

- Measure 48: Bassoon (tr), Flute (tr), Oboe, Clarinet (Bb), Horn (F) (mp), Bassoon (tr).
- Measure 49: Bassoon (p), Flute (p), Oboe, Clarinet (Bb), Horn (F) (p), Bassoon (p).

Bassoon part (Measures 48-49):

- Measure 48: Bassoon (tr), Bassoon (tr), Bassoon (tr).
- Measure 49: Bassoon (p), Bassoon (p), Bassoon (p).

50

51

f

Chips pile up to ease the heart,

for

Flute part (Measures 50-51):

- Measure 50: Bassoon (cresc.), Bassoon (tr), Bassoon (tr), Bassoon (tr).
- Measure 51: Bassoon (f), Bassoon (f), Bassoon (f).

Oboe part (Measures 50-51):

- Measure 50: Bassoon (p), Bassoon (p), Bassoon (p).
- Measure 51: Bassoon (f), Bassoon (f), Bassoon (f).

Clarinet (Bb) part (Measures 50-51):

- Measure 50: Bassoon (p), Bassoon (p), Bassoon (p).
- Measure 51: Bassoon (f), Bassoon (f), Bassoon (f).

Horn (F) part (Measures 50-51):

- Measure 50: Bassoon (p), Bassoon (p), Bassoon (p).
- Measure 51: Bassoon (f), Bassoon (f), Bassoon (f).

Bassoon part (Measures 50-51):

- Measure 50: Bassoon (p), Bassoon (p), Bassoon (p).
- Measure 51: Bassoon (f), Bassoon (f), Bassoon (f).

52

Christ is ris - en, Christ him - self is

53

54

ris - en from the old man's chis - el.

Now the

55

56 *f*

1

b

3

n

5

*f*

ff

5

*f*

3 3 12 18

*f*

5

*f*

3 3 5 12 18

*f*

5

*f*

3 3 12 18

57

58

59

god - wright glows, now he sees the mi - ra - cle:

Bassoon  
Flute  
Oboe  
Clarinet (Bb)  
Horn (F)  
Bassoon

3 3 12      3 3 12      3 3 12

3 3 12      3 3 12      5

3 3 12      3 3 12      5

60

61

62

Round the head of Christ are light-rays in a cir - cle.

Bassoon  
Flute  
Oboe  
Clarinet (Bb)  
Horn (F)  
Bassoon

*tr* (trill) 6      *tr* (trill) 6      *tr* (trill) 6

*f*      6      *tr* (trill) 6

*tr* (trill) 6      *tr* (trill) 6      *tr* (trill) 6

*f tr* (trill) 6      *tr* (trill) 6      *tr* (trill) 5

*f tr* (trill) 6      *tr* (trill) 6      *tr* (trill) 6

*f*      6      *tr* (trill) 6

*f*      6      *mf* (trill) 6



69                   70                   71                   72

"God, I don't believe this piece of wood requires La - bor out of me to

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

73                   74                   75

bring a - bout a mi - ra - cle. "God, you wipe my tears dry,

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

76

77

Bassoon (Bassoon)      Flute (Flute)      Oboe (Oboe)      Clarinet (Clarinet)      Horn (Horn)      Bassoon (Bassoon)

turn my pain to sweet - ness

*f*

78

79

80

Through your ag - o - ny with both your tem - ples bleed - ing. "If you

Bassoon (Bassoon)      Flute (Flute)      Oboe (Oboe)      Clarinet (Clarinet)      Horn (Horn)      Bassoon (Bassoon)

*p*

*tr*

*tr*

*tr*

*tr*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*



91

92

93

94

95

Musical score for measures 91 to 95. The score includes parts for Bassoon (Bass clef), Flute (Fl), Oboe (Ob), Clarinet in Bb (Cl (Bb)), Horn in F (Hn(F)), and Bass (Bn). Measure 91: Bassoon and Flute play eighth-note patterns. Oboe and Clarinet play sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 92: Bassoon and Flute continue their eighth-note patterns. Oboe and Clarinet continue their sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 93: Bassoon and Flute play eighth-note patterns. Oboe and Clarinet play sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 94: Bassoon and Flute play eighth-note patterns. Oboe and Clarinet play sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 95: Bassoon and Flute play eighth-note patterns. Oboe and Clarinet play sixteenth-note patterns. Dynamics include *mp* and *tr*.

96

97

Musical score for measures 96 to 97. The score includes parts for Bassoon (Bass clef), Flute (Fl), Oboe (Ob), Clarinet in Bb (Cl (Bb)), Horn in F (Hn(F)), and Bass (Bn). Measure 96: Bassoon and Flute play eighth-note patterns. Oboe and Clarinet play sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 97: Bassoon and Flute play eighth-note patterns. Oboe and Clarinet play sixteenth-note patterns. Dynamics include *mf*, *intense*, *mp*, and *tr*. Measure 97 concludes with a measure repeat sign.

98

99

100 **p, subdued**

And, his  
lips a-gainst the wound of Je-sus' pas-sion, He him-self begged mer-cy for his youth's trans-gres-sions.

101 *freely*

102

103

101 *freely*

102

103

lips a-gainst the wound of Je-sus' pas-sion, He him-self begged mer-cy for his youth's trans-gres-sions.

104

*Slower (♩ = ca. 60)*

105

106

104 *Slower (♩ = ca. 60)*

105

106

*rit.* 3

*Slower (♩ = ca. 60)*

*rit.* 3

rit. 3

n

# The Return

Poem from "Judas" by Ronald Duncan

*With an easy swing*

$\text{♩} = 100$

for Baritone and Woodwind Quintet

PASSION WITH TROPES, No. 72

Don Freund

(1983)

Baritone

Reduction

Flute

Oboe

Bb Clarinet  
(transposed score)

Horn in F

Bassoon

With an easy swing  
 $\text{♩} = 100$

7

8 Pop ballad style

9

10

11

They cov - ered his bod - y with lin - en

Fl

Ob

Cl (Bb)

Hn(F)

Bn

12                    13                    14                    15                    16

Then placed it in a tomb.

His wo - men

Flute (Fl)

Oboe (Ob)

Clarinet (Bb) (Cl (Bb))

Horn (F) (Hn(F))

Bassoon (Bn)

17                    18                    19                    20

wept, and those who fol - lowed him with more

Flute (Fl)

Oboe (Ob)

Clarinet (Bb) (Cl (Bb))

Horn (F) (Hn(F))

Bassoon (Bn)

21                    22                    23                    24

Fl                    Ob                    Cl (Bb)                    Hn(F)                    Bn

25                    26                    27                    28                    29

Fl                    Ob                    Cl (Bb)                    Hn(F)                    Bn

25                    26                    27                    28                    29

30 yet re-lieved at the same time, Since these now gave them no al -

Fl Ob Cl (Bb) Hn(F) Bn

34 ter-na-tive but to re - turn home

Fl Ob Cl (Bb) Hn(F) Bn

39                          40                          41                          42

Peter to his fish-ing it was the sea - son for her - ring, An

Flute (Fl)

Oboe (Ob)

Clarinet (Bb) (Cl (Bb))

Horn (F) (Hn(F))

Bassoon (Bn)

43                          44                          45                          46                          47

drew to his cam-els, two of them in foal Each had a claw in his heart,

Flute (Fl)

Oboe (Ob)

Clarinet (Bb) (Cl (Bb))

Horn (F) (Hn(F))

Bassoon (Bn)

48                    49                    50                    51                    52                    53  
**a home**      Something they could at least      re - turn to.  
*rit. - - - a tempo*

Fl                    Ob                    Cl (Bb)                    Hn(F)                    Bn

54                    55                    56                    57                    58  
And they made their pre - par - a - tions,      for - getting that  
*3 3 - - -*

Fl                    Ob                    Cl (Bb)                    Hn(F)                    Bn

59                   60                   61                   62                   63

though it is pos - si - ble to lock a bod - y in a tomb

64                   65                   66                   67                   68

It is not possi-ble to lay one's mem-o-ry down be-side it And

69                   70                   71                   72                   73                   74

Flute  
Oboe  
Clarinet (Bb)  
Bassoon  
Horn (F)

75                   76                   77                   78                   79                   80                   81                   82

Flute  
Oboe  
Clarinet (Bb)  
Bassoon  
Horn (F)

83

84

85

86

87

88

Musical score for measures 83 to 88. The score includes parts for Bassoon, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet (Bb), Horn (F), and Bassoon. Measure 83: Bassoon rests. Measures 84-87: Various woodwind instruments play eighth-note patterns with dynamics (mf, p, mp). Measure 88: Bassoon continues eighth-note patterns.

89

90

91

92

93

Musical score for measures 89 to 93. The score includes parts for Bassoon, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet (Bb), Horn (F), and Bassoon. Measure 89: Bassoon rests. Measures 90-92: Bassoon plays eighth-note patterns with dynamics (p, mf, p). Measures 93: Bassoon continues eighth-note patterns.

94                    95                    96                    97

Bassoon  
Flute  
Oboe  
Cl (Bb)  
Hn(F)  
Bassoon

*p*                    *mf*                    *cresc.*                    *mf*  
*cresc.*                    *mf*                    *cresc.*  
*p*                    *mp*                    *cresc.*  
*cresc.*                    *mf*

98                    99                    100                    101                    102                    103

Bassoon  
Flute  
Oboe  
Cl (Bb)  
Hn(F)  
Bassoon

*cresc.*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*  
*f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*  
*mf*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*  
*f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*  
*f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*                    *f*

*f*                    *(poco)*                    *(poco)*                    *(poco)*                    *(poco)*                    *(poco)*