

Full Score in C

Commissioned by 'Ah! You Sitting Comfortably'

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The Lonely Giant



A mini-opera about an incredibly sad and lonely giant.

Based on a Scottish folk story.

(Which can be found under the same title in:
Scottish Folk And Fairy Tales by Gordon Jarvie
(1997 Penguin Polpular Classics).

The opera uses a bare minimum of words allowing the music to convey the tale.. The 'Giant-English' that the Giant sings/speaks is inspired by the 'Rotten English' that Ken Saro-Wiwa uses in his novel *Sozaboy*, and is probably is the kind of really basic English that Giants might speak if they ever existed.

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The Warehouse, Theed St, London SE1 8ST
Vicky Wright (clarinet)
Peter Willcock (voice/actor)

Duration: 17 minutes

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Giant alone, breathing and thinking $\text{♩} = 130$

Baritone Voice *f* exhale exhale exhale *triste*

Bass Clarinet in Bb *f* inhale inhale inhale *pp* *triste*

11 **Deep, Giant-like voice** *f* inhale exhale *frustrated shouts!*

Voice oh uh oh! huh! aghh! ah! lone! uh,

overblown (to give overtones)⁺ *p* harmonic (written as sounding) *mp*

B. Cl. *p* *mp*

19

Voice oh ah! oh ah! lone! lone! *p* oh

multiphonics (written as sounding) harmonic (written as sounding) *p*

B. Cl. *p*

A Giant demonstrates his might, and loneliness $\text{♩} = 130$

27 *rit.* *f* Man big, man big_ man big! No fren, man big lone lone.

Voice *rit.* *f*

B. Cl. multiphonics *f* (harmonic)

B $\text{♩} = 140$ *f* increasingly frustrated & angry grunts!

34 Man big, man big_ man big! no fren, jus lone lone! Lone! Lone! Lone! Lone! Shout! ta! Man na!

Voice *f*

B. Cl. *f*

41

Voice Stamp! pah! Stamp! pah! Fier - cer man a shout! ta! Man big. Lone! Lone! Lone! Lone!

B. Cl.

45

Voice

Shout! Stamp! Shout! Stamp! Lone! na! ha! Lone! na! ha! Shout! ta! ha! Man! na ha ha!

B. Cl.

48

Voice

Lone! ah! Lone! na! Lone! na! Lone! na! Lone! na! na! Lone! Uh! *ff*

B. Cl.

51

Voice

Shout! ta! ha! Man! ah! ha! No! uh! Fren! Doh! oh ah!

B. Cl.

subito mp *f*

gliss.

subito mp *f*

overblown

57

Voice

lone lone

B. Cl.

rall. *p* *rall.* *To Cl.*

multiphonic (written as sounding)

♩ = 120

D Morag (the tiny human friend of Giant) arrives

65

Voice

Vivace *♩ = 140*

B. Cl.

Clarinet in B \flat
pitta pattering of little feet

p *key hits* *mp* *mf*

(+tongue slaps if needed)

71

Voice

surprised *amused by tiny Morag*

mp who? who? Who? small?!

Cl.

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477

Voice

Mor- ag, Mor ag, Mor - ag, Mor - ag, Mor - ag, Mor - ag!

Cl.