

Appendix IIIa

Water Passion Libretto

Part I

BAPTISM

Chorus
a sound is heard in water,
in darkness,
the tears
are crying for rebirth....

John Bass
I baptize you with water for repentance,
but the one after me will baptize you
with Holy Spirit and fire.

Chorus
someone is shouting in the desert,
prepare a road,
for him to go!

John Bass
I ought to be baptized by you,
why do you come to me?

Soprano
tell us,
are you the one John said was going to come,

Soprano & Bass
or should we expect someone else?

Chorus
then heaven was opened,
the Spirit coming down like a dove.
and a voice said: Son

Soprano
this is my own beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.

TEMPTATIONS

Chorus
desert!

Devil Soprano
if you are the son of God,
turn those stones into bread.

Jesus Bass
man cannot live on bread alone,
but needs every word that God speaks.

Chorus
river!

Devil Soprano
if you are the son of God,
throw yourself down,
let the angels lift you,
not even your feet will be hurt upon the stones.

Jesus Bass
do not put the Lord your God to the test.

Chorus
mountain!

Devil Soprano
If you kneel down and worship me,
all this I give you.

Jesus Bass
go away!
worship the Lord your god and serve only Him!

Chorus
fire!

Bass & Soprano
the devil left; the angels came.

LAST SUPPER

Chorus
a sound is heard in water,

in darkness
the tears
are crying for truth....

Jesus Bass
eat,
drink,
I wish to eat this meal with you,
before I suffer.

for truly I say unto you,
i will not eat again
until that day when it becomes true
in the kingdom of God.

for truly I say to you,
one of you will betray me,
who is eating with me now.

Chorus
Is it I? is it I? is it I?

Judas Soprano
master, is it I?

Jesus Bass
you have said it.

Peter Soprano
I will go with you,
even to death.

Jesus Bass
truly I say to you that on this very night,
before the cock crows,
you will deny me three times.

Chorus
is it I? is it I? is it I?

Jesus Bass
truly I say to you
the Son of Man will soon be
mocked,
whipped,
and crucified,
but in three days,

he will be raised to life.

Chorus
he broke the bread

Jesus Bass
drink, it is my blood...

IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Soprano
trees
want to rest
wind
never stops

Chorus
wu...wu...wu...
Eli Eli Lamala

Soprano
in the Garden of Gethsemane
Jesus said to his disciples:

Soprano & Bass
let me pray

Jesus Bass
sorrow, bitter sorrow,
take this cup of suffering from me!

Soprano
he returned to disciples and found them asleep.

Jesus Bass
the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

Soprano
the disciples still slept.

Jesus Bass
wake up!

Soprano
Judas arrived with a large crowd with swords.

Soprano & Chorus
the man I kiss is the one you want.

Soprano
Judas went straight to Jesus and said to him:

Soprano & Chorus
Teacher, may peace be with you.

Chorus
Eli Eli Lamala...arrest him!

Jesus Bass
all those who take up the sword will die by the sword.

Chorus
Eli Eli Lamala...
arrest him!

Soprano
then all the disciples left Jesus and fled.

Chorus
Eli Eli Lamala
arrest him!

a sound is heard in water,
in darkness
the tears
are crying for silence...

pause

Part II

STONE SONG

Chorus
no!
this is not the same sound we hear in water
the heart beats
stones....

Soprano
did I see you in the garden with Jesus?

Chorus
no!
Peter Bass

what are you talking about?

Chorus
no!
Soprano
you were with Jesus Nazareth.

Chorus
no!
Peter Bass
I swear that I don't know what you mean.

Chorus
no!

Soprano
you must be one of them,
your accent gives you away.

Peter Bass
no!
a cock crows from orchestra

Chorus
no!
Soprano
do you now know what he said to you:
"before the cock crows,
you will deny me three times."

Chorus
no!
this is not the same sound hear in water,
the bitter weeping,
guilty...

Chorus
no!
Judas Bass
I have also sinned.
I have betrayed the innocent blood.
here are the thirty pieces of silver,
for which I killed him,
for which I must die.

Chorus
no!

Soprano
no! we can't take this money,
this is blood money...

Chorus
no!
this is not the same sound we heard in water,
the blood drops...

GIVE US BARABBAS!

Chorus
you ha, ha,
prophesize for us, Messiah!
if you are the son of God,
tell us who hits, who spits, who slaps you now!

you ha, ha,
the king of the Jews!
if you come down off the cross,
we will believe!

he can tear down the temple,
and build it up again in three days!
blasphemy!

Pilate Chorus
which one do you want:
Barabbas the thief,
or Jesus called Messiah!

Chorus
Messiah? Messiah? Messiah?

give us Barabbas!

Soprano
are you the son of God?

Jesus Bass
you have said so.
for this I was born,
for this I came into the world,
to give witness to the truth.

Chorus

kill him! kill him!

Silence

Eli Eli lamala
kill him! kill him!

Jesus Bass
Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.

Chorus
Eli Eli Lamala
kill him! kill him!

DEATH AND EARTHQUAKE

Chorus
wu...wu...wu...

Jesus Bass
Eli, Eli lama sabachthani?
Soprano
my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Jesus Bass
I thirst...

Soprano
they gave him vinegar...

Jesus Bass
it is finished...

earthquake music

WATER AND RESURRECTION

Chorus
a sound is heard in water,
the sound of innocence,
in darkness
in three days
the everlasting waters
tears
are crying for rebirth...

Jesus Bass , Chorus, Soprano

come
a time to love
a time of peace
a time to dance
a time of silence....