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Paix

for baritone and piano 2020

Programme note

Written for George Reynolds and based on the Prayer of St Francis of Assisi.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union.
Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Master, let me not seek as much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that one receives, it is in self-forgetting that one finds, it is in pardoning that one is pardoned, it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

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Duration c. 8-10'

Baritone range: B2 - E4

(Bb2 - Eb4 in the original key of Eb major)

Performance instructions:

Cyclic and stable, with the dynamics static and quiet throughout.











