

First Performance: 13 April 2014
Clive Birch, bass
Wollongong Art Gallery
Wollongong, NSW, Australia

Duration: c. 4 minutes

This piece was written for Clive Birch, bass in the Australian vocal ensemble The Song Company. It was initially written to be performed in the short break between Demantius' *St John Passion* and David Lang's *The Little Match Girl*, during which the gospel choir has 10 minutes to get into costume. As there is no part for bass voice in the second work, this short piece provides a kind of 'filler' for the first text (Gallus) takes the passage of Peter's three denials of Christ linked to the cock crowing, and the second (Agnus) is a setting of the Demantius setting, while the second (Agnus) sets Jesus' reinstatement of Peter after the Resurrection through the words of the gospel to "feed my lambs".

Gavin Bryars (2014)

Gallus et Agnus (after Demantius)

I (Gallus)

Tertio manifestus est:

Dicit ergo Petro ancilla ostiaria numquid et tu ex discipulis es hominis istius dicit ille non sum (Dicit ille non sum)

Erat autem Simon Petrus stans et calefactus et dixerunt ergo ei numquid et tu ex discipulis es hominis istius negavit ille et dixit non sum (Dicit ille non sum)

Dicit unus ex servis pontificis non ergo te vidit in hortu cum illo iterum ergo negavit Petrus (Dicit ille non sum)

et statim gallus cantavit

II (Agnus)

Tertio manifestus est:

Cum dicit dominus ad Petrum et ad alios discipulos quia diligis me ait ille et ait illi Domine tu omnia scis tu scis quia amo te

Dicit ei Domine tu omnia scis tu scis quia amo te

Et ait illi Domine tu omnia scis tu scis quia amo te et ait illi Domine tu omnia scis tu scis quia amo te

Dicit ei: „Pasce oves meas“

Amen. Amen.

Third, it is said:

Then saith unto Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith unto him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.

And immediately the cock crew.

III (Agnus)

Third, it is said:

Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.

Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Amen. Amen.

(translation from King James Bible)

Gavin Bryars Gallus et Agnus (after Demantius)

for Clive Birch

I (Gallus)
Freely (♩ = c.90)

Ter - ti - o ma - ni - fes - tus est: Di - cit ei go Pe -

an - cil - la o - sti - a - ri - a num - quid et ju - li - us

ho - mi - nis i - sti - us di - ci - tur. E - rat au - tem

Si - mon Pe - trus stans ad dex - te - ras se - di - se - runt

er - go e - nim in di - sci - pu - lis e - ius

et di - xit non sum

quod tuus ex ser - vis pon - ti - fi - cis non - ne e - go te

re - di - di - i in hor - to cum il - lo i - ter - um er - go

ne - ga - vit Pe - trus... ..et sta - tim gal - lus can - ta - vit.

D II (Agnus)

37 *mp* *p*
 Ter - ti - o ma - ni - fes - tus est. Cum er - go prau - dis - sent

41 *mf*
 Di - cit Si - mo - ni Pe - tro Je - sus: Si - mon -- han - ne

45
 di - li - gis plus his di - cit e - i e - ti - am Do - mi - ne tu

49 *mp*
 scis qui - a a - mo te Di - cit "Pas - ce a - gnos me - os"

E 55 *mf*
 Di - cit et i - ter - um Si - mon Jo - han - nis di - li - gis a - it il - le

59
 e - ti - am Do - mi - ne tu scis qui - a a - mo te Di - cit e - i:

64 *p* *mf*
 "Pas - ce a - gnos me - os" Di - cit e - i ter - ti - o Si - mon Jo - han - nis

69
 con - tra - sta - tus est Petr - us qui - a di - xit e - i

74
 ter - ti - o a - mas me et di - cit e - i "Do - mi - ne tu

78 *mp*
 om - ni - a scis, tu scis qui - a a - mo te" Di - cit e - i:

83 *p* **G** *mp*
 "Pas - ce o - ves me - as" A - - - men, a - - - men.