

Editor's Note

Gabriel Fauré (May 12, 1845 to November 4, 1924) was one the most important French composers of his time. He wrote both instrumental and vocal music and was said to have been influential in the transition from the Romantic period to the Modern period of music.

“Pie Jesu” was written as a soprano solo in the fourth movement of his *Requiem*, Opus 48, a seven-movement work for chorus and orchestra. It has become one of the most popular vocal solos in the repertoire and has been recorded by world-famous soloists such as Kiri Te Kanawa and Renée Fleming.

In arranging this solo, I have tried to maintain the character of Fauré’s original harmonic textures while making the piece accessible to choirs. Within the choral arrangement, there are two opportunities for soloists in measures 3-8 and 29-32 (with the choir coming back in at measures 11 and 33 respectively). Sing the text with pure vowels and appropriate word emphasis, never over-singing.

Enjoy Fauré’s beautiful melody and harmonies as you sing this classic work.

Translation and Pronunciation Guide

Pie Jesu Domine,
(*Merciful Lord Jesus,*)

Pee-eh yeh-soo daw-mee-neh,
pi-ɛ yɛ-su dɔ-mi-nɛ,

dona eis requiem,
(*grant them rest,*)
daw-nah eh-ees reh-kweehm,
do-na ɛ-is re-kwi-em,

sempiternam requiem.
(*everlasting rest.*)

sehñi-peeh-tehr-nahm reh-kweehm.
sem-pi-ter-nam re-kwi-ɛm.

Please see *Alfred’s IPA Made Easy* (42789) for further explanation of the International Phonetic Alphabet.

PIE JESU

from *Requiem*, Op. 48

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano
with optional Flute and PianoTrax CD*

Music by GABRIEL FAURÉ (1845-1924)
Edited and Arranged by RUSSELL ROBINSON

Dolce (♩ = ca. 66)

* Also available for 3-part mixed (43331) and S.S.A. (43332).
PianoTrax 7 Accompaniment CD available (43182).

PERFORMANCE SUGGESTION: Measures 3-8 and 29-32 may be sung by a soloist.

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A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) and basso continuo. The vocal parts are in treble clef, and the basso continuo part is in bass clef. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts sing a three-part setting of the Latin hymn "Domine dona eis requiem". The basso continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The score includes measure numbers 4 through 10, with lyrics appearing below the vocal parts. A large red watermark reading "Legal Use Requires Purchase Only" is diagonally across the page.

Do - mi - ne, do - na ____ e - is re - qui - em,
Do - mi - ne, do - na ____ e - is re - qui - em,
Do - mi - ne, do - na ____ e - is re - qui - em,

do - na ____ e - is re - qui - em.
do - na ____ e - is re - qui - em.
do - na ____ e - is re - qui - em.

pp

pp

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[11] *mf*

Pi - e Je - su Do - mi - ne,
mf
Pi - e Je - su Do - mi - ne,
mf
Pi - e Je - su Do - mi - ne,
mf
Pi - e Je - su Do - mi - ne,

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do - na - e - is re - qui - em, do - na - e - is
do - na - e - is re - qui - em, do - na - e - is
do - na - e - is re - qui - em, do - na - e - is
do - na - e - is re - qui - em, do - na - e - is

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re - qui - em. rit. Do -
na _____ e - is, Do - mi - ne, do - na e - is
na e - is, Do - mi - ne, do - na e - is
na e - is, Do - mi - ne, do - na e - is
mf a tempo

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na _____ e - is, Do - mi - ne, do - na e - is
na e - is, Do - mi - ne, do - na e - is
na e - is, Do - mi - ne, do - na e - is
Do - na e - is

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decrec.

re - qui - em, sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em,

decrec.

re - qui - em, sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em,

decrec.

re - qui - em, sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em,

decrec.

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p rit.

sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em, sem - pi - ter - nam

rit.

sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em, sem - pi -

rit.

sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em, p rit.

sem - pi - ter - nam

p

rit.

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[29] *mf a tempo*

re - qui - em. Pi - e, pi - e Je - su,
ter - nam. Pi - e, pi - e Je - su,
sem - pi - ter - nam. Pi - e, pi - e Je - su,
re - qui - em. Pi - e, pi - e Je - su,

mf a tempo

mf a tempo

mf a tempo

a tempo

mf

31

pi - e Je - su Do - mi - ne, do - na e - is
pi - e Je - su Do - mi - ne, do - na e - is
pi - e Je - su Do - mi - ne, do - na e - is
pi - e Je - su Do - mi - ne, do - na e - is

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p

rit. to end

do - na e - is sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em,

p

rit. to end

do - na e - is sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em,

p rit. to end

do - na e - is sem - pi - ter - nam,

rit. to end

do - na e - is

p

rit. to end

p

rit. to end

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decresc.

sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em.

decresc.

em,

decresc.

sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em.

p decresc.

sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em.

decresc.

sem - pi - ter - nam re - qui - em.

pp

decresc.

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FLUTE (*optional*)

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3 6

9 11 5 mp

17 19 6

25 rit.

28 29 4

35 rit. to end decresc. pp

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