

BORIS' MONOLOGUE

from the opera "Boris Godunov"

Boris is alone in the Kremlin, at the height of his power, but a prey to horrible anxiety. He won his way to the throne by patient intrigue and (so we gather from this outpouring of a guilty conscience) something worse – the murder of the heir to Ivan, when a child in custody away in the country. The opera follows Pushkin's poem and the music exactly hits the tone of sinister horror in the midst of royal grandeur.

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MODESTE MUSSORGSKY
(1839 – 1881)

Andante ♩ = 72

Voice

PIANO

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I stand su-preme in power. For six long
Достиг я высшей власти. Шестой уж

years I rule a peace-ful king - dom: but ne'er an hour of peace is
год я царст - ву - ю спо - кой - но. Но сча - стья нет мо - ей из -

Più lento (Adagio) ♩ = 56

here {deep in} my heart. In vain my ne - cro -
- му - чен - ной ду - ше. На - прас - номне ку -

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