

Dance of an Ostracised Imp

Frederic Curzon

*arranged by Paul De Bra for
accordion quintet plus tambourine*

Frederic Curzon was an English composer (and conductor and organist), mainly known for light music, including music for theatre and movies. In 1940 he composed “Dance of an Ostracised Imp”, one of his best known and uplifting songs. It is unclear how he came up with the title. The arrangement for accordion quintet is not difficult (except for a few large jumps) but because of the strange harmony you need to pay extra attention to the sharps and flats!

This music became (somewhat) well-known in the Netherlands because it was used as background music for the radio play “Paulus de Boskabouter”.

Professor P made a recording available on YouTube.

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(Music used in "Paulus de Boskabouter")

Frederic Curzon
arr. Paul De Bra

Moderato (temp giusto) ♩ = ca. 80

Tutti tutto leggiero (except when it is staccato or legato)

Musical score for 'Dance of an Ostracised Imp' featuring five staves of instrumentation:

- Acc. 1:** Treble clef, 2/4 time, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: pizz. (Measure 1), mf (Measure 5), arco (Measure 8).
- Acc. 2:** Treble clef, 2/4 time, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: p (Measure 1), mp (Measure 4).
- Acc. 3:** Treble clef, 2/4 time, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: mp (Measure 1).
- Acc. 4:** Treble clef, 2/4 time, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: mp (Measure 1).
- Bass:** Bass clef, 2/4 time, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics: mp (Measure 1).

Performance instructions:

- Tutti tutto leggiero (except when it is staccato or legato)
- pizz. (Acc. 1, Measure 1)
- p (Acc. 2, Measure 1)
- mp (Acc. 3, Measure 1)
- mp (Acc. 4, Measure 1)
- mf (Acc. 1, Measure 5)
- arco (Acc. 1, Measure 8)

Measure numbers:

- Measures 1-7
- Measure 8 (repeated section)
- Measures 9-14
- Measure 15 (beginning of the next section)
- Measures 16-24

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21

I
II
III
IV
V

28 *tr*
8 *tr* (no cassotto, perhaps use 8vb)

I
II
III
IV
V

34

I
II
III
IV
V

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3

40

8
mf

47

8
8

54

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60

I
II
III
IV
B

67

I
II
III
IV
B

72

I
II
III
IV
B

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78

84

90

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96

mf

103

110

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7

116

123

strikes on tambourine

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