

Lumen in Christo

Texts from Genesis, Isaiah, IV Esdras, Requiem Mass

[7] Lumen, lumen in Christo

In the beginning God created heaven and earth,
And the earth was without form and void,
And darkness was upon the face of the waters.
And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
And God said, let there be light, and there was light
And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.
And God called the light Day.
And the darkness he called Night.
And the evening and the morning were the first Day.
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[8] For behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people.

And the Lord shall arise upon thee.
And His glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to Thy light.
And Kings to the brightness of Thy rising.
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.
And they that dwell in the land of the shadow, the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
Lumen, lumen in Christo, Amen.
Lux aeterna, Amen.
Lux aeterna...

Symphony No. 7 'A Sea Symphony'

From Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman (1819-1892)

[9] I.

Lo, the sea! The unbounded sea!
On its breast a ship starting, spreading all her sails,
An ample ship carrying even her moonsails,
The pennant is flying aloft as she speeds, she speeds so stately – below emulous waves press forward,
They surround the ship with shining curving motions and foam.
Lo, the unbounded sea!

[10] II.

The untold want, by life and land ne'er granted,
Now voyager – sail thou forth to seek and find.

[11] III.

Joy, shipmate, joy!

O we can wait no longer,
We too take ship, O soul!
Joyous, we too launch out on trackless seas,
Fearless, for unknown shores on waves of ecstasy to sail,
Amid the wafting winds.
Caroling free, singing our song of God!

Joy, shipmate, joy!

...our life begins,
The long, long anchorage we leave,
The ship is clear at last, she leaps!
She swiftly courses from the shore,
Joy, shipmate, joy!