

Chromatic Pavan (Queen Elizabeth's Pavan)

John Bull (BuK 87a)*

The musical score for "Chromatic Pavan" is presented in five systems of music, each containing two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The key signature is highly variable, with frequent changes indicated by sharp and double sharp symbols. Measure numbers 85, 88, 91, 94, and 98 are marked above the staves. The music is composed of complex rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth-note figures and eighth-note pairs, set against a background of sustained notes and harmonic shifts.

*Variation of final strain from Lbl R.M. 23.1.4 (Co). The title "Queen Elizabeth's Pavan" is from Co; Bu calls it "Paven Chromatique" and El simply "A pavin." All attribute it to Bull, but Thurston Dart left the present variation (unique to Co) out of his edition in MB 19 because "This repeat is entirely in Cosyn's style." This edition copyright (c) 2016 by David Schulenberg. All rights reserved