



Liz Lane *Silver Rose*: first performance selected feedback

Lydbrook Band, Ian Holmes, Robert Hardy CBE, 9 November 2014, Bristol Museum and Art Gallery

"I thought this was wonderful - your writing for brass band seemed to me perfect (the way you integrated the opening fanfare into the full sound was a standout moment)... and I liked the idea of integrating the speaker into spaces in the music.... Bravo, I found this impressive."

"...very brilliant and moving work...."

"I so enjoyed the composition - absolutely beautiful and compelling. Thank you so much."

"I thought Silver Rose was outstandingly good...a real cultural highlight of 2014 for me."

"Wow! The recording is fabulous – what a performance! The acoustic, the narration, the brilliant playing of the band and the whole atmosphere all adds up to something really special."

"Robert Hardy was awesome as was the playing of the Lydbrook band; Liz's piece was very moving."

"...a fantastic event, which everyone really enjoyed. Although I don't really know much about music, I found your commission really moving."

"An extraordinarily powerful piece and a great privilege to be at the first performance"

"It was both easy and unsettling and had a fragility that was echoed in Robert Hardy's stark raw haunting impressions.... It was a special performance with a silky smooth brass band and we were very moved throughout...."

"...and as for the silver rose piece that was fabulous!!!! The time that took to put the poems to music must have taken an awful lot of planning, it was well thought out and with the changes in the music from soft to loud you got a feeling of what those soldiers felt in the war."

"Ms Lane's composition is beautiful."

"...the performance of the new piece Silver Rose was totally inspiring and very emotional."

"I've heard brass bands before but nothing quite like that."

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