John Corigliano

Aria of the Worm
from "The Ghosts of Versailles"

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Score for sale
The Aria of the Worm

William M. Hoffman

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Largo pomposo $ \cdot = 60$

Tenor (Bégearsa): $p$

Oh, the lion may roar,

And the eagle may soar, And man may sail the darkest sea, But the worm lives on eternally. Long live the worm.

* Suggested by Arrigo Boito's epic poem, Il Re Orso.

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The eagle dies. And man... man

stringendo

dies. man dies. man dies.

quasi cadenza

dies. quasi cadenza

(maniacal laughter) But the worm lives on.

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ter - nal - ly. Long live the worm.

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