

## JOSQUIN DES PREZ

In the early morning John woke up to get ready for the auditions for the chorus. He made himself breakfast and put on his clothes. He then set off to the center of town to where the auditions were being held. He was very early but that didn't bother him. He wanted to practice and meet the composer Josquin Des Prez who was holding these auditions.

Josquin Des Prez was one of the best composers of all time and he was a master of vocal polyphonic music. He mostly wrote sacred music but his secular music was still outstanding. When John approached him to introduce himself Josquin Des Prez said "Well you are very early aren't you." "Yes, I am but I'm just so excited to meet you and audition for chorus." replied John "Very well then take a seat in the front row. And your name is?" "John" said John. As John walked back to take a seat he was even more excited than before. As time passed more and more people took their seats and John became nervous because there were only 5 spots available for about 100 people.

Then Josquin Des Prez broke the silence and said "Welcome to the auditions. There are only 5 open spots so only the best of the best will make. Let's begin" He sang a few notes and then had the people repeat them and had people play the same notes as he did on an instrument and then there was the Solo's. The hardest part of the audition was that there were only 25 men left after the 75 who were not good enough were eliminated from the process of making it. Josquin Des Prez would call one person up at a time and sing multiple notes with different pitches and the person up there would have to sing it the exact same way as he did if wanted a chance to make it.

John was 18th in line for his solo and he aced it, he sang better than he ever has done before. John was sure that he was going to make it. As the solo's ended Josquin Des Prez said "The following 5 people have made it." He started calling peoples line numbers because he didn't know everyone's name and he said "Number 3, Number 7, Number 14, number 18, and number 23. Congratulations to those that made it and to the others better luck next year." John couldn't believe it, he made it. The very next day him and his singing partners were learning the song and notes for the royals.

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