

à Roland MANUEL
Les Trois Valses Distinguées du Précieux Dégoûté
I. Sa Taille

Erik Satie (1866-1925)

Ceux qui nuisent à la réputation ou à la fortune des autres, plutôt que de perdre un bon mot, méritent une peine infamante.

Cela n'a pas été dit, et je l'ose dire.

(La BRUYERE: "Les Caractères" ou Les moeurs de ce siècle, d'après l'édition de M.M. G. SERVOIS et A. REBELLIAU)

The musical score consists of four staves of music for piano, arranged in two systems. The first system begins with a dynamic of **Pas vite** (indicated by a bracket above the first two measures) and a tempo marking of *(il se regarde)*. The second system begins with a dynamic of **Plus lent** (indicated by a bracket above the first measure) and a tempo marking of *Attendez*.

First System:

- Measure 1: Treble staff has eighth-note chords in F# major. Bass staff has quarter notes.
- Measure 2: Treble staff has eighth-note chords in F# major. Bass staff has quarter notes.
- Measure 3: Treble staff has eighth-note chords in E major. Bass staff has quarter notes.
- Measure 4: Treble staff has eighth-note chords in E major. Bass staff has quarter notes.

Second System:

- Measure 1: Treble staff has eighth-note chords in C major. Bass staff has eighth-note chords in C major.
- Measure 2: Treble staff has eighth-note chords in C major. Bass staff has eighth-note chords in C major.
- Measure 3: Treble staff has eighth-note chords in C major. Bass staff has eighth-note chords in C major.
- Measure 4: Treble staff has eighth-note chords in C major. Bass staff has eighth-note chords in C major.

Lyrics:

- First System:** Il fredonne un air du XVe siècle.
chanté
- Second System:** Puis, il s'adresse un compliment tout rempli de mesure.
- Final Measure:** Qui osera dire qu'il n'est pas le plus beau?

p Son coeur n'est-il pas tendre?
rallentir un peu

Percez

Il se prend par la taille.

C'est pour lui un ravissement.

pp Que dira la jolie marquise?

plus vif

f

Restez Elle luttera, mais sera vaincue.
 (un rien)

droit devant vous

Oui, madame.

N'est-ce pas écrit?

ff

gommeux

sec

Translations by Google Translate and some research

Title:

Les Trois Valses Distinguées du Précieux Dégoûté - Three Distinguished Waltzes of a Precious Fop

Subtitle:

Sa Taille - His Waist

Preamble:

Those who damage the reputation or fortune of others, rather than losing a good word, deserve ignominious punishment. This has not been said, and I dare to say. (The BRUYERE The Characters or The Mores of This Century, according to the edition of Messrs. C. SERVOIS and A. REBELLIAU)

Text:

(il se regarde) - he looks at himself

Il fredonne un air du XVe siècle. - He hums a tune from the fifteenth century.

Puis, il s'adresse un compliment tout rempli de mesure.

Then he addresses himself with a restrained compliment.

Qui osera dire qu'il n'est pas le plus beau? - Who shall say that he is not the best?

Son coeur n'est-il pas tendre? - Is not his heart soft?

Il se prend par la taille. - He takes himself by the waist.

C'est pour lui un ravissement. - He is delighted.

Que dira la jolie marquise? - What will the pretty Marquise say?

Elle luttera, mais sera vaincue. - She will struggle but be defeated.

N'est-ce pas écrit? - Is it not written?

Musical Terms:

Pas vite - Not fast

chanté - sung

Attendez - Wait

Plus lent - Slower

reprendre - resume (a tempo)

rallentir un peu - slow down a bit

Percez - Break through

Restez (un rien) - Stay (a bit)

plus vif - brighter

droit devant vous - straight ahead

gommeux - gummy

sec - dry