

"Untitled" by Wilhelmus Legrant  
.....from Das Lochamer Liederbuch (ca. 1460)

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## A Superimposition

August 2001

(ca. 541 years after Legrant's composition)

*for harpsichord or organ*

Anthony Skilbeck

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The companion piece to "A Superimposition" is "The Labyrinth" (801 years after being laid).

The World Premieres of "A Superimposition" and "The Labyrinth"  
were given by the composer  
in St. Paul's Church, Worksop,  
on 10th October, 2006

As an experiment in compositional technique, I have superimposed my own pitches and phrasing onto the rhythmic skeleton of a keyboard work by Wilhelm Legrant, found in *Das Lochamer Liederbuch* (ca. 1460). In doing this, I am adding to the evidence found in my oeuvre that, whilst wishing to give my own "voice" expression, I also seek to make links with what has gone before in musical composition.

The copy of Legrant's piece has been slightly edited, and phrase marks added which correspond to those in *A Superimposition*. Performances of *A Superimposition* may be preceded - or followed - by a performance of the Legrant.

Although *A Superimposition* is thematically linked to *The Labyrinth*, these pieces do not necessarily have to be played together.

2 Using two manuals is a possibility and appropriate at bar 21, but may present a difficulty in bars 15 and 16, unless the bass notes can be taken with coupled pedals.

♩ = 60 Duration: ca. 1'20"

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1 I I mf quasi flutuando

II mp

7

13 (h) F F# A

19

Musical score for measures 19-20. The right hand features a complex melodic line with slurs and fingerings (1, 4, 3, 2, 1, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2). The left hand provides a simple accompaniment with chords and single notes.

21

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Musical score for measures 21-22. Measure 21 is marked with an asterisk and contains a right-hand solo with slurs and fingerings (1, 2, 3, 5, 3, 5). Measure 22 has a wavy hairpin and a C# marking. The left hand has a few notes and rests.

23

poco rall.

Musical score for measures 23-24. Measure 23 has a wavy hairpin and an 'A' marking. Measure 24 is marked 'poco rall.' and features a wavy hairpin. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and a final note. The left hand has chords and a final note.

\* Implies right hand solo

# A Superimposition

(ca. 541 years after Legrant's composition)  
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♩ = 60 Duration: ca. 2'30"

1 I F#  
mf quasi flutuando  
II mp  
4-5 3 4 (leg.)

7

pochiss. A tempo

13 rit. G D Eb

**poco rall.** **A tempo** **rit.** **A little slower**

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For the repeat, both hands on II.