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*And I'm off to Philadelphia in the morning
When they told me I must leave the place
I tried to keep a cheerful face
For to show me hearts deep sorrow I was scornin.*

Not bad for a man born into poverty who left school at the age of nine to work in the local coal mines and iron works. From those humble beginnings he rose to become the first person from Wales to achieve a Doctorate in Music from Cambridge University and become the first Welshman to compose an opera – Blodwen, was the first opera in the Welsh language. In the 1840s when Joseph was a young boy, this was the largest industrial town anywhere in the world according to Jack Jones. The discovery of large iron ore deposits encouraged wealthy investors to build iron works employing thousands of people but industrialisation brought overcrowding, poor sanitation, water shortages and disease. It was the cholera we were most afraid of for that did not give us any chance to get used to it. It cut us down and few of us were lucky to get up again. This was the life the Parry family escaped in when they emigrated to Pennsylvania hence the book title, settling in the town of Danville which had a large Welsh community. Though Joseph had regularly sung in chapel choirs back home, he had no formal musical training until the age of 12. From then he began making rapid progress, travelling throughout the United States to give concerts, winning awards back home in Wales at the National Eisteddfod and gaining funding to enable him to study full time in Cambridge. The portrait Jack Jones conveys in *Off to Philadelphia in the Morning* is of a man with huge resources of creative energy, always buzzing with ideas for new compositions and projects, but whose work was often not received with the level of acclaim he anticipated. Late in his life he came to question his decision to return to his native land, thinking that if he had stayed in America he would have been better appreciated. Frustrated by the lukewarm response in Wales to some of his later composition, his wife agitated for a move from South Wales to London where she believed his talents would be better recognised. Nevertheless Parry drove himself on despite failing health, the premature death of two sons and lack of money. But in death his contribution to the musical life of Wales was recognised with a huge funeral attended by at 7,000 people from all parts of the UK and a memorial close to his final home. *Off to Philadelphia in the Morning* is an odd book. Jack Jones never claimed it was anything other than a work of fiction yet it contains a significant amount of factual information from the size of the population of Merthyr Tydfil to the fortunes of the landowners who exploit it and the chapels that try to provide hope for the inhabitants. It has an unnamed narrator who is clearly a working man from Merthyr Tydfil and one who knew Joseph Parry well enough to be invited to his concerts and his home. We get frequent digressions to relate the lives of a number of other inhabitants – some of which are interesting but which do tend to make this an over-long book and take attention away from the main subject of Joseph Parry himself. Consequently I found myself skimming quite a number of pages. There is a girl by that name who is a childhood friend of Parry in the book, a girl who looks after her blind, drunkard father until one of the iron magnets spots her musical talent and pays for her to be taken care of and given lessons. In the book she becomes a world famous opera singer who meets up with Parry when they are both well established in their field.

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Some of you reading this blog may have been on the cast of the television series that was made in the late s. But how many of us know anything about its author – Jack Jones? He was the eldest son of David, who was a collier from Merthyr, and Sarah, who was from Swansea and only 19 when Jack was born. David and Sarah, both Welsh speakers, had 15 children, only 9 of whom survived beyond infancy, and by the time Jack was six he already had three brothers – William, Francis and baby David – and also shared his home with two cousins, the eldest of whom, aged 15, was also a collier. By the family had moved to Penyard, by which time Jack, and his three brothers, had been joined by three more brothers and two sisters. By this stage Jack was He then returned to Merthyr. In he married Laura Grimes Evans, who was 6 years his elder, and for the next few years the family moved between Merthyr and Builth Wells, their two eldest sons being born respectively in these places. Times must have been hard – Jack worked as a bark stripper and then as a general labourer for the Railway Service Company in Builth Wells before finances forced Jack back underground, this time in Pontypool. These were turbulent times however – and when war broke out in Jack, as an army reservist, was called up back to his regiment, and sent to the Western Front, where he was mentioned in dispatches. After suffering shrapnel wounds, however, he was invalided out and returned to Merthyr where he became the recruiting officer. For months he sought to establish a branch of the Communist Party at Merthyr, and gave active support to the Communist parliamentary candidate for the Caerphilly constituency. But Jack was not a life-long communist and his political affiliations vacillated. By he had left the Communist Party in favour of the Labour Party, and had been appointed full time secretary-representative of the miners at Blaengarw, a job which necessitated him moving his family again, this time to Bridgend. Now nearly 50, these must have been tough years, but Jack persevered and in , he had his first novel published: With the outbreak of the Second World War, Jack carried out lecture tours in the USA and Canada, worked as a speech writer on behalf of the Ministry of Information and the National Savings Movement, wrote radio-scripts and articles, visited troops on the battlefields and also had to deal with the death of his son Lawrence, who was killed in action in He also changed political allegiance again – this time supporting the Conservative, Sir James Grigg in the election. Personally these years were difficult: Laura died in and his other son, David, in ; although Jack did find love again, marrying Gwaldys Morgan, a library assistant from Rhiwbina, in In terms of accolades, Jack received many. He was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in , the first president of the English section of Yr Academi Gymreig; and, in February , he received an award from the Welsh Arts Council for his distinguished contribution to the literature of Wales. He died on 7 May and is now all but forgotten outside Merthyr. Arguably, it has never been done better.

3: "Off to Philadelphia in the Morning" • "The Melting Pot"

*When I'm off to Philadelphia in the morning
When they told me I must leave the place I tried to wear a cheerful face
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Why is it anger, O Myfanwy, That fills your eyes so dark and clear? Your gentle cheeks, O sweet Myfanwy, Why blush they not when I draw near? Where is the smile that once most tender Kindled my love so fond, so true? Where is the sound of your sweet words, That drew my heart to follow you? What have I done, O my Myfanwy, To earn your frown? What is my blame? You truly once to me were promised, Is it too much to keep your part? I wish no more your hand, Myfanwy, If I no longer have your heart. Forget now all the words of promise You made to one who loved you well, Give me your hand, my sweet Myfanwy, But one last time, to say "farewell". Pa beth a wneuthym, O Myfanwy, I haeddu gwg dy ddwyrudd hardd? Ai chwarae oeddit, O Myfanwy A thanau euraidd serch dy fardd? A boed i rosyn gwridog ienctid I ddawnsio ganmlwydd ar dy rudd. Davies may have been influenced by some earlier work of Hywel ap Einion Llygliw c. Myfanwy, daughter of the Norman Earl of Arundel, was said to be the most beautiful woman in Powys, but she was vain and liked nothing better than to be told how beautiful she was. Only one man, Hywel ap Einion, a penniless young bard who lived in the valley below the castle, was said to have the talent to satisfy Myfanwy. Luckily, Hywel was in love with Myfanwy, and one day he plucked up the courage to climb up the hill to the castle with his harp, to sing and play to her. He was allowed in to play for her, and while playing and complimenting her on her beauty she was said to have been unable to either listen or look at any other man. Because of this Hywel believed that she had fallen in love with him. But his hopes were dashed when a richer, more handsome and more eloquent lover arrived on the scene. Hywel, discarded and quickly forgotten by Myfanwy, composed a poem to his lost love: The music will always be synonymous with Wales and the romantic sentiment of the Welsh; without any doubt it will survive the rigors of time because Male Voice Choirs whether English or Welsh are frequently requested to perform the immortal love song. It has an individual significance to most Welsh people reminding them of love ones, family ties, or memories of their homeland Wales or across the ocean.

4: Off to Philadelphia in the Morning by Jack Jones

To ask other readers questions about Off to Philadelphia in the Morning, please sign up. Be the first to ask a question about Off to Philadelphia in the Morning It's unlikely the name of Joseph Parry will mean much to anyone who is not from Wales. But if you've ever experienced a performance by.

Young Parry worked a hour week for twelve and a half pence while at the mine. Parry had the good fortune to become friendly with three fellow workers who were also musicians. During rest periods, the three often would sing. Parry listened with interest at first, later joining in. His interest in harmony made him want to study that also. One of his other co-workers agreed to take Parry as a pupil. The teacher patiently blended reading lessons with principles of harmony, and Parry quickly became skilled at both; the teacher often found it hard to keep up with his pupil. The adjudicators awarded him first prize, believing he was a professional musician. In , Parry again prepared an entry, but this time he travelled to the contest in Aberystwyth. They were well received throughout the land. A fund was established to support Parry and his family while he studied music; donations were received from both countries. The Queen made another request of Parry each time he appeared: In addition to his university duties, Parry frequently travelled as an adjudicator and conducting concerts of his compositions. At the time a candidate was required to compose a short oratorio and to have the work publicly performed; the normal method was to have one of the college Chapel Choirs perform the oratorio. Parry was no longer under consideration after the first round of reductions. The community could arrange for Parry to visit by contacting Rev. Thomas Edwards of Edwardsville, Pennsylvania. Parry and his family visited many cities and towns in the eastern US and were warmly received wherever they went. He kept those back in Cardiff advised of his travels through letters to The Western Mail which were printed by the newspaper. Despite his recognition in Wales and in the United States, he was not a wealthy man. Parry had little aptitude for business. With his permission, a committee of his friends managed his affairs, with Parry creating compositions and his friends tending to the business of publications. The medical condition was serious enough to warrant surgery. An operation was performed and a full recovery was expected. Some days after the surgery, it was necessary to perform a second operation due to complications. Parry developed a high fever from blood poisoning a few days after the second surgery. There was a slight rally, but Parry continued to have relapses and grew steadily weaker. His family and friends were joined by officials from the city of Cardiff, faculty and students from Cardiff University, representatives from the National Eisteddfod and many members of various choirs throughout Wales. Ministers of various denominations were also part of those gathered to pay respects to Parry. Two of the seven strings of the lyre are broken to represent the deaths of his two sons, who died before Parry. Part of the reason for this may have been the loss of his printing plates in the Western Mail fire of . When Parry said he could not afford to buy a safe, the friend gave him one as a gift. Second Book of Tunes and Hymns. The opera, with its libretto written by Richard Davies , is set during the time of the Welsh Revolt – the last attempt by the Welsh to preserve their independence. The opera programmes provided explanations, especially that the singers would wear costumes but would not be acting. Those who were members of Welsh nonconformist churches needed reassurance that this was not a theatrical performance, as acting and theatres were held in as much contempt as taverns. The majority of participants in the first performance of Blodwen were music students of Parry; his two older sons were also part of the production, playing piano and harmonium. Before the performance, Parry spoke to the audience. He repeated what had been printed in the programmes: Records show the great popularity of the name for girls and also the popularity of Howell, the name of the hero, for boys. At some point, Thomas Walter Price , a poet and journalist, published a poem in English called Arabella. The manuscript was discovered in the National Library of Wales archives. Parry wrote the manuscript in , while living in Danville. Harry uncovered the manuscript while researching choral traditions at the library. He worked a year at transcribing the original Parry manuscript. Beginning in , he was a regular contributor of Tonic sol-fa material to the Welsh music journal, Y cerddor Cymreig. The translations were done by poets of note, including James Thomson. He also did some writing for The Western Mail. There was no record of the

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anthem, "Cymry Glan Americ", having been performed in Wales; it is not certain if the work, which was written on January 1, had ever been performed previously. A relative of Rev. Thomas located the composition and shared the information with Geraint Jones, the conductor of the Trefor brass band. Jones and his band performed the anthem on 28 May in Pwllheli at the centenary of the town hall. The Parry cottage is the one with a green door and trim. There are two bedrooms upstairs with the kitchen and another bedroom downstairs. The Parry family lived here with two lodgers until emigrating to the United States in 1850. In 1971, the Merthyr Tydfil Heritage Trust opened the cottage to the public. Exhibitions were installed upstairs in and restoration of the ground floor was completed in 1972. Each time he visited the US, Parry returned to the church to play the organ. The re-dedication of the church was held on May 21, the birthday of Parry. The college hoped to produce teachers of music, not performers. When Parry accepted the position at Aberystwyth, his income was cut almost in half. The demands of the college allowed him very little opportunity to make up this difference by concert work. When the college applied for a government grant, the request was refused. Tuitions did not cover operating expenses and the college building itself had yet to be completed in 1863. The next year, a bazaar was held to raise money to buy an organ for the music department, since there was none. The Parrys were members of the local Welsh-speaking Annibynwyr Chapel. The marriage would mean her son would now be attending the English-speaking Mahoning Presbyterian Church. He was also a composer: There were no royalty payments for copies sold or performances of the composition. During the remodeling, the church organ was offered for sale, but no one wanted to buy it. She was 81 years of age at the time. While she had retired from performing, Parry was still active in producing operas.

5: Off to Philadelphia in the Morning

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