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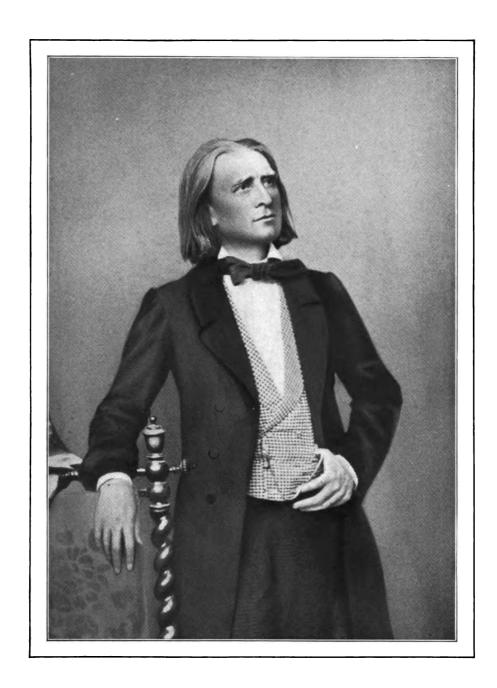
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FRANZ LISZT



RANZ LISZT, probably the greatest pianist the world has ever seen, was born on October 22, 1811, at Raiding, a village near Oedenburg, in Hungary. His father, Adam Liszt, was descended from an ancient, noble family, which in the course of time had become impoverished and had given up its title of nobility. He was an official in the service of Prince Esterhazy, and was himself a highly gifted amateur musician, and a friend of Haydn and Hummel. It was he who gave his son the first lessons in pianoforte playing; and the child was seized with such a perfect passion for this instrument, and his progress was so rapid, that at the age of nine years he was able to make his first public appearance at a concert at Oedenburg, playing a concerto by Ries and an extempore fantasia. The boy's success was so great that his father was induced to arrange a concert, which was given by the young musician himself at Pressburg, where there was a larger public of cultivated art lovers. Here likewise his performance roused the greatest enthusiasm, and several Hungarian noblemen, among them Counts Amadée and Szapary, guaranteed the sum of one thousand florins annually for six years, in order to enable the boy to pursue his studies under a celebrated teacher.

Father and son now moved to Vienna, where young Franz studied the pianoforte with Carl Czerny, harmony with Randhartinger, and composition with Salieri. His command over his chosen instrument grew immensely in the course of a few years; and on April 13, 1823, he played for the first time before a Viennese public. This concert was soon followed by a second one, at which Beethoven was present; and it was one of Liszt's most cherished recollections that the immortal symphonist spoke encouraging words to him after his performance. The pecuniary results of the two concerts were so satisfactory that they yielded sufficient funds for the boy's fur-

ther musical education. Adam Liszt gave up his post, and made the supervision and development of his son's gift his sole occupation; nor was this done from selfish or sordid motives, but purely from his fervent desire to see the boy's efforts crowned with that high measure of success which an adverse fate had denied to his own career. He wished to make of his son not only a great pianist, but also a great composer; and with this object in view he resolved to take Franz to Paris, there to perfect his musical education. On the way to Paris concerts were given at Munich and Stuttgart, which added fresh laurels to those young Franz had already won; indeed, a Munich newspaper of the time greeted him as "the second Mozart."

The father's hopes were fixed upon Cherubini, the stern director of the Paris Conservatoire, and he felt confident that once the latter had heard his son play, he would willingly accept him as a pupil. These hopes, however, were doomed to disappointment, for Cherubini took but little interest in the boy's extraordinary talent, and eventually declared that no foreigner could be admitted to the Conservatoire. Both father and son were for a time almost crushed by this disappointing decision, but matters soon assumed a more encouraging aspect. Two other musicians, Paer and Reicha, who had been present at the interview with Cherubini and were greatly impressed with the boy's gift, did all in their power to atone for the Director's indifference by their most active patronage. Numerous letters of introduction opened to him the drawing-rooms of the best Paris society; the Duke of Orleans (afterwards King Louis Philippe) substantially aided in placing Franz upon a secure footing; and within a short time he was the favorite of the entire musical aristocracy of Paris. Substantial rewards and enthusiastic recognition came to him from all sides, and the papers were filled with his praise. He gave concerts in all the large cities of France and Switzerland, visiting England also several times during 1824 and 1825; and everywhere he was received with acclamation.

Meanwhile Liszt pursued his studies assiduously and indefatigably; and to this period of his life belong his first compositions. During a concert given at Bordeaux his dare-devil temperament once prompted him to introduce under Beethoven's name a sonata of his own; and the deception passed unnoticed. A more important work was an operetta, Don Sancho, which was performed at the Académie Royale with great success. Nourrit, the celebrated tenor, sang the principal part, and appeared before the applauding public, at the end of the performance, carrying the young composer in his arms.

It was in August, 1827, that Liszt lost his father, and became, at the age of sixteen, the sole support of his mother, to whom he was devotedly attached. She had accompanied her husband and son to Paris, but had returned to Austria, her native land, after a year's sojourn in the French capital, and taken up her residence at Graz; thence Franz now called her again to Paris. About this time also a love affair, which promised happiness but ended in misery, wrought a great change in the buoyant spirits of the young artist; he turned for consolation to religion, and remained a devout Roman Catholic to the end of his life.

Paganini, the "violin king," as he was called, was then at the height of his fame. He first played at Paris in March, 1831, and Liszt, whose views on art had naturally deepened very considerably by this time, was strongly influenced by the older virtuoso. The great political event of the period, the "July revolution" of 1830, had also not passed without due effect upon him. Furthermore, he had gradually made the acquaintance of most of the eminent French littérateurs of the day, such as Lamartine, Victor Hugo, and Georges Sand; indeed, with the latter he was on a footing of great, though unsentimental, intimacy. Yet he did not tire of pursuing constantly the most varied general and philosophical studies; for he became aware that mere talent and its development is not sufficient for the formation of a real artist's character. As a rule, the great pianists before Liszt had possessed nothing more than a supreme command of the keyboard; he was the first to devote his great technical mastery to a higher object, the expression of the inner significance of music. Having superbly conquered all practical and theoretical difficulties, he realized that the true function of an interpretative artist is to reveal to the public the high and holy realm of beauty.

Naturally, this view found but little sympathy among his contemporaries, who, with very few exceptions, neither understood nor appreciated the sincerity of his endeavors and were still less inclined to share them. Under these circumstances Liszt seriously contemplated, for a time, emigration to America; but the growing intimacy of his relation with the Comtesse d'Agoult (known in wider circles by her nom de plume of Daniel Stern) led him to abandon the plan. During their life together she became the mother of his three daughters, Blandine, Claire Christine, and Cosima. Blandine married Emile Ollivier, the French statesman; Claire Christine wedded the author, Guy de Charnacé; and Cosima became first the wife of Hans von Bülow, and after her separation from him, married Richard Wagner.

In 1833 Liszt left Paris, and lived with the Comtesse in strictest retirement at Geneva until 1835; a musical event, the first public appearance and success of the pianist Sigismund Thalberg, then recalled him to Paris. Liszt made his rentrée into the arena, and soon won a complete victory over Thalberg; for it was the unequal contest of a great genius with a great talent. A clever critic remarked at the time: "Thalberg is the first pianist, but Liszt is the only one!" The whole world soon endorsed this statement, and it may be said to remain true to the present day, for none of his successors have equalled Liszt's many-sided mastery. In June, 1837, he went to Italy, visiting Milan, Venice, Genoa, Florence, and Rome; in all these cities the same enormous success attended his performances. He remained in Italy until October, 1839, and then began his career as a great travelling virtuoso in right earnest. During the next eight years he visited every European country, and was received everywhere with an enthusiasm quite unequalled. Not only the supremacy of the musician, but also the culture, refinement, and noble character of the man were cordially acknowledged by the whole world. His generosity was unbounded, his unselfish championship of struggling causes unexampled. No needy artist ever applied to him in vain for assistance; sufferers from public calamities, such as conflagrations, inundations, famine, and the like, benefited by his princely donations. Germany owes to him the erection of the monument to one of her greatest sons, the memorial to Beethoven at Bonn, and the citizens of Cologne have reason to remember his generous contributions towards the completion of their famous cathredral.

Eventually, the moment arrived when Liszt grew weary of his life of restless wandering, and when he longed for a permanent home and a more concentrated sphere of activity. In the very zenith of his fame he suddenly surprised the world by abandoning his career as a virtuoso in order to turn to another and a wider field—that of composer, conductor, and teacher. The Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar offered him the post of Court Kapellmeister, and in November, 1847, Liszt settled at Weimar, where he remained for the next twelve years. His activity in the little town on the Ilm, with its great traditions of Goethe, Schiller, Herder, and Wieland, became of the highest importance, and exerted the most decisive influence upon the whole musical life of the period. From all parts of the civilized world musicians and lovers of music streamed to Weimar, either to become Liszt's pupils, or to witness or assist at the performances conducted by him. As the ever kind friend of rising talent, Liszt produced many new works, which without his help would probably have remained unknown for years to come. We need point only to Wagner's Lohengrin, Berlioz' Benvenuto Cellini, Raff's König Alfred, and Cornelius' Barber of Bagdad as the most striking examples. Furthermore,

Liszt revived numerous other works, which were buried in oblivion, among them Wagner's Flying Dutchman and Tannhäuser; Schubert's Alfonso and Estrella; Schumann's Genoveva and music to Byron's Manfred; Weber's Euryanthe; Gluck's Iphigenia in Aulis, Orpheus, Armide, and Alceste; Spontini's Fernando Cortez, and Spohr's Faust.

In the concert room Liszt's activity was equally beneficial; for he strove mainly to introduce works which were new to Weimar, and often new to the whole musical world. Nor can it be said that he was at all one-sided in his tendencies, or that his choice was influenced by partiality toward those composers for whose works he had a personal preference; he displayed the most admirable catholicity and eclecticism throughout his career. With the exception of Wagner, Liszt towered above his contemporaries as a conductor, even as he was unrivalled as a pianist.

Taken in its entirety and historically considered, one epoch-making result of Liszt's work at Weimar was that the admirers of Wagner, hitherto locally divided and unknown to one another, first found a definite point of concentration in their endeavors to further the Wagnerian cause; indeed, the great Wagner controversy, which agitated the entire world of music for the next thirty years, may be said to have originated at Weimar. It became the camp of Wagner's friends, and Liszt's personal sympathy with the movement naturally helped it vastly. Wagner has gratefully acknowledged, times out of number, all that he owed to Liszt's friendly efforts.

The most important outcome, however, of Liszt's sojourn at Weimar, was his activity as a composer. Up to 1848 he had confined himself almost exclusively to compositions for the pianoforte. These, being the result of his own technical mastery, are naturally of the highest importance as regards the literature of that special instrument, inasmuch as they are full of original, new, and surprising effects. In Liszt's hands the whole character of the instrument itself was changed. But the forms in which he embodied his musical ideas were as new and surprising as were the purely pianistic impressions. His two concertos and the

great Sonata in B minor, although their innate relationship to customary forms is undeniable, yet differ considerably from these. Liszt's antithesis is, as a rule, the outcome of his thesis; or in other words, he works with a principal and a counter-theme, and by their harmonic and rhythmical variation produces his most striking results. In the concertos the point of gravity naturally lies in the pianoforte part, which is of quite unusual brilliancy. His numerous studies form a collection of invaluable treasures for the pianist; they are not mere technical exercises, but possess a deep musical significance, and for many years will be regarded as test-pieces for all those players who aspire to the title "virtuoso." In his ballads, notturnos, valses, and polonaises Liszt keeps to the forms employed by Chopin, though he introduces an individual element in lieu of the national. To the latter he gives due expression in his remarkable Hungarian Rhapsodies, which are absolutely unique in character, forming free fantasias on the melodies, songs, dances, and marches of his native land, executed in the most refined taste, with consummate art and exuberant humor. His Années de Pélérinage, his Harmonies Poétiques et Réligieuses, his Consolations, and his Apparitions are, one and all, charming and highly characteristic. We should also mention his wonderful transcriptions, in which he opens an entire world of song to the pianist; much that the greatest song-composers, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Schumann, and Franz have written for the human voice, Liszt has transferred to the instrument he loved so well. It would far exceed the limits of this introduction, were we to dwell upon his numberless Fantasias on operatic airs, his arrangements of orchestral works (symphonies and overtures), as well as his organ pieces and his critical editions of pianoforte works by Schubert, Weber, and others.

Schumann says: "With talents of the second rank we are satisfied if they command the customary forms; talents of the first rank may even widen these forms; but a genius has the right to use what forms he pleases." When Liszt settled at Weimar the time had come when he claimed this right of genius, and in his later works he undertakes to lead the art of music into new paths by changing the existing art-forms according to his individual feeling. The new works which he created in this sense consist mainly of a number of orchestral pieces, based upon a poetical program to which Liszt gives the title of "Symphonic Poems." Of these, there are twelve: Ce qu'on entend sur la Montagne and Mazeppa, after poems by Victor Hugo; Les Préludes, after Lamartine; Die Ideale, after Schiller; Die Hunnenschlacht, after Kaulbach's picture; Tasso, Prometheus, Orpheus, Hamlet, Festklänge, Héroide funèbre, and Hungaria. The climax of Liszt's activity as composer in new forms is reached in his two symphonies, Faust and Dante, his two great masses, and his two oratorios, Elisabeth and Christus.

Concerning the high artistic value of the new art-form invented by Liszt we have the opinion of Wagner, who, after he had become acquainted with some of the symphonic poems, wrote as follows: "I was above all struck by the great, the speaking plainness with which the subject proclaimed itself to me: naturally this was no longer the subject as described by the poet in words, but that quite other aspect of it, unreachable by any manner of description, whose intangible and vaporous quality makes us wonder how it can display itself so uniquely clear, distinct, compact and unmistakable to our feeling. With Liszt the masterly grip in the musical conception speaks out with such a puissance at the very outset of the piece, that after the first sixteen measures I often could not restrain the astonished cry: Enough! I have it all!" Wagner considered this to be so prominent a feature in Liszt's works that he predicted an immediate and wide popularity for them, a prediction which unfortunately is still unfulfilled.

In 1859 Liszt left Weimar and went for a time to Paris, where his mother was still living; then he stayed for an extended period with the Prince of Hohenzollern Hechingen at Loewenberg (Silesia). In 1861 he returned to Weimar temporarily, and then proceeded to Rome. The

Eternal City proved full of fascination for the restless artist, and in April, 1865, Liszt became an Abbé of the Roman Catholic Church, thus to a certain extent retiring from the world. But his admirers and pupils followed him to Rome also; he was ever surrounded by them, and he continued to work for music and musicians in the eclectic and generous manner which was characteristic of his whole life. He remained in Rome for eight years, but from 1869 he regularly visited Weimar for several months in each year. Early in the seventies an Academy of Music was founded at Buda-Pesth, and the Emperor-King offered the post of President to Liszt, who accepted it; there in February, 1876, he entered upon his duties officially. Honored, admired, and loved, as perhaps never an artist before him, Liszt spent the remaining years of his life alternately at Rome, Buda-Pesth, and Weimar. He died at Bayreuth, July 31, 1886.

At this point one branch of Liszt's activity deserves special mention, all the more because it seems to the writer that it has never been sufficiently appreciated by the world in general; it is Liszt's work as an author. His essays on the Goethe Foundation at Weimar, on Wagner's Lohengrin and Tannhäuser, on Frédéric Chopin, on the music of the Gipsies in Hungary, on Field's Nocturnes, and on Robert Franz are excellent in every way, and it would be difficult to name similar works which could bear comparison with them. Quite apart from their brilliance of style, the wealth of ideas displayed, and the author's depth of insight into the subjects treated, these writings confirm the noble quality in Liszt's character which made him ever ready to support with the weight of his influence those men of genius who had remained misunderstood or unappreciated, or to break a lance in defence of their works against apathy, indifference, and ignorance.

Concerning Liszt's songs, it is difficult to determine with accuracy the date when each was composed. Some of them possibly belong to the ear-

lier portion of his career, but by far the greater number are identified with a later period, for it was not until he had settled at Weimar that he gave musical expression to the voices of spring, of love, and of all those sensations which had remained dormant in his mind. This chronological peculiarity must not be overlooked. While Schubert, Schumann, and Franz aspired to gain laurels in the domain of song early in their musical careers, Liszt turns to lyrical composition in the period of full maturity. What he may have carried in his heart for many long years, he produced only after considerable hesitation and deliberation. Doubtless his incessant travels were partly the cause, and only after he had found a permanent home at Weimar could he give himself up to the contemplation of his inner self, with the result that he burst into song. It is but natural, therefore, that his songs differ essentially from those of Schubert, Schumann, or Franz. Upon the pure soil of German song, which so often touches the deepest recesses of the heart, Liszt did not feel altogether at home; his Hungarian descent and French education prevented him from quite becoming a German, however powerful the influence which the works of the great German masters exerted upon him. He ever remained a stranger to their dreamy contemplation and self-concentration. Liszt does not dream, though his fancy is unbounded. His genius produces vivid pictures, full of life and brilliantly colored; but he does not know those sweetly mild dream-figures, those half-mysterious twilight formations, which rise and fall in the poems of the great German poets. His forceful brush delights in depicting only the great contrast of light and darkness, and in this he displays the overwhelming power of truth. Thus his songs are the emanations of his peculiar organization, of his phenomenal technical mastery, and of his Titan-like command of musical expression. If we miss in them the wonderful spontaneity of Schubert, the dreamy pathos of Schumann, or the deep sentiment and formal perfection of Franz, then, on the other hand, they offer us new charms through the declamatory element, which is their

special and characteristic feature. It is as if we had entered into a new world, full of well-nigh magic enchantment. In his Mignon and other settings of poems by Goethe, in his Loreley, Die drei Zigeuner, Der Fischerknabe, Enfant, si j'étais Roi, Es muss ein Wunderbares sein, Die Vätergruft, and many others, Liszt has produced gems, the charm of which is absolutely irresistible to an unprejudiced hearer. He always strives for the closest agreement of the music with the sentiments expressed by the poetry; in this he resembles Franz, and yet how different are the idiosyncrasies of the two masters! This intimate union of two sister arts is due to the same principle which led Wagner to create his stupendous Musical Drama (though he combines with them a third art, that of the theatre), and it forms the link which connects Liszt with his greatest contemporary, however far Liszt's tendencies were removed from the drama.

Although Liszt's principle with regard to both the melodious and rhythmical structure of his songs is that of the most unlimited freedom, yet he often achieves his greatest effects by purely melodious means. Numerous instances of this are pointed out in the footnotes of this volume, to which the reader is referred for further details.

The poems for his songs Liszt selected from the lyrical literature of Germany, France, Italy, and Hungary. Thoroughly polyglotas the sources of his lyrics seem to be, they are so only by the letter, not in spirit, because he was ever striving to reconcile the contrasts in his nature and to refine his conceptions in the fire of his unceasing artistic activity. At the head of the German poets from whoseworks Liszt chose his texts, we find Goethe and Schiller, and beside these immortals we meet with frequency only Heine and Hoffmann von Fallersleben. From the works of Uhland, Geibel, Herwegh, Rückert, Redwitz, Lenau, and others he has set to music only one poem in each case. Among French poets Victor Hugo attracted him more than any other. The setting of Angiolin dal biondo crin, a charming poem by the Marchese Cesare Bocella, was, in the first instance, probably due to his personal relations with the poet.

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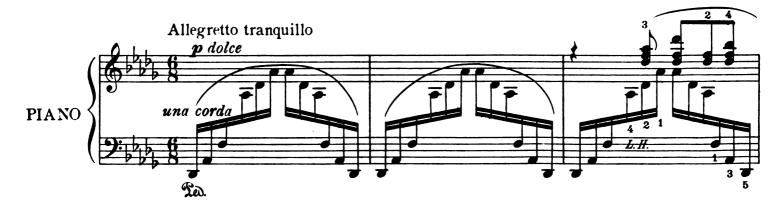
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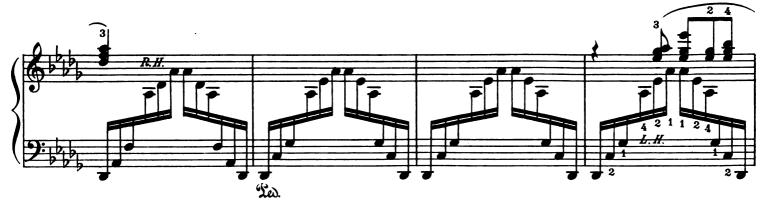
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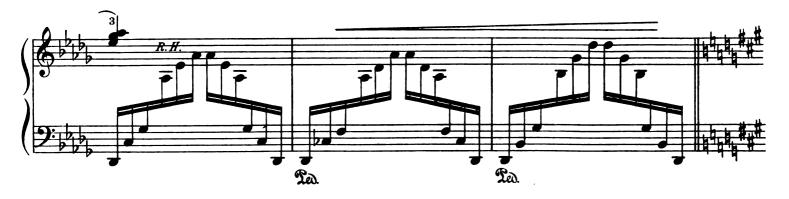
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a) It is admissible that part of this measure of rest be filled by the notes sustained by the pedal, but not more than half the measure.

b) Discreetly imitating the singer's expression.

M L-1987-5





a) Here the dream-melody returns. The right hand accompanying it must ever play softly and impassively, as it were.

h' Mysteriously.

ML-1987-5



- a) Like a harp played at a great distance; a very slight hesitation will add to the effect.
- b) Here the original tempo "Allegretto tranquillo" returns. In the left hand the reminiscence of the original should be discreetly prominent.
 - c) The following song may be enchained if desired.

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THE HERDSMAN

(DER HIRT)

(Composed in 1885-86?)

(Original Key)

FRIEDRICH von SCHILLER (1759-1805)

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ML-1988-5



- a) The anticipation of the singer's melody with discreet emphasis.
- b) Here again the accompaniment anticipates the singer in imitation of the call of the cuckoo.

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c) This passage admits of an increasingly passionate rendering. The singer grows enthusiastic in anticipating the return of spring.

ML-1988-5





a) The following measures form an introduction to the next song, which should follow without pause.

ML-1988-5

THE ALPINE HUNTER (DER ALPENJÄGER)

(Composed in 1835-86?)

(Original Key) FRANZ LISZT FRIEDRICH von SCHILLER (1759-1805) Edited by Carl Armbruster Translated by Charles Fonteyn Manney Allegro con strepito VOICE **PIANO** cresc. Now Es marcato

a) The sonority of the bass must be governed by the individual power of the singer. The whole song is one of "storm and stress" for the voice; and in order to obtain the necessary contrast, the diminuendos, wherever they occur, may be somewhat exaggerated, i.e. sink down to a real p or pp.

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a) Here lies the climax of the whole composition.

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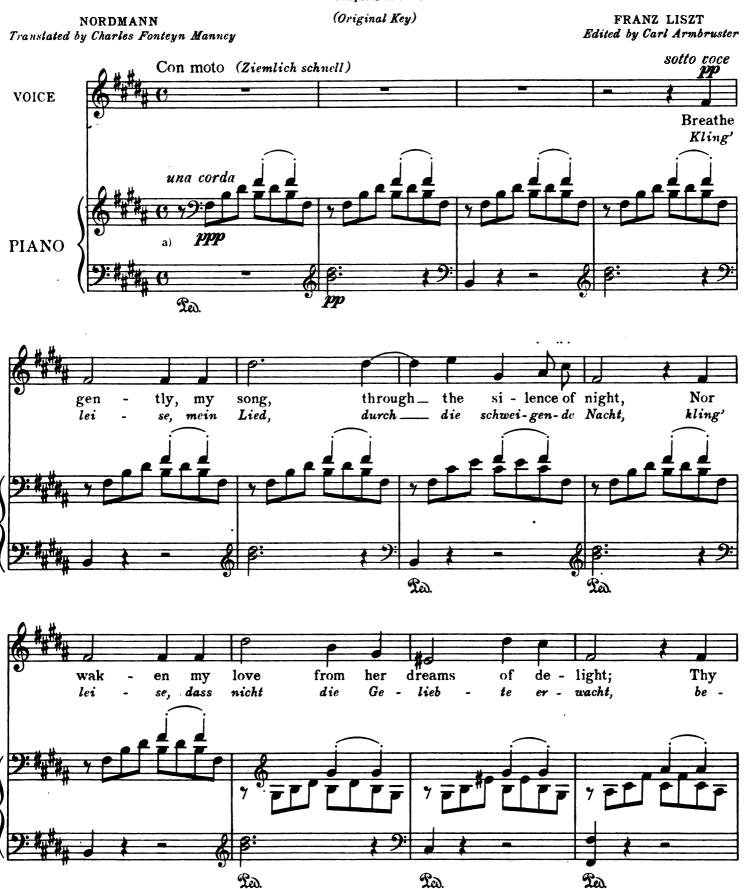


a) The chords not too strongly marked, and this and the next four measures p in the accompaniment and sotto voce in the voice, so as to give full effect to the closing sentence and afterlude.

M L-1989-4

BREATHE GENTLY, MY SONG (KLING LEISE, MEIN LIED)

(Composed in 1889)



a) The exact tempo must be left to the individual taste and feeling of the singer. The pianoforte part is quite subordinate to the voice for the greater part of the song.

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ML-1991-7



a) The melody in the bass discreetly prominent, quasi Violoncello.

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a) The tempo of this portion of the song should be taken so that now a quarter equals a half-note of the previous tempo. The triplets are not to be hurried.

ML-1991-7





a) From here during the next five measures accelerando and poco crescendo, both in voice and accompaniment.

ML-1991-7





a) The sempre più p and perdendo must be equally distributed over the remaining measures, so that the whole dies away imperceptibly.

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ANGEL FAIR WITH GOLDEN HAIR (ANGIOLIN DAL BIONDO CRIN)



a) A song full of naïve charm; it should be rendered simply and unaffectedly, in a tempo not too slow.

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a) The melody discreetly (not obtrusively) prominent.

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- a) The change of melody might tempt the singer to a more dramatic expression: this should be avoided.
- b) The accompaniment from here to the end of the song is worthy of study, being not quite so easy as it appears.

ML-1990 - 6









a) In this and the next two measures a ritenuto a piacere is permissible, sanctioned by the composer's words "con grazia?"

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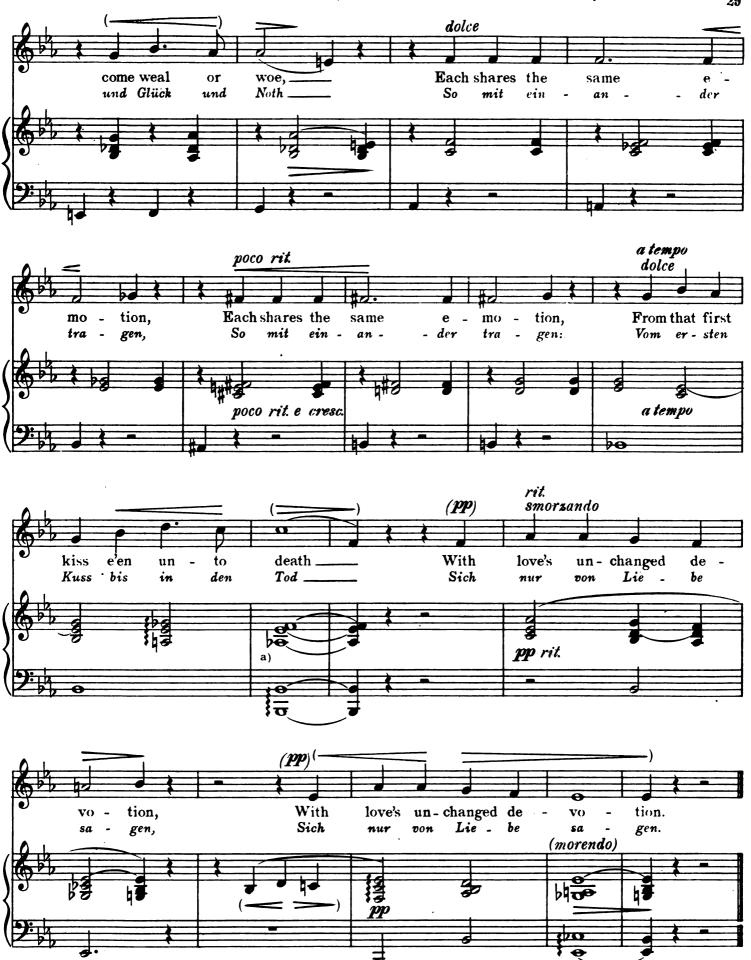
A WONDROUS RAPTURE MUST IT BE (ES MUSS EIN WUNDERBARES SEIN)

(Composed in 1889)



a) One of the most generally admired of Liszt's songs. Its simplicity of utterance demands a corresponding simplicity in rendition, yet expressive of deepest feeling.

M L-1992 · 2



a) Note that the arpeggio is prescribed in the bass only. Throughout the song the player must be careful not to make arpeggios where they are not marked, and must exercise the utmost discretion in the use of the Pedal.

THE VIOLET (DAS VEILCHEN)

(Composed in 1889)

(Original Key)

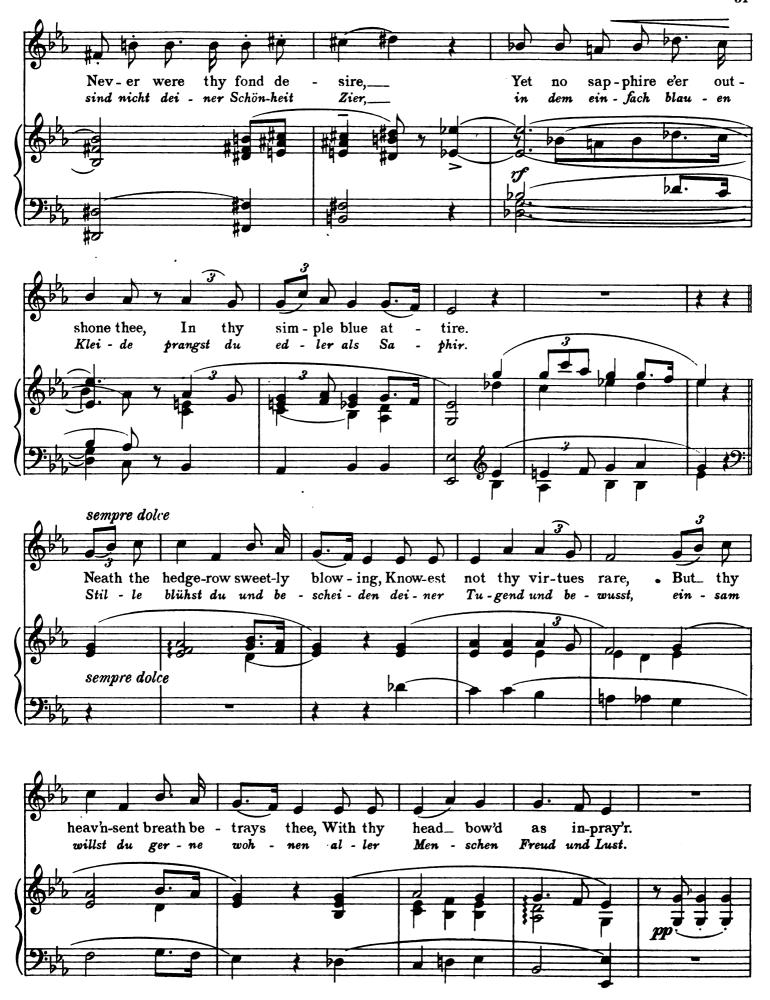


a) Song in praise of the Virgin Mary, to whom the month of May is specially dedicated. The poet gives to this and other poem "Schlüsselblümchen," the joint title: "Mutter-Gottes Sträusslein zum Maimonate" (A May-Wreath for the Virgin). The poet gives to this and an-

b) Sing simply, unaffectedly, with a certain strict adherence to the regular time-beats—not in a tempo rubato manner. Liszt intends the "Andantino" to convey not slower, but faster, than "Andante," so that the song may not drag nor be lugubrious.

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THE KING OF THULE (DER KÖNIG VON THULE)

(Composed in 1841)





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b) Here the music becomes heroic and majestic, demanding the most sonorous treatment. If the pedal marks are carefully observed there will be no danger of overpowering the singer.

ML-1995 - 6



- a) With brilliance and dash.
- b) Here the fortissimo begins to diminish and the tempo to slacken.
- c) To avoid overpowering the singer, f in the right hand and mf in the left.

ML-1995 -6



a) This is the musical image of the throwing of the goblet. Play the passage molto crescendo ed accelerando, giving full, or even more then full value to the rest at the end of the next measure; a "speaking" rest.

ML - 1995 - 6





- a) The tempo returns to the original Allegretto.
- b) This phrase even slower than the preceding one; but the second "never again drank he" must be sung in strict time.
- c) The melody is and not

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O THOU WHO FROM HEAVEN ART

(DER DU VON DEM HIMMEL BIST)

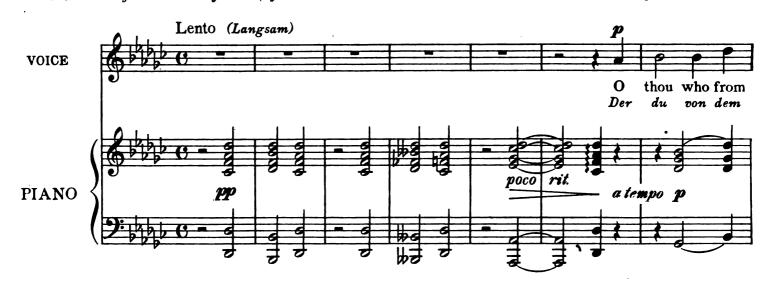
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(Original Key, E)

JOHANN WOLFGANG von GOETHE (1749-1882)

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MIGNON'S SONG (MIGNON'S LIED)

(Composed in 1841)

JOHANN WOLFGANG von GOETHE (1749-1882)

Translated by Charles Fonteyn Manney

(Original Key)

FRANZ LISZT

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a) The singer need scarcely be told that this song demands more than to render the notes correctly and observe the marks of expression; it must be imbued with poetry and imagination.

b) The player must carefully distinguish between the chords marked arpeggiando and those not so marked. The accompaniment is quite as important as the vocal part, but it should naturally never predominate at the expense of the other.

c) The nerely signifies a breathing space, so to speak.

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a) Here the piano is to indicate an 'hold the exact tempo.

ML-1994-9



a) The not coming on the chord, but after it, means that the chord is to have its proper duration and no more, (not forgetting the rallentando). If the singer feels that a prolonged pause on the last two notes in the measure is necessary, the chord must die away before the next measure begins.

b) The arpeggios in strict regularity.

ML-1994-9







a) Mark distinctly the original melody, though not obtrusively. Be careful that the piano part on this page does not drown the low notes of the singer.

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THE LORELEY (DIE LORELEI)

5:7.

(Composed in 1841)

(Original Key) HEINRICH HEINE (1799-1856) FRANZ LISZT Translated by Arthur Westbrook Edited by Carl Armbruster Non strascinando (Nicht schleppend) **PIANO** parlando **p** (gesprochen) I know not what it be - to-kens That I such such sad - ness sad-ness, Ich weiss nicht, was soll's be - deu - ten, dass ich trau - rig trau -rig, so. Allegretto know; le-gend of bin. Ein Mär-chen aus - gone So haunts me, nor will it go, Zei - ten al - ten das kommt mir nicht aus dem Sinn, das

a) This dramatic introduction will be readily understood by those who know from the "legend of bygone ages" that Loreley was an unfortunate maiden who had bravely borne unheard of grief and pain long before revenge and despair had fettered her to the rock from which she looks down upon the broad river.

b) The player must regard these slurs most carefully.

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From this point to the change into Bb the accompaniment must be played with great regularity, suggestive of the flowing river. This need not, however, interfere with giving due expression to the melody. ML-1997-9





a) The tempo of this exquisite Cantilena may perhaps be slightly accelerated.

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a) Perhaps this phrase suggests the maiden's song, and may be rendered with some passion.





a) Brilliantly and strepitoso. In the following measures pay strict heed to the little diminuendo and crescendo signs.

ML-1997- 9



a) Not a tremolo, but ordinary sixteenths, which against the triplets of the bass produce quite enough disturbance.

b) Not until this point does the disturbance abate.c) The pause should be long, and then the voice begins simply and sadly.





a) Here the composer permits an optional cut of ten measures.



a) The lower notes are perhaps preferable as being more in keeping with the general tone of the poem.

IN THE RHINE, THAT NOBLE RIVER (IM RHEIN, IM SCHÖNEN STROME)

(Composed in 1841)

(Original Key) HEINRICH HEINE (1799-1856) FRANZ LISZT Edited by Carl Armbruster Translated by Arthur Westbrook Allegro tranquillo legato PIANO 2 Pedale In the Rhine, that no ble Rhein, im schö nen $\mathbf{I}\mathbf{s}$ ror'd clear mir and riv er, gelt Stro Da sich den spie plain A great the dral Mit Wel gro Cresc. **

a) The melodious phrase, rising and falling, may suggest the festive ringing of the cathedral bells, while the incessant roll of sixteenth-notes may represent the waves of the river.

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VICTOR HUGO (1802-1885)

O IN MY DREAMS

(OH! QUAND JE DORS)a)

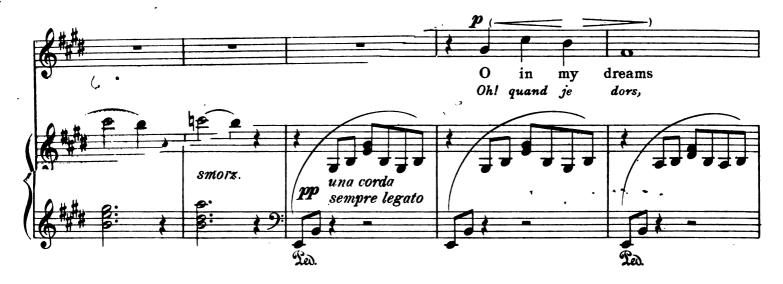
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- a) In this song Liszt has exactly hit the character of the French Romance with the gracefulness and elegance of his melody and modulations.
- b) The player is anticipating the melody, as must be evident in playing and phrasing.
- c) The turn deliberately and not too fast.

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ML-2000-6





a) The melody discreetly prominent.

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c) The melodic answers in the bass with due importance. The pedal marks must be strictly observed.

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a) While through the modulations the pock a poco più di moto remains always in force, theoriginal Andante returns here.
b) The composer marks this passage "staccate," yet he prescribes the use of the pedal, which destroys the staccato. His meaning probably is that the pedal shall be used only in the earlier portion of each measure and not after the first half.

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a) The arpeggios rather fast, so as not sensibly to retard the regular flow of the tempo.

ML-2000-6

IF I KNEW A MEADOW FAIR (S'IL EST UN CHARMANT GAZON)

(Composed in 1841-12)

VICTOR HUGO (1802-1885)

(Original Key)

FRANZ LISZT



a) As long as the running sixteenth-notes continue in the accompaniment the singer should avoid any too marked vari-4 ations of tempo, so as not to interrupt their regular flow. The whole song must proceed on the lightest of wings.

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a) From here to the end of the stanza may be allowed greater liberty in regard to minute gradations of tempo, according to individual feeling.

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a) Here the original, regular and uniformly flowing ter

ML-2001-6



a) Apart from very slight changes in the voice part, the second stanza is identical with the first; the expression should be the same.

ML-2001-8





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MY CHILD, WERE I A KING (ENFANT, SI J'ÉTAIS ROI)

(Composed in 1841-42)
(Original Key)



a) This song calls for rhetorical fire and an exuberance of expression. The hammering eighth-notes of the accompaniment must not impede the singer's tempo-nuances; the latter should, however, not be too sudden.

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a) The thunder in the bass as brilliantly as possible. The trumpet-fanfares, which continue through eight measures, with more and more of festal solemnity.

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a) As in a blissful dream.

b) The composer leaves the singer to choose between a half-note (d-flat) or two quarter-notes (c-flat, d-flat). The former way will probably be preferred by the greater number.

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"O HOW," MURMURED HE (COMMENT, DISAIENT-ILS)

1:20

(Composed in 1841-42)



- a) The graceful character of this charming song is essentially French. The nature of the accompaniment suggests the serenade character of the whole.
- *) Alguazils_Officers of justice.

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a) It will enhance the effect if the suggestion of question and answer is marked. The composer indicates this by marking the questions: "parlando" There should also be a distinction between the answers themselves according to the words: "O row", "O sleep", O love!"

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a) The gradations and nuances of tempo on this page and the following one must be left entirely to the feeling of the singer.



THE WINDS OF THE AUTUMN (ES RAUSCHEN DIE WINDE)

(Composed in 1842) (Original Key) LUDWIG RELLSTAB (1799-1860) FRANZ LISZT Edited by Carl Armbruster Translated by Charles Fonteyn Manney Agitato ma non troppo Allegro **PIANO** The winds of They blight all the the tumn blow cold o'er the lea, au Winso herbst - lich und Es schen die de kalt, det die poco rit. flow they strip ev - 'ry tree. ers, Fluent blät Wald. tert der ren. poco riten. dolce riten. a piacere O where, ver-dant mead ows, thy sun-kiss'd ar ray?. Thus Aublu - mi - gen du Grün, _ son - ni - ges gen, so riten. a piacere

- a) Do not take this song too fast. The player must be careful to give the full value to the sustained notes in both hands.
- b) Here the mood changes to one of happy recollection; but returns almost at once to the elegiac expression.

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a) Here the change of mood is more enduring. The contrast of this sunny E major with the gloomy C minor is characteristic of Liszt's method of tone painting, and is as surprising as it is beautiful.

ML-2008-5



a) Molto agitato; i.e. faster than the commencement of the song. The player must raise the pedal at each half measure.

b) These chords most energetically.



b) i.e. the tempo of the beginning.

ML-2008-5

TAKE OF THE SUN ITS RADIANCE

(NIMM EINEN STRAHL DER SONNE)



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THE ANCESTRAL TOMB (DIE VÄTERGRUFT)

(Composed in 1842)



- a) This song is a true ballad, if we take the word in its real meaning and in the sense of Schubert's and Loewe's ballads. Dignified and great in conception, if properly sung the impression it makes is of the deepest. The mysterious phrase at the beginning at once depicts the scene in the most characteristic manner.
- b) This is the anticipation of the solemn song of the spirits it must be played impressively.

Da.

Ded.

Da.

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a) In spite of the heroic character of the music, the singer must commence p and not let himself be carried into the ff too soon. This portion – as far as the double bar on the next page – is the climax of the story, and must ring in the hearer's ears long after it has ceased.

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- a) The reminiscence of the spirits' song, very softly and slowly.
- b) Note the staccato. These closing measures are worthy of Beethoven.

ML-2006-6

GAZE UPON ME, EYES OF AZURE (SCHWEBE, SCHWEBE, BLAUES AUGE)



- a) The song dates from the Weimar period, when friendly relations existed between Liszt and the poet, who was then Intendant of the Weimar Theatre.
- b) The player must carefully attend to the arpeggiandos marked and not be tempted to add others.

ML 2005-5



a) Reproduce as nearly as possible the nuances of the singer.

ML-2005-5



a) Quasi Violoncello, and carefully adapted to the vocal part, like the second voice in a duet.

b) See a

c) Senza Pedale. M1-2005-5



a) Tempo primo, i.e. the tempo of the beginning.

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THOU ART LOVELY AS A FLOWER

(DU BIST WIE EINE BLUME)

(Composed in 1843)





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IN NORTHERN LAND A PINE-TREE

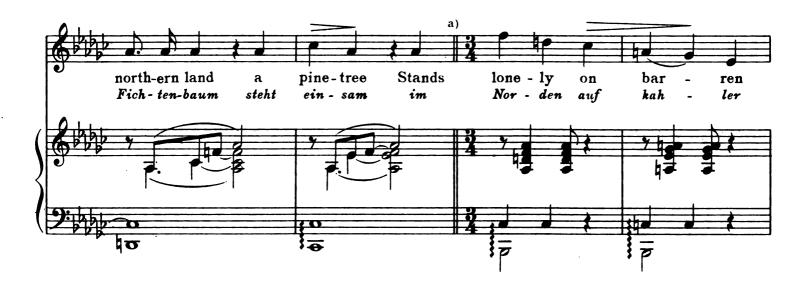
(EIN FICHTENBAUM STEHT EINSAM)

HEINRICH HEINE (1799-1856)
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(Original Key, C minor)

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a) The singer must be most careful of his intonation in these two measures, which are not altogether easy.

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a) The dream melody very tenderly.

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a) The accompaniment anticipates the "mourning motive" of the palm-tree, which most fittingly is the same as that of the pine-tree at the beginning.

ML-2008-4

JOYFUL AND WOEFUL

(FREUDVOLL AND LEIDVOLL)







a) The turn slowly and deliberately on the second beat of the measure, making the first note a quarter.

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WANDERER'S NIGHT SONG (WANDERERS NACHTLIED)

(Composed in 1848) (Original Key, E) JOHANN WOLFGANG von GOETHE (1749-1882) FRANZ LISZT Translated by Arthur Westbrook Edited by Carl Armbruster Lento, molto tranquillo p sotto voce VOICE O'er the tree-tops In wood and rest, Ue-ber al - len Gip-feln ist in al - len PIANO op una corda ***** Da. val-ley scarce a breath stirs mong the leaves, The birds all Wip-feln spü-rest Die Vo - ge-lein du kaum ei - nen Hauch: smorzando pp ppp ₹ Da Da On - ly War - te still'd. slum-ber, their song is Wal schwei-gen im sempre dolcissimo pp Dea. * on wait, wait, nur, Da. Zed. Da. ML-2010-2 Copyright MCMXI by Oliver Ditson Company



COULD I ONCE AGAIN CARESS THEE

(WIEDER MÖCHT' ICH DIR BEGEGNEN)



a) The beginning of this song, i.e. the two first stanzas must be rendered with a certain diffidence, as if the singer were afraid of uttering the confession of love. This should, however, not affect the regular flow of the melody, for which the composer even prescribes an accelerando in the fifth measure of the 3/4 portion.

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a) Two sixteenth-notes exactly on the fourth eighth of the measure.

b) See note a).

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- a) Here the diffidence is at last overcome and the expression changes to that of an open and blissful avowal of love-
- b) See note a) on preceding page.

LET ME LINGER (LASST MICH RUHEN)

(Composed in 1855)



a) In this song, with its warm breath of spring, Liszt has exactly hit the Stimmung (mood) of the German poem. Note the refinement and characteristic nature of the accompaniment as well as the delicate charm of the melody.

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IN LOVE'S DELIGHT (IN LIEBESLUST)

(Composed in 1857)
(Original Key)

HOFFMANN von FALLERSLEBEN (1798-1874)

Translated by Arthur Westbrook

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a) The player anticipates the singer with the melody. It must be done discreetly and without arpeggios.

b) With exuberant passion.



- a) The turn very broadly and deliberately.
 b) The beginning of the second verse softer than the first one. The tempo is also slightly slower.

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a) Senza Pedale, and very softly, though agitato. The chromatic progressions of the voice must not be blurred by the higher notes in the accompanying chords.



- a) The two notes on "I love" (gt, ab) always a tempo in spite of the prevailing ritenuto; the latter takes effect after the word "love"
 - b) Follow the singer implicitly, and make no arpeggios except where indicated.
 - c) Here we return to Tempo I; the reminiscences of the melody must be played dreamily, and of course very softly.

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I LOVE BUT THEE (ICH LIEBE DICH)

(Composed in 1857)

FRIEDRICH RÜCKERT (1788-1866)

(Original Kcy)

FRANZ LISZT



a) This song must be very freely declaimed, a task which must be left to the singer's taste. Any metronomic rendition would be altogether unsuitable to its rhapsodic style.

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a) For concert purposes the Editor strongly recommends the second (ff) ending

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DEPARTURE (ICH SCHEIDE)



(Composed in 1860)
(Original Key)

HOFFMANN von FALLERSLEBEN (1798-1874)

Translated by John Bernhoff

FRANZ LISZT

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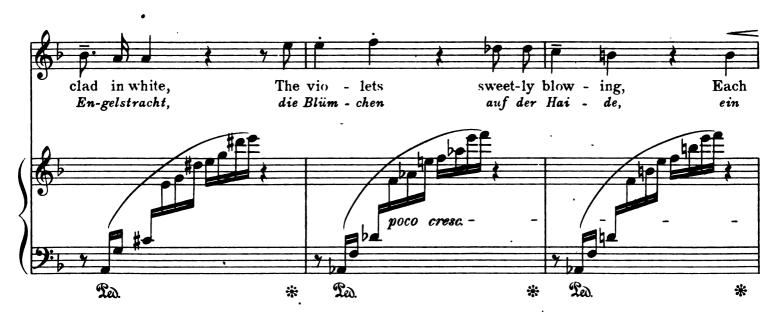
a) A tender sadness or sweet melancholy (the untranslatable German word Wehmuth) is the prevailing mood of this song, as expressed by the composer in his remarkably delicate modulations. A well considered tempo rubato finds a legimate use here.

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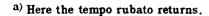




a) This and the next five measures in strict time, or even with a slight accelerando.

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a) Tempo rubato to the end.

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THE THREE GIPSIES

(DIE DREI ZIGEUNER)

(Composed in 1860)

NIKOLAUS LENAU (1802-1850)
Translated by Arthur Westbrook

(Original Kcy)

FRANZ LISZT

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a) It need scarcely be said that the accompanist of this song has quite as important a task before him as the singer. It must be played with extreme brilliancy and dash.

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a) It is absolutely necessary that the singer and player thoroughly agree concerning the tempo, as once started, neither can give way to the other without injury to the flow of the whole. Liszt has admirably characterized each one of the three gipsies. Here we have the fiddler and the phrases he plays are strictly Hungarian. They must be rendered with that wild energy peculiar to gipsies, though pp all the time. ML -2016 -8



a) See note a) on previous page.

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a) Here the tempo becomes much slower. We have the portrait of the second gipsy, the smoker, and the accompaniment depicts the smoke as it curls up into the air. The pauses marked must not be too long.

b) It is but natural that the Hungarian National dance, the Czardas, should be introduced, as it lies in the very blood of the whole tribe of gipsies. The tempo quicker than before.

c) With the utmost brilliancy, sonority and "bravura?"

d) Here we have the picture of the third gipsy, the sleeper; the tempo again slower.

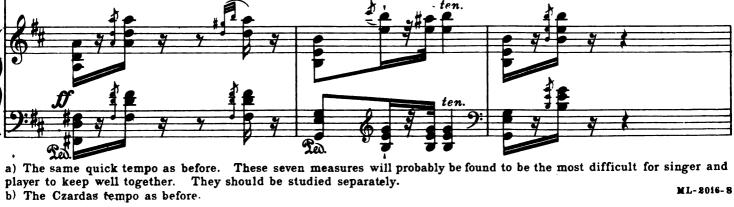
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a) The accompaniment depicts the wind playing upon the strings of the cymbal- in the right hand. The slurred notes in the left, are characteristic cymbal- effects also. Note the pp, ppp and pppp.

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a) For the general public the first close will be found more satisfactory than the dreamy, second one, which musicians only will appreciate, at least such was Liszt's personal opinion.

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