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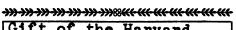
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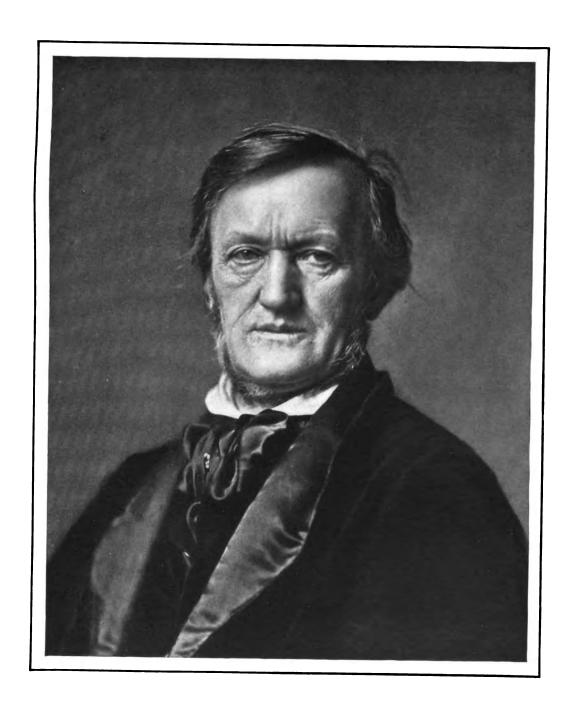
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## RICHARD WAGNER



ICHARD WILHELM WAGNER —by far the greatest composer since Beethoven—was born at Leipzig on the 22d of May, 1813. He was the youngest of nine children, his father, a police official, dying when Richard was but six months old. A year afterward his mother married Ludwig Geyer, an actor engaged at the Dresden theatre, and to Dresden the family then removed. Geyer was fond of painting, and he wished young Richard to become an artist; but he died when the boy was only seven years old, and the study of art was then discontinued. Richard became a pupil at the "Kreuzschule," and later on at the "Thomasschule," at Leipzig, to which city the twice-widowed mother returned in 1827. So far not much had been done for Richard's musical education; he had had a few lessons in pianoforte playing, but he preferred to try to play the operatic airs he had heard at the theatre instead of practising his exercises, and to his dying day Wagner never became a satisfactory pianist. But even at this early period of his life his eminent poetical gifts became evident. At the school his poem on the death of a fellow pupil won him the prize from a number of competitors, and soon afterward, incited by his study of the ancient Greek poets and Shakespeare, he resolved to write a tremendous tragedy. It is related that in the course of this absurd production—which, of course, was never completed no less than forty-two persons died or were killed, so that when the young author reached the last act, he was short of characters and had to bring back several of them as ghosts!

His sister, Rosalie Wagner, was an actress, and through her the boy was constantly in touch with the theatre. The great success obtained by C. M. von Weber with Der Freischütz may have had a strong influence upon the career of Wagner. Still, it was only after the family's return to Leipzig that it became clear to Richard what his vocation

really was. At the Gewandhaus concerts in that city he heard Beethoven's symphonies and the music to Egmont for the first time; and he was so deeply impressed that he resolved to become a musician. In spite of determined opposition on the part of his family he carried out his resolution by beginning the study of harmony and counterpoint with Theodor Weinlig, then cantor at the Thomasschule. As the first results of his studies we have a sonata and a polonaise for pianoforte, also an overture with a final fugue, and later on a symphony for orchestra. The latter was performed at the Gewandhaus in 1833, with considerable success.

We next hear of Wagner at Würzburg, where his brother Albert was stage manager, and where Richard now became director of the chorus at the theatre. While there he wrote the libretto and composed the music of an opera, Die Feen (The Fairies), a juvenile work, which in his later years he did not think worthy of publication. It was, however, published after his death and performed at Munich; but these performances, apart from the historical interest attaching to them, added nothing to Wagner's fame. His next work was an opera upon the subject of Shakespeare's Measure for Measure called Das Liebesverbot (Forbidden Love); this he wrote while conductor at Magdeburg in 1836. It was performed there, and failed completely.

Wagner was now in bad pecuniary straits, which condition unfortunately lasted for some years. After being conductor at the theatre at Koenigsberg, he accepted the same post at the theatre of Riga in 1837. It was here that he began the composition of his grand tragic opera Rienzi, the first of his works which was published, and the first which eventually gained acceptance in Germany. The music of two acts of this opera was finished, when Wagner suddenly resolved to journey to Paris, in the hope of having the work produced

there. This was in 1839. He took passage on a sailing vessel bound from Pillau to London; the vessel encountered a succession of violent gales near the coast of Norway, and it was there that Wagner first heard the old legend of the Flying Dutchman from the sailors on board. Reaching Paris by way of London and Boulogne, he completed the score of Rienzi, but was unsuccessful in his efforts to get it performed at the Paris Opéra, and for some six months he was literally on the brink of starvation. At that time he was actually driven by want to arrange the fashionable operatic music of the day—airs from Donizetti's Favorita and Halévy's Queen of Cyprus — for the inartistic combination of piano-forte and cornet! He also composed some songs with a view to attaining popularity in the fashionable society of Paris; but they proved to be far too good for the taste of the public of that time. During his sojourn in the French capital he composed the music to Der fliegende Holländer (The Flying Dutchman), which shows enormous progress in style, compared with Rienzi. In April, 1842, Wagner left Paris for Dresden, where meanwhile Rienzi had been accepted for performance by the Royal Opera. It was given there on October 20 of that year with extraordinary success, which increased at every performance. Wagner was requested to prepare for an initial production of The Flying Dutchman, and this took place on January 2, 1843. It cannot be said that the public of that time fully appreciated the composer's vast artistic progress as shown in the new work. But this lagging behind of the public taste has always been, and probably always will be, apparent in the lives of men of genius.

Through the death of Rastrelli a conductorship at the Dresden Opera had become vacant, and this post was now offered to Wagner. He entered upon his duties with enthusiastic energy and zeal, and some of the performances which he conducted, such as those of Gluck's operas, were models of excellence. His efforts to get his own operas produced in other cities were, however, not very successful; but this did not in the least interfere with his creative activity. At this period he was engaged in writing the libretto and composing the music of Tannhäuser; and during a holiday tour and subsequent stay at Marienbad he sketched the libretto of a comic opera, Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg (The Mastersingers of Nuremberg), which was originally intended as a humorous counterpart to Tannhäuser. The latter work was first performed at Dresden, on October 19, 1845; its success, like that of The Flying Dutchman, was but moderate at first. Wagner now turned to the Siegfried saga for dramatic material, and by the autumn of 1848 he had written the drama Siegfried's Tod (Siegfried's Death.) In the political events of that year he took such an active part with contributions to the press as well as with speeches that he was forced to sever his connection with the Royal Opera and to leave the country. He fled to Switzerland and settled at Zürich, where he published two important treatises entitled Art and the Revolution and The Artwork of the Future. In February, 1850, he again visited Paris, and thence he sent the newly completed score of Lohengrin to his friend Franz Liszt, who was then director of the music at the court of the art-loving Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar. Liszt enthusiastically undertook the production of this work, and the first performance took place on August 28, 1850. So great was its success that the strong impression which the works of Wagner have imprinted upon the entire world of art may be said to date from that performance. After returning to Zürich, Wagner published early in 1851 a treatise entitled Opera and Drama, in which he fully expounds his epoch-making theory of the equal importance of poetry, music and the actor's art in the structure of a perfect musical drama, -a subject which had occupied his thoughts for years. He contends that in the musical drama the three arts should be indissolubly welded into a well balanced whole, in which no one should preponderate, but that each should support, amplify and intensify the others. On this topic a veritable war has since raged in artistic and literary circles, lasting over thirty years; but now very little doubt is left that Wagner's theory is the correct one; it has achieved a glorious victory wherever his works have been adequately performed.

The evolution of this great art doctrine was the result of years of study, reflection and severe self-criticism, and was of course not accomplished without a struggle. If we examine critically those of Wagner's works which he wrote before the publication of his Opera and Drama, we find that the music of his Rienzi is modelled upon the operas of Spontini and Meyerbeer, the two composers whose works reigned supreme upon the operatic stage when Rienzi was written. Wagner's originality in this work is almost hidden by the conventionalities of the prevailing style; but in The Flying Dutchman there is strong evidence of critical thought and consequent modification of this borrowed manner. The declamation in this work is far more impressive and powerful than in Rienzi; and this is still more strikingly the case in Tannhäuser and Lohengrin. However, the essential differences between the so-called "grand" opera of the period and Wagner's musical drama are enumerated farther on.

After completing Opera and Drama Wagner turned his attention to composing the music for Siegfried's Death; but upon reconsidering his material he finally resolved to treat the whole Nibelungen saga in a trilogy, and the work eventually grew to the colossal dimensions in which we now possess it, i.e. a series of four dramas (three of three acts each and an introductory one of one act) intended for performance on four consecutive days. He gave to the whole group the title Der Ring des Nibelungen (The Ring of the Nibelungs), and the four dramas are: Das Rheingold (The Rhinegold), Die Walküre (The Valkyr), Siegfried, and Götterdämmerung (The Dusk of the Gods). The libretto for the entire work was completed in two years (by 1853), but the musical composition occupied Wagner at intervals during the next nineteen years, many periods of interruption intervening. He had completed the first two dramas and two acts of Siegfried, when he was seized by the conviction that he could never get his great cycle performed. It was then that he turned his attention to Tristan and Isolda. The libretto of this work was finished in 1857, and the music two years later, during an extended visit to Venice.

Although the master's theory concerning the musicaldrama is consistently applied in The Rhine-gold and The Valkyr, it must not be forgotten that these two works are but fragments of a greater whole, and that therefore Tristan and Isolda is the first complete work composed after his theory was fully formulated. This drama, together with The Mastersingers of Nuremberg, which was completed in 1867, is considered by many to mark the climax of Wagner's genius.

In 1860 he again went to Paris, where he arranged and conducted some concerts consisting of fragments of his works, and in March, 1861, his Tannhäuser was performed at the grand Opéra of that city, by command of the Emperor Napoleon III; it was hooted and hissed off the stage by the members of the Jockey Club, who resented the production of an opera which did not contain the customary ballet in the middle of the second act. During 1862 Wagner was principally occupied with the composition of The Mastersingers. At that time he was again terribly involved in pecuniary embarrassments, and attempted to improve his circumstances by giving concerts in various cities, among them Vienna, Prague, Leipzig, St. Petersburg, Moscow and Budapesth. The great turning point in his fortunes, however, did not come until May, 1864, when King Ludwig II of Bavaria called him to Munich and relieved him from the ever pressing cares and anxieties concerning his bare existence. It was at Munich that Tristan and Isolda and The Mastersingers were first performed in 1865 and 1868 respectively, the performances in each case being, perhaps, the best that have ever been given of these music dramas.

Wagner was now enabled to complete his great Nibelungen trilogy; and by 1872 the music of the monumental work was finished at Triebschen, near Lucerne, whither he had moved in 1867. Meanwhile the energetic efforts of numerous friends and the support of the king rendered possible the building of a special theatre for the proper performance of this exceptional work. In 1871 Wagner settled at Bayreuth in Bavaria, and there the new theatre was built. The first performance of the cycle took place in August, 1876, in the pre-

sence of an immense number of spectators, who had come from all parts of the civilized world; and its artistic success was beyond all doubt. Wagner might indeed have rested now upon his well earned laurels, but his mental activity knew no cessation. Even during the preparations for the Nibelungen performances he had sketched a new work, Parsifal, and now, with redoubled energy, he turned to its musical composition. It was completed early in 1882, and was first performed at Bayreuth in July of that year. In September Wagner left for Venice, there to rest from the fatigue he had undergone during the Parsifal performances; and it was there, on February 13, 1883, that he suddenly died.

The main cause of Wagner's unique position in the history of opera lies in the fact that he was not only a composer, but also a dramatic poet, and was thus enabled to carry out successfully the theory which he gradually developed. No graver mistake can be made than to look upon Wagner solely as a great musician. His originality of expression is as marked in the librettos of his works as in their music. His sense of color, of rhythm, of dramatic effect, no less than his insight into all the phenomena of human character, was wonderfully exact. A man of such many-sided genius was the only one who could achieve the emancipation of the musical drama from the old "grand" opera. Had it not been for Wagner's personal ability to realize in every detail his performances, he would never have been more than a visionary. His striking musical originality would have attracted attention, but as a musician alone he would, in all probability, have failed to revolutionize the operatic world in the epoch-making manner in which he has done so. As long as the musical and dramatic elements of an operatic work are elaborated by different individuals, one will always be found to lean upon or to be sacri-

It would be difficult to point to any other musician, with the single exception, perhaps, of Beethoven, whose career exhibits such continued growth. Much as Wagner in his early days was

ficed to the other.

inspired by the romantic fire of a Spontini (of which this master's La Vestale and Fernando Cortez give proof), much as he delighted in his own Rienzi, because it seemed to him to be the happy combination of the explosive materials of an heroic drama with all the pomp and circumstance of French "grand" opera, yet he was severe enough in his self-criticism to recognize the fact that he never could reach artistic independence on those lines. So in spite of the success obtained by Rienzi he abandoned this style of composition, and turned to new ways in The Flying Dutchman. In this drama we first meet with so-called "leading motives" (Leitmotiven), which are short but pregnant musical phrases, intended to portray the various personages of the action, the different passions which animate them or the sentiments they express. It is specially due to the use of these leading motives that Wagner's music is so wonderfully impressive, because by combining them or varying them in the most admirable manner, they become true plastic images of the figures of the drama in all their manifold relations towards each other. It is through the thematic character of Wagner's music that the drama obtains its intense force and clearness. Liszt has aptly remarked: "He makes the orchestra reflect; in his hands it reveals to us the soul, the passions, the sentiments, the slightest emotions of his personages; with him the orchestra becomes the echo, the fine veil through which he lets us perceive all the vibrations of their hearts; one might say that they palpitate in this medium, and across its sonorous and diaphanous walls we are alive to the most impetuous as well as to the slightest emotions."

In a brief article it is, of course, impossible to estimate with adequate detail Wagner's cardinal importance to art. But a concise statement of the essential points of difference between his musical drama and the old, so-called "grand" opera, which reigned supreme upon the lyric stage when Wagner began to write, will at least give the reader an insight into the far-reaching nature of the reforms which he accomplished through the ripening of his great theory. These points may be classified under nine heads: First as concerns the subjects

of his works, we find that his poems, after Rienzi, are exclusively national ones. He discards the historical opera, and turns to legends, myths and sagas as the only proper source of material for his art. Thus he emphasizes the motives which govern human nature at all times, and are quite independent of any given historical period. The second point concerns the poetical treatment of the text, as well as of the dramatic structure. The latter is always true to the canons of the best art; all that is not essential to the action is eliminated, and the dramatic basis is formed from accurate emotional analysis and the consistent delineation of character. The librettos are highly poetical, and possess an excellent literary style, rarely to be found in such works. The third point is the altered relation between music and poetry. While in the "grand" opera the music seldom had any other object but self-exploitation, the text being merely the incidental frame upon which it was hung and which it fitted more or less closely, Wagner places music and poetry upon a plane of perfect equality. Words and music interpret each other: the poetry determines the manner of its musical treatment, the music refines and ennobles the poetical expression.

The fourth point relates to the treatment of the orchestra, which from a mere accompaniment is raised to an independent factor of symphonic character. Wagner employs it in a sense quite other than the Italian opera composer, in whose hands it was nothing but "a huge guitar" for accompanying the singers. Through the employment of leading motives, expressing definite occurrences in the drama, or characteristic moods or sentiments, the orchestra becomes the modern equivalent of the Chorus of antique tragedy, forming a running comment upon the action of the drama. The fifth point of importance is the abolition of the customary set operatic forms, in so far as they are not the logical result of the dramatic

situation. Wagner discards bravura singing; his works offer no opportunity for the display of vocal gymnastics; and ensemble singing occurs only when dramatically justified. The position of chief importance he gives to the dramatico-musical dialogue, and, of course, he discards the ballet. The sixth point concerns the exclusion of any spoken dialogue or that kind of recitative which was customary in "grand" opera between the different set numbers. Wagner's recitative is melodic singing; his song is musical declamation. The seventh point concerns the melodic invention and harmonic treatment of the music. These are so specifically characteristic of Wagner that other composers who have tried to use the new style have for the most part become mere plagiarists, falling perhaps involuntarily — into his melodic and harmonic trend of thought. This, however, is by no means a necessary consequence of Wagner's artprinciples; it is merely a proof of his powerful individuality and of his immense influence upon his contemporaries. The eighth point relates to the totally different demands made upon the performers. The singers must be both good musicians and good actors, since singing, musical phrasing, declamation and acting must all go hand in hand, and the neglect of any of these elements is fatal. And for the ninth and last point, we find a specially picturesque element in the scenic setting, the utmost plasticity in the grouping, and an impressive dignity in the bearing of the performers.

All these factors together form that complete art-work, to which all the individual arts contribute a share. Thus we have the so-called "Art-work of the Future," once so bitterly attacked, but finally victorious, which has nothing, not even the name, in common with "grand" opera. To the bold creator of this most perfect art-work we may fittingly apply Shakespeare's words:

"He does bestride the narrow world like a Colossus!"

Carl Frubruster.

April 15, 1904.

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## I. Operas and Music Dramas

TITLE	PLACE AND YEAR WHEN BEGUN	PLACE AND YEAR WHEN COMPLETED	PLACE AND DATE OF FIRST PERFORMANCE	CONDUCTOR OF FIRST PERFORMANCE	
1. DIE FEEN (The Fairies)	Würzburg, 1833	Würzburg,	Munich, June 29, 1888	Franz Fischer	
2. DAS LIEBESVERBOT (For- bidden Love)	Leipzig, 1834	Magdeburg, 1836	Magdeburg, March 29, 1836	Richard Wagner	
3. RIENZI, DER LETZTE DER TRIBUNEN (Rienzi, the Last of the Tribunes)	<i>Riga</i> , 1838	<i>Paris</i> , 1840	Dresden, O&ober 19, 1842	Karl Gottlieb Reissiger	
4. DER FLIEGENDE HOL- LÄNDER (The Flying Dutch- man)	Paris, 1841	<i>Paris</i> , 1841	Dresden, January 2, 1843	Richard Wagner	
5. TANNHÄUSER, UND DER SÄNGERKRIEG AUF WART- BURG (Tannhäuser, and the Singing Contest on the Wart- burg)	Dresden, 1844	Dresden, 1845	Dresden, October 19, 1845	Richard Wagner	
6. Lohengrin	Dresden, 1846	Dresden, 1847	Weimar, August 28, 1850	Franz Liszt	
7. DER RING DES NIBELUNG- EN (The Ring of the Nibelungs)	(The complete work) Dresden, 1848	Bayreuth, 1874	Bayreuth, August 13, 14, 16, 17, 1876	Hans Richter	
Consisting of four dramas: (a) DAS RHEINGOLD (The Rhinegold)	(Separately) Zürich, 1852	Zürich, 1854	Munich, September 22, 1869	Franz Wüllner	
(b) DIE WALKÜRE (The Valkyr)	Zürich, 1854	Zürich, 1854	Munich, June 26, 1870	Franz Wüllner	
(c) Siegfried	Zürich, 1855	Lucerne, 1869	Bayreuth, August 16, 1876	Hans Richter	
(d) Götterdämmerung (The Dusk of the Gods)	Lucerne, 1869	Bayreuth, 1874	Bayreuth, August 17, 1876	Hans Richter	
8. TRISTAN UND ISOLDE (Tristan and Isolda)	Zürich, 1857	Venice, 1859	Munich, June 10, 1865	Hans von Bülow	
<ol> <li>DIE MEISTERSINGER VON NÜRNBERG (The Master- singers of Nuremberg)</li> </ol>	Dresden, 1845	Lucerne, 1867	Munich, June 21, 1868	Hans von Bülow	
10. Parsifal	Bayreuth, 1876	Bayreuth, 1882	Bayreuth, July 26, 1882	Hermann Levi	
II. Songs					
1. DER TANNENBAUM (The Fir-tree)	Riga, 1838	Riga, 1838			
2. DIE BEIDEN GRENA- DIERE (The Two Grena- diers)	<i>Paris</i> , 1840	<i>Paris</i> , 1840			
3-5. TROIS MÉLODIES (Three Melodies)	<i>Paris</i> , 1840	<i>Paris</i> , 1840			
6-10. FUNF GEDICHTE (Five Poems)	Zürich, 1857	Biebrich, 1862			

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# WAGNER LYRICS FOR SOPRANO

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# THE ROSE (MIGNONNE)





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# WAITING

## (ATTENTE)

(Composed in 1840)

(Original Key)

VICTOR HUGO (1802-1885)

Translator unknown

Edited by Carl Armbruster

RICHARD WAGNER
"Three Melodies" (Trois Mélodies) Nº3



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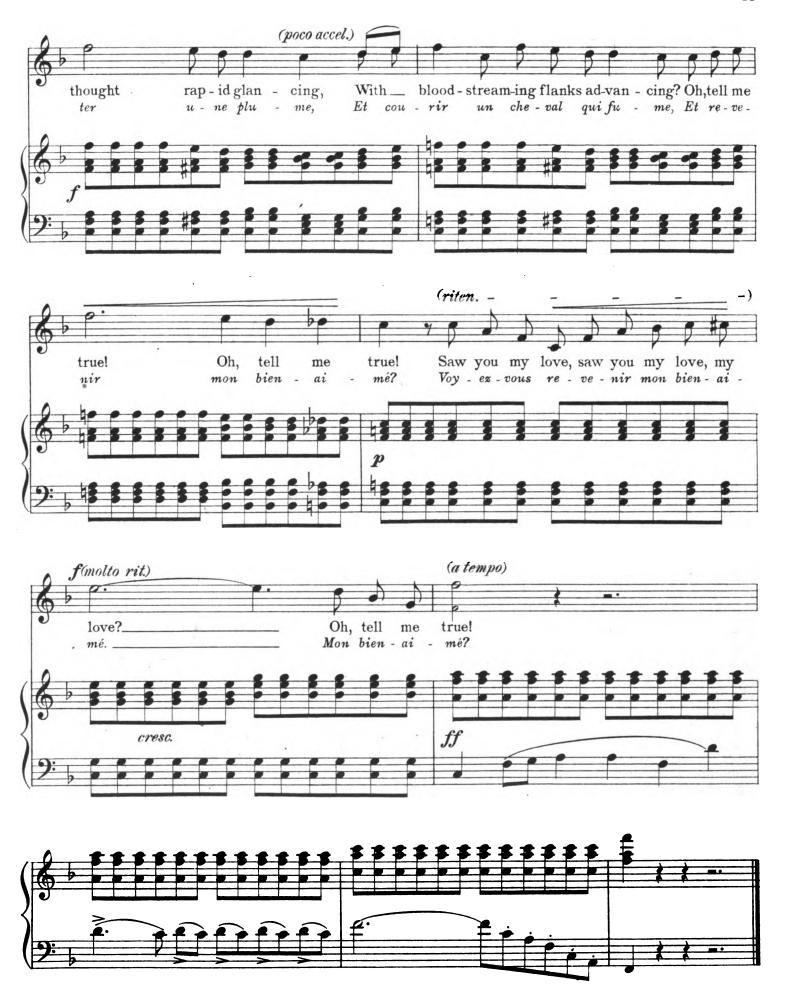




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# THE ANGEL

#### (DER ENGEL)

MATHILDE WESENDONCK

(Composed in 1857) (Original Key)



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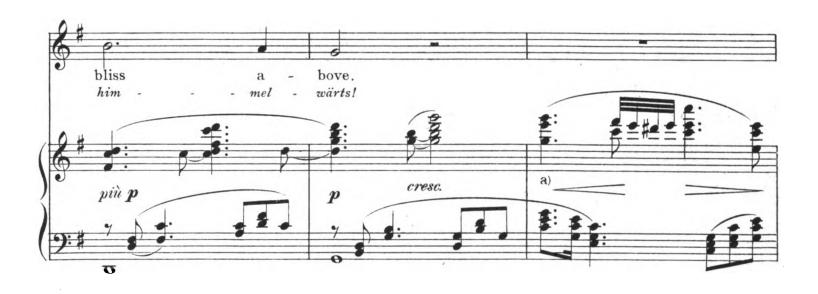






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a) Wagner has used this phrase in "The Rhinegold," vide "Loge's Narrative."

# STAND STILL! (STEHE STILL!)

(Composed in 1857)

MATHILDE WESENDONCK

Translated by Frederic Field Bullard

Edited by Carl Armbruster

(Original Key)

RICHARD WAGNER
"Five Poems" (Fünf Gedichte) Nº2





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## IN THE GREENHOUSE

### (IM TREIBHAUS)





- a) In the drama, the "Wounded Tristan" motive.
- b) Slightly varied from the motive of "Tristan's Longing"

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a) The bass significantly. It is the "Wounded Tristan" motive.



a) Note the falling dew-drops in the accompaniment.

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# GRIEF (SCHMERZEN)

(Composed in 1857)

MATHILDE WESENDONCK RICHARD WAGNER (Original Key) Translated by Arthur Westbrook "Five Poems" (Fünf Gedichte) Nº 4 Edited by Carl Armbruster Slowly and broadly (Langsam und breit) VOICE Sun, thou Son ne, **PIANO** f dim. weep Till did is est 'ry ven thy splen glance wei denA bend dir die schö Aunestnen je gen dim. When from heav'n o - cean All thou sink - est red, un - to the too soon roth, wenn Meeba - dend dich er - reicht derfrü imres - spie gel (p)(cresc.) dead; But thou ris the Glo est in morn, Tod; Glo doch steh'st in alter Pracht, 5 cresc.

a) The tempo should not be taken too slowly. The character of this song is altogether different from that cf the preceding one.

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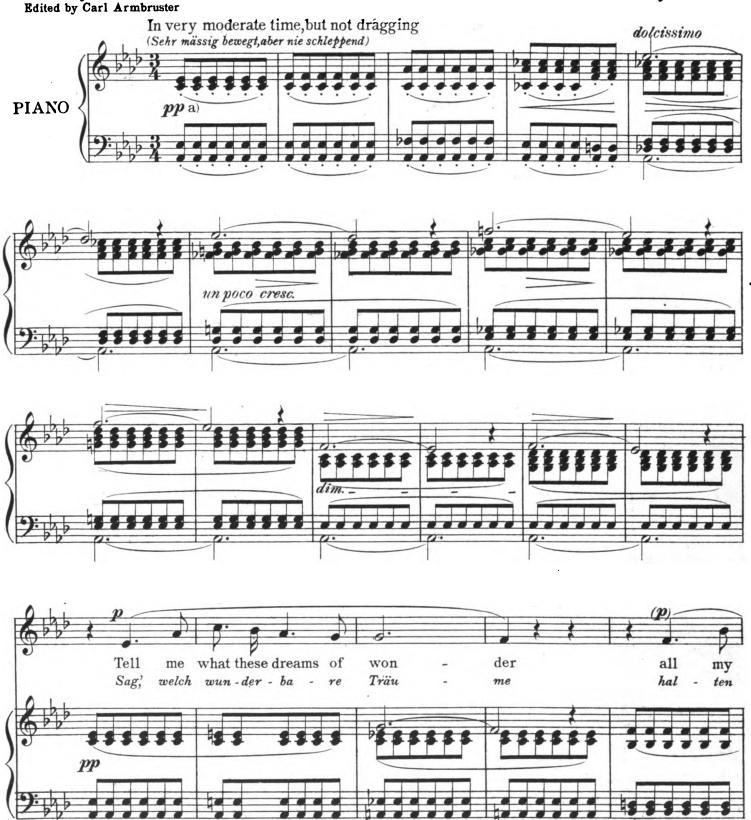
## (TRÄUME)

## Study for "Tristan and Isolda

(Composed in 1857)
(Original Key)

MATHILDE WESENDONCK
Translated by Isabella G. Parker

RICHARD WAGNER
"Five Poems" (Fünf Gedichte) Nº 5



a) The accompaniment as evenly as possible, always remembering that the time beats in music are like the pulse in life, not the regular rhythm of a pendulum.

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## SONG OF THE MESSENGER OF PEACE\*

(ARIE DES FRIEDENSBOTEN)

"Ich sah die Städte" RIENZI RIENZI (Original Key) Translated by Arthur Westbrook Edited by Carl Armbruster Act II, Nº I RICHARD WAGNER Andante quasi allegretto VOICE whereer my A Ich sah. die Stä - dte, pdolce **PIANO** I saw, And foot-steps fell Fair na - ture's gifts with a-mong all joy peace sah das Land, ich ent - lang zog Mee res Strand, so weit das Land der er-more, folk dothdwell, Oh! may she leave us nev Yea! peace in Rö - mer reicht, trug mich mein Fuss schwingt und leicht. Und den land ry doth ev reign, fand ber Voice and accompaniment strictly together in this and all similar ornaments.

nore simple and unaffected the manner in which this song is sung, the greater the effect will be. The whole composition peace and rest.

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## "SPINNING SONG

### (SPINNERLIED)

"Summ' und brumm', du gutes Rädchen"



\*) Arranged for one voice from the original chorus of women



b) The player must carefully distinguish between the groups of six sixteenth notes in the bass, and the division into *eight* thirty-second notes (as it were) in the treble. The f# in the treble comes after not on the e in the bass

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## SENTA'S BALLAD'

#### (SENTA'S BALLADE)

"Traft ihr das Schiff"

DER FLIEGENDE HOLLÄNDER
Translated by John Troutbeck

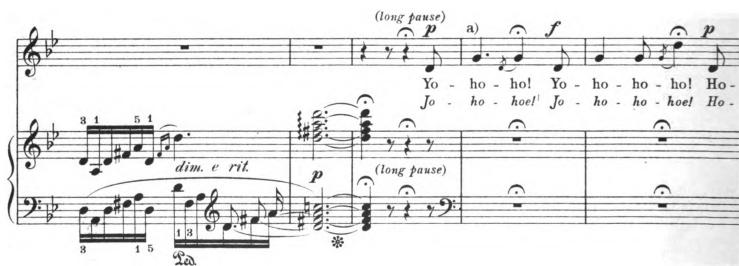
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THE FLYING DUTCHMAN

Act II, Nº 3

RICHARD WAGNER







a) Senta sings these introductory bars as if she were in a trance.

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a) This motive depicts the Dutchman's salvation.

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a) At the end of the last phrase Senta — in the drama — has broken down utterly exhausted. What follows (up to a) on the next page) is sung by her companions in four-part harmony and without accompaniment.

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a) This close is added in accordance with the preceding verses, but is not contained in the drama. At this point Senta, carried away by a sudden inspiration, vehemently declares her resolve to bring salvation to the Dutchman herself; —— thus the ballad comes to an abrupt end.

# SONG OF VENUS (GESANG DER VENUS)

"Geliebter, komm"



a) The tremolo as rapid as possible.

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# SONG OF VENUS (GESANG DER VENUS)

"Geliebter, komm"



a) The tremolo as rapid as possible.

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a) Let the shake be rapid and begin on the note itself, not on the one above it.



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a) This is the climax of the song; it must be sung with the greatest enthusiasm.

## THE SHEPHERD'S SONG

#### (LIED DES HIRTENKNABEN)

"Frau Holda kam aus dem Berg hervor"

(Original Key, G)



- a) In the drama this song is unaccompanied.
- b) The pauses should not be so prolonged as to interrupt the flow of the melody.
- •) Holda, according to Scandinavian mythology, was the goddess of Spring.

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## ELIZABETH'S ARIA

### (ARIE DER ELISABETH)

"Dich, theure Halle, grüss' ich wieder"



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a) There must be no trace of arpeggio in any of these chords. The singer must sing the whole passage, which is accompanied by the sustained chords, in strict time making no ritenuto nor accelerando.







a) No ritenuto in this bar.

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## ELIZABETH'S PRAYER

#### (GEBET DER ELISABETH)

"Allmächt'ge Jungfrau, hör' mein Flehen!"

TANNHÄUSER Translated by Natalia Macfarren Edited by Carl Armbruster

(Original Key)

TANNHÄUSER Act III, Scene I RICHARD WAGNER



- a) The chords must not bear the slightest trace of arpeggiando.
- b) This phrase, like the corresponding solo passages on the next pages, slightly marked. Copyright MCMIV by Oliver Ditson Company

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a) Tempo I, i.e. un poco più mosso

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## ELSA'S DREAM

### (ELSA'S TRAUM)



a) Elsa's mind is completely filled with the dream-vision she has had and which she now relates.

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a) Motive of the "Holy Grail"
b) See note a) on page. 79.
c) The attention of the player is drawn to the fact that the composer here and in many subsequent bars prescribes two dots (with a following thirty-second note) not one only.









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# ELSA'S SONG TO THE BREEZES (ELSA'S GESANG AN DIE LÜFTE)

"Euch Lüften, die mein Klagen"



a) The clarinet melody which begins here must be well marked.

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### ELSA'S ADMONITION TO ORTRUD

#### (ELSA'S ERMAHNUNG AN ORTRUD)

"Du Aermste kannst wohl nie ermessen"

(Original Key)

LOHENGRIN

Translated by Natalia Macgarren

Edited by Carl Armbruster

LOHENGRIN
Act II, Scene II
RICHARD WAGNER







a) b) as at a)

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a) see a) on previous page. b) see b) on previous page

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### \*BRIDAL SONG

#### (BRAUTLIED)

LOHENGRIN

"Treulich geführt ziehet dahin"

(Original Key)

LOHENGRIN Act III, Scene I



- \*) Arranged for one voice from the original mixed chorus.
- a) This song, like that of the Shepherd in "Tannhäuser," is simplicity itself.

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# ISOLDA'S NARRATIVE TO BRANGAENA (ISOLDE'S ERZÄHLUNG AN BRANGÄNE)

"Erfuhrest du meine Schmach"



A) In "Tristan and Isolda" Wagner's own dynamical signs and tempo indications are so copious, that the editor has confined himself to a very few additions in the vocal part only.

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# BRANGAENA'S REPLY TO ISOLDA (BRANGÄNE'S ANTWORT AN ISOLDE)

"Wo lebte der Mann"



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### TRISTAN AND ISOLDA'S LOVE DUET

#### (TRISTAN UND ISOLDE'S LIEBESDUETT)

"O sink' hernieder, Nacht der Liebe"

TRISTAN UND ISOLDE Translated by H.& F. Corder Edited by Carl Ambruster (Original Key)

TRISTAN AND ISOLDA
Act II, Scene II
RICHARD WAGNER







a) The player must give careful attention to the rhythm of this excerpt, which is not altogether simple. The first two thirds of the bar are in triplets, formed from a quarter and an eighth, the last third in ordinary eighth-notes, and these, if played strictly, in time (and with the first one syncopated to the preceding triplet eighth have the effect, as it were, of retarding the movement.

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returns giving way to true ¾ time after two measures.

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a) The original rhythm once more for two measures only.

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## ISOLDA'S REPLY TO TRISTAN (ISOLDE'S ANTWORT AN TRISTAN)

"Als für ein fremdes Land"



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a) A reminiscence from the love duet.

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## ISOLDA'S LOVE DEATH (ISOLDE'S VERKLÄRUNG)



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a) A long crescendo suddenly ending in a pp is an effect invented by Beethoven. This instance shows how very effective it can be made.

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a) The Isolde Motive is marked by > and should be prominent, even in the prevailing pp

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### EVA'S BAPTISMAL VERSE

#### (EVA'S TAUFSPRUCH)

"Selig, wie die Sonne meines Glückes lacht"

DIE MEISTERSINGER VON NÜRNBERG

(Original Key)

THE MASTERSINGERS OF NUREMBERG Act III, Scene IV

Translated by H. & F. Corder



a) This baptismal verse is the opening of the quintet in which the principal characters of the drama, Eva, Walter, Sachs. David and Magdalene, simultaneously express their joyful expectations concerning the coming Song-festival.

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a) Beginning in this measure the other voices gradually join the Soprano and the quintet begins. But since most of the notes sung by the others are (like those of the Soprano) contained in the accompaniment this arrangement scarcely misses anything of the beauty of the whole, excepting, of course, the admirable polyphony of the voices themselves.

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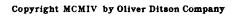


# BRÜNNHILDE'S APPEAL TO WOTAN (BRÜNNHILDE'S BITTE AN WOTAN)

"War es so schmählich, was ich verbrach"



a) This long prelude, which depicts the dramatic situation at this point of the drama, must be played solemnly, impressively, and strictly in time, i.e. with the closest attention to the exact value of each note.





a) Wagner's directions here were: - With touching intensity and filial devotion.

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a) A cut of 32 measures is made here to avoid including the part of Wotan.
b) All arpeggios to be strictly avoided, except where marked.

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b) On the whole the tempo slower than accelerated. The accompanying phrase expressively, though not dragging.

C) Avoid all hurrying.

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a) Brünnhilde's expression reaches the most intense glow of feeling when she tells of the deepest pity, which caused her to protect Siegmund against Wotan's command.

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a) The melody here is the motive of Brünnhilde's Justification.
b) The dim. is very important: it expresses Brünnhilde's fear whether or no what she has just said justifies her to Wotan.

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### BRUNNHILDE'S APPEAL TO SIEGFRIED

## (BRÜNNHILDE'S BITTE AN SIEGFRIED)

"Ewig war ich,ewig bin ich"



- a) This motive, the "Peace-Melody," must always be played softly and as legato as possible.
- b) Brünnhilde begins this episode calmly, passionless, in a kind of sublime repose.

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At a) where the new motive appears - that of "Siegfried as hope of the world" - the expression becomes a little more passionate, at first but very slightly.

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## BRÜNNHILDE'S FAREWELL TO SIEGFRIED (BRÜNNHILDE'S LEBWOHL AN SIEGFRIED)

DIE GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG Translated by H. & F. Corder Edited by Carl Armbruster "Zu neuen Thaten, theurer Helde"

(Original Key)

THE DUSK OF THE GODS

Prologue
RICHARD WAGNER

Tranquillo, ma non troppo ritardando



a) The motive of Siegiried the Hero.

b) Brünnhilde's motive. The turn never hurried, always slowly and impressive.

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a) The motive of the Love-greeting. It must be played very sweetly and impressively. In the orchestra it is an oboe solo.

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a) In this and the next five measures a slight stringendo.

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## KUNDRY'S NARRATIVE (KUNDRY'S ERZÄHLUNG)

"Ich sah das Kind an seiner Mutter Brust"

PARSIFAL **PARSIFAL** Translated by H. & F. Corder (Original Key) Act II RICHARD WAGNER Edited by Carl Armbruster Moderato molto e tranquillo (Sehr mässig und ruhig) VOICE a) saw the child its on moth - er's Ich das Kind sei - ner Mut - ter sah an**PIANO** p'dolce fant lisp though ing laughs yet in breast; its in my ear: stes Lal -Ohr: Brust, sein len lacht mir noch im das laugh'd ev-en then Heart's Af - flic when, fill'd with tion, sad-ness how lach - te da auch Her - ze als Leid Her - zen, wie im poco did 'mid new wa - ken'd her mourn ing love her eyes gen ren Schmer zu - jauch - zte\_ ihrer Au cresc. a) Kundry begins her diabolical work \_the temptation of Parsifal \_ with this wonderful narrative of his mother's love and care

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for him, when he was a child. The musical basis is the Herzeleide motive

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