

Jesu, meine Freude

Thema und Variationen für Streichquartett
über den Choral von Johann Crüger

Bodo Saborowski

Thema

The musical score is for a string quartet, consisting of Violine 1, Violine 2, Viola, and Violoncello. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo/mood is marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) shows the initial theme. The second system (measures 5-8) contains a repeat sign. The third system (measures 9-12) concludes the theme with a final cadence. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

Violine 1
mf

Violine 2
mf

Viola
mf

Violoncello
mf

5

9

Variation 1

Andante

Violine 1 *mp*

Violine 2 *mp*

Viola *mp*

Violoncello *mp*

7

11

mf

mf

mf

mf

18

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Violoncello

p

p

p

p

Variation 2

Presto assai

Violine 1

Violine 2

Viola

Violoncello

mf

f

f

f

mf

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

cresc.

ff

cresc.

ff

cresc.

ff

cresc.

ff

8

8

f *f* *f* *f*

mf *f* *mf* *f*

f *f* *p*

11

p *pp* *mf* *f* *f*

p *pp* *f* *f*

p *pp* *f* *mf* *f*

pp *f* *f*

15

mf *f* *f* *f*

f *f* *f* *f*

f *f* *f* *f*

f

18

cresc. *pp* *f* *ff*

cresc. *pp* *f* *ff*

cresc. *pp* *f* *ff*

cresc. *pp* *f* *ff*

Variation 3

Grave

mp *f* *ff*

mp *f* *ff*

mp *f* *ff*

pizz. arco *p* *mp* *f*

5

pp *f* *ff*

pp *f* *ff*

pizz. *p* *f* *ff*

pizz. *p* *f* *ff*

9

3

mp

mp

mp

mp

14

f

pp

pp

f

f

f

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

Variation 4

Allegro molto

Violine 1

mf

Violine 2

mp

Viola

mp

Violoncello

mf

4

f

f

f

7

mf

mf

mf

mf

10

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

13

f *mf*

16

19

cresc. *cresc.* *cresc.* *cresc.*

22

f

f

f

f

25

mf

mf

p

p

30

riten.

in tempo

mf

mf

mf

mf

33

36

39

cresc. *f* *ff*

cresc. *f* *ff*

cresc. *f* *ff*

cresc. *f* *ff*