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1770 — 1827

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Opus 120 1819 - 1823

dedicated to Antonie von Brentano

My first encounter with the Diabelli Variations was in Lamar Crowson's weekly themed class at the Royal College of Music in London. In the spring term of 1964, my first, Beethoven was placed under the microscope and we were each required to prepare two of these mercurial variations plus a sonata. I was given the 'Hammerklavier'. In earlier times I had encountered the usual basket of popular sonatas such as the Pathétique, the Waldstein and Op 10 N° 3, but nothing could have prepared me for the avalanche of opus 106 and these variations, which have inspired pianists and musicians without interruption ever since, of which a terrifying number of recordings have been made and about which thousands of pages have been written. Its popularity is also reflected in the number of editions: Henle, Peters, Schnabel (Tonmeister Berlin), Breitkopf & Härtel, Cappi & Diabelli, Schuberth & Co, and now PianoPractical.

some enthusiastic comments :

**Donald Tovey** — the greatest set of variations ever written — Variation 20 achieves unusual depth and is one of the most awe-inspiring passages in music

**Alfred Brendel** — the greatest of all piano works

**Hans von Bülow** — a microcosm of Beethoven's art

**Martin Cooper** — the variety of treatment is almost without parallel, so that the work represents a book of advanced studies in Beethoven's manner of expression and his use of the keyboard, as well as a monumental work in its own right

**Arnold Schoenberg** — in respect of its harmony, the Diabelli variations deserve to be called the most adventurous work by Beethoven

**Maynard Solomon** — the final image (coda) of a tender, songful, profound nostalgia, a vantage point from which we can review the purposes of the entire journey

Beethoven wrote his first piano variations as a young teenager and continued to be attracted to the form throughout his life, and by the time Diabelli approached him in 1818 with the variation project\*\*, he had become very experienced.

From a waltz which he ironically identified as 'a cobbler's patch', Beethoven created a work with a varied palette — from tragedy to euphoria, from roguish wit to momentous profundity. There are also various quotations including his final sonata Op 111, equally centred around tonic C.

While the waltz cannot claim distinction, its catchy theme must have whirled through his head interminably, forcing the only possible cure — to write a few mutations! Perhaps he was relieved to put the *Missa Solemnis* aside. At first he responded with 19 variations, but by 1822 the total had expanded to 33, published as an independent composition.

Diabelli's original dance music and the subsequent invitation to the greatest composer of the age, would not be out of place as a Monty Python sketch; an initial approach by a somewhat mediocre piano promoter with a mundane waltz and a proposition to write just one variation as part of a grand design. The maestro, not particularly keen, replied appropriately :

"You have indeed a whole army of composers, who will manage it far better than I — give them one bar each and what a wonderful piece of music may be expected. Long live this, your Austrian Association, which can so expertly handle this *Schusterfleck*" — (Cobbler's Patch — a derogatory name for sequential repetitions, each degree higher than the last).

#### asterisk comments

**1** editorial *f* are a logical conclusion

**2** there is no repeat at bar 16

**5** the opening bar staccato and the slurs at bars 4 & 8 are editorial

**8** this may be a D depending on the edition source and your own personal preference

**9** Beethoven sometimes interchanges *f* & *ff* — I believe the *ff* at 20 & 21 should match 16 & 17

**10** the octave sign extension at 56/57 is not given in the manuscript, nor the original and some other editions; I therefore endorse Schnabel's interpretation. In the original edition at 44 bass G is not tied; most editions omit the tie although I believe this is more likely an error.

**12** This slur of three beats is omitted in several editions. The version here is from the first edition, revised by Beethoven himself — surely the most authentic.

**13-14** editorial barlines

**16** editorial tweaks at 5, 7 & 12

**19** staccato indicated only in the manuscript

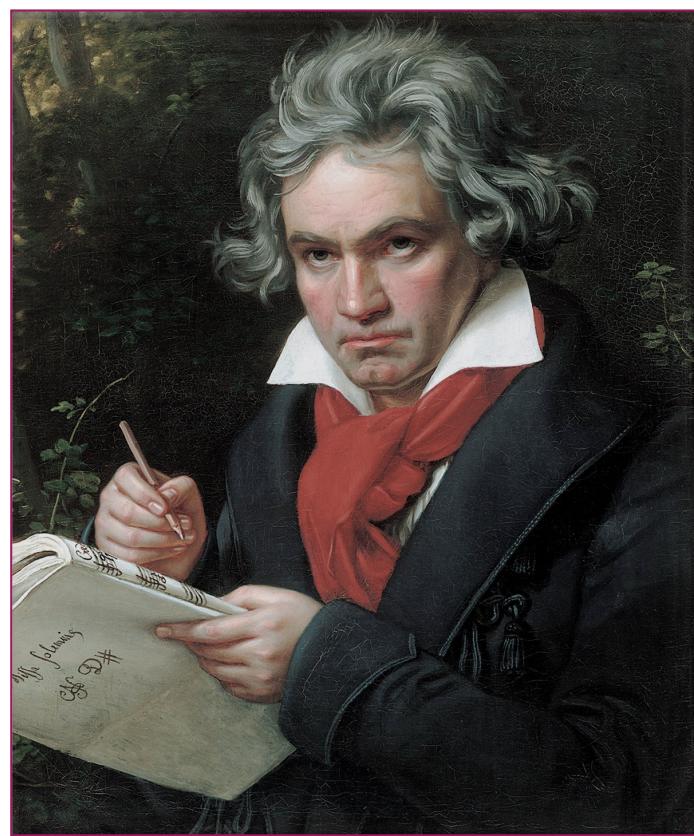
**24** editorial solutions at 7, 15 & 16

**26** the *diminuendo* is unrealistic — one solution is to delay it until 31

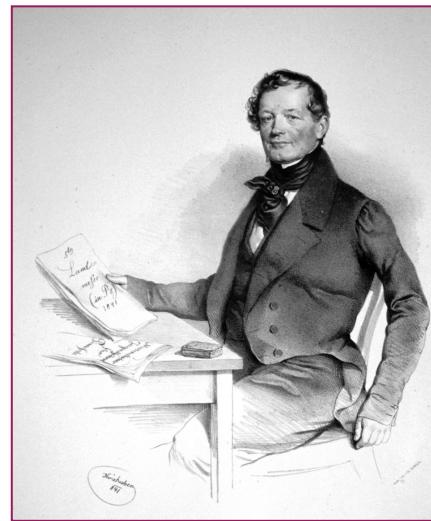
**28** there is no dynamic indicated for this variation

**31** Changes of time signature have been omitted. The suffix at 31 is editorial.

**32** editorial pedal suggestion at 111 and hand disposition at 160



Beethoven with the *Missa Solemnis* score  
by Joseph Karl Stieler 1820



Anton Diabelli 1781 - 1858  
by Joseph Karl Stieler 1820

\* transformations, modifications, variations, mutations

\*\* publisher, teacher and dealer, Diabelli sent a number of notable colleagues\*\*\* a waltz of his own composition suggesting that they should each contribute one variation for a collaborated publication

\*\*\* Including Schenk, Hummel, Franz Xaver Wolfgang Mozart, a very young Liszt, a virtually unknown Schubert, Kalkbrenner, Moscheles, Czerny and the Archduke Rudolph.

vivace

THEMA

*p*

*simile*

*p*

*p*

*f*

*p*

*f*

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

*ff*

*f*

alla marcia, maestoso

1

**4** **f** ***sf*** **?** ***sf*** **?** ***sf*** **?** ***sf*** **?** **?** **?** **?**

**5** ***sf*** **?** ***sf*** **?** ***sf*** **?** **?**

**9** ***sf*** **p** **?** ***f*** **?** ***sf*** **p** **?** **crescendo** **?**

**13** **?** **?** **?** **?** **?** **?** ***p subito*** **?** **?** **?** **?**

16

*f* *sf* *sf* *sf*

21

25

*sf* *p* *f* *sf* *p* *f*

29

*sf* *sf*

1 2

poco allegro

II *p leggiermente*

3

6

11 \*

16

22

28

l'istesso tempo

III *dolce*

5

6 *crescendo*

11 *p*

16 *pp*

22 *crescendo*

28

1 2

un poco più vivace

IV

*p dolce*

*crescendo*

12

*f*

Musical score page 7, measures 15-19. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Measure 15 starts with a dynamic *p*. Measure 16 begins with a eighth-note group followed by a sixteenth-note group. Measures 17 and 18 show eighth-note patterns. Measure 19 concludes with a eighth-note group.

Musical score page 7, measures 20-24. The bass staff continues from the previous section. Measure 20 shows eighth-note patterns. Measure 21 begins with a eighth-note group followed by a sixteenth-note group. Measures 22 and 23 continue the eighth-note patterns. Measure 24 concludes with a eighth-note group. The instruction "crescendo" is written above the staff.

Musical score page 7, measures 24-28. The bass staff continues. Measure 24 shows eighth-note patterns. Measure 25 begins with a eighth-note group followed by a sixteenth-note group. Measures 26 and 27 continue the eighth-note patterns. Measure 28 concludes with a eighth-note group.

Musical score page 7, measures 28-32. The bass staff continues. Measure 28 shows eighth-note patterns. Measure 29 begins with a eighth-note group followed by a sixteenth-note group. Measures 30 and 31 continue the eighth-note patterns. Measure 32 concludes with a eighth-note group. The dynamic *f* is indicated above the staff.

allegro vivace

V

*crescendo*

16

23

29

1 2

allegro ma non troppo e serioso

VI

*ff*      *sf*

*tr*

*tr*

*tr*

*sf*

*tr*

*p*

9

*crescendo*

*poco*

*a*

*poco*

*tr*

*p*

*tr*

*p*

13

*tr*

*p dolce*

*tr*

*tr*

*p*

*tr*

*p*

Musical score page 10, measures 17-20. The score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has measure numbers 17, 18, 19, and 20. Measure 17 starts with a dynamic of *ff*. Measures 18 and 19 both start with *sf*. Measure 20 ends with a dynamic of *tr*. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has measure numbers 17, 18, 19, and 20. It features various slurs and grace notes.

Musical score page 10, measures 21-24. The top staff continues with a treble clef, and the bottom staff continues with a bass clef. Measure 21 starts with a dynamic of *tr*. Measures 22 and 23 continue the melodic line. Measure 24 begins with a dynamic of *p*, followed by *crescendo*, *poco*, and *a*.

Musical score page 10, measures 25-28. The top staff uses a treble clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 25 starts with *tr*. Measures 26 and 27 continue the pattern. Measure 28 ends with a dynamic of *tr*.

Musical score page 10, measures 29-32. The top staff uses a treble clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 29 starts with *poco*. Measures 30 and 31 continue the melodic line. Measure 32 ends with a dynamic of *tr*.

Musical score page 10, measures 33-36. The top staff uses a treble clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 33 starts with *p dolce*. Measures 34 and 35 continue the melodic line. Measure 36 ends with a dynamic of *tr*.

un poco più allegro

VII

13

112 tr~~~~~

1 f f

2

17 ***f*** ***f*** ***f***

***sf*** ***sf***

21

***sf*** ***sf***

25

*8va* - - - -

***p*** ***f***

(*8va*) - - - -

28

***p*** *crescendo*

(*8va*) - - - -

1 2

*loc* *8va* - - - -

32 ***f*** ***f***

poco vivace

VIII      *dolce e teneramente*

*3 p*

*sempre ligato*

17

22

26 *diminuendo*

31

*allegro pesante e risoluto*

IX

4

*f m.d.*

*m.s.*

5

*m.s.*

9

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

13

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

Musical score page 16. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in 16th-note time. Measure 16 starts with a dynamic *sf*. The music continues with eighth-note patterns and sixteenth-note figures. Measure 17 begins with a dynamic *p*. The score includes markings "m.s." and "\*" at the end of measure 16 and the beginning of measure 17 respectively. Measure 18 concludes with a dynamic *sf*.

Musical score page 21. The score continues with two staves. Measure 21 starts with a dynamic *sf*. The music features eighth-note patterns and sixteenth-note figures. Measure 22 begins with a dynamic *p*. The score includes markings "m.s." and "\*" at the end of measure 21 and the beginning of measure 22 respectively. Measure 23 concludes with a dynamic *pp*.

Musical score page 25. The score continues with two staves. Measure 25 starts with a dynamic *crescendo*. The music features eighth-note patterns and sixteenth-note figures. Measure 26 concludes with a dynamic *sf*.

Musical score page 29. The score continues with two staves. Measure 29 starts with a dynamic *sf*. The music features eighth-note patterns and sixteenth-note figures. Measure 30 concludes with a dynamic *ff*.

presto

*pp*

X { 3

*sempre staccato ma leggiermente*

9    *sempre staccato e pianissimo*

pp

15

tr ~~~~~

*simile*

21

*tr* ~~~~~

*8va* - - -

27

*tr* ~~~~~

(8va) - - -

32

*pp*

(8va) - - -

36

(8va) - - -

40

*sempre pianissimo*

\*

(8va)-

3

45

2

3

tr

d.

d.

A musical score for piano. The top staff is in treble clef, starting with a key signature of one sharp. It contains six measures of eighth-note pairs. Measure 1: dynamic sf, measure 2: dynamic sf, measure 3: grace note above the first note, measure 4: grace note above the first note, dynamic ff, measure 5: grace note above the first note. The bottom staff is in bass clef, starting with a key signature of one sharp. It contains four measures of sustained notes with slurs. Measure 1: dynamic sf, measure 2: dynamic ff, measure 3: dynamic ff, measure 4: dynamic ff. The score ends with a fermata over the final note.

allegretto

XI

*p* <sup>3</sup> *legato*

7

12

*crescendo*

*p subito*

16

*p* <sup>3</sup>

22

-5

*crescendo*

27

*p subito*

un poco più mosso

XII

*p*

*sotto*

*crescendo*

*dolce*

*p subito*

17

Musical score showing two staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. Measure 17 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Measure 18 begins with a quarter note. Measure 19 starts with a eighth note. Measure 20 starts with a eighth note.

21

Musical score showing two staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. Measure 21 starts with a eighth note. Measure 22 starts with a eighth note. Measure 23 starts with a eighth note. Measure 24 starts with a eighth note.

25 *crescendo*

*f*

Musical score showing two staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. Measure 25 starts with a eighth note. Measure 26 starts with a eighth note. Measure 27 starts with a eighth note. Measure 28 starts with a eighth note.

29 *fp*

1

Musical score showing two staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. Measure 29 starts with a eighth note. Measure 30 starts with a eighth note. Measure 31 starts with a eighth note. Measure 32 starts with a eighth note.

33

2

Musical score showing two staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. Measure 33 starts with a eighth note. Measure 34 starts with a eighth note. Measure 35 starts with a eighth note. Measure 36 starts with a eighth note.

## vivace

XIII

3 *f*

9      *simile*

15      *f*

22      *p*

29      *crescendo*

*ff*

grave e maestoso

XIV

*p*

*crescendo*

*p subito*

*crescendo*

*fp*

*fp*

*fp*

8

*crescendo*  
*m.d.*

2  
3  
5

11

*smaller hands*  
*may omit B flat*

*f*

13

*f*

*p*

*crescendo*

4

15

*f*

presto scherzando

XV

2    *sempre pp*

7    *crescendo*

14    *p*

1    *sempre pp*

simile

20    *crescendo*

26    *p*

allegro

XVI

*tr*

**f**

**4**

**3**

**p**

*crescendo*

**5**

1

**7**

*tr*

**f**

12

9

*tr*

**f**

10

11

*tr*

\*

12

13

**pp**

crescendo

14

15

16

[ attacca ]

1

17

**f**

*tr*

18

[ l'istesso tempo ]

XVII

*f*

*fp*

*f*

*fp*

*f*

*p*

*f*

*p*

*f*

1

*f*

2

*fp*

5

10                    *f*                    *fp*                    *f*

This section consists of two staves. The top staff has six measures of eighth-note patterns. Measure 10 starts with a dynamic *f*. Measures 11-12 start with *fp*. Measure 13 starts with *f*. The bottom staff has six measures of quarter-note patterns.

13                    *fp*                    *f*

This section consists of two staves. The top staff has six measures of eighth-note patterns. Measure 13 starts with *fp*. Measure 14 starts with *f*. The bottom staff has four measures of quarter-note patterns.

15                    *p*                    *f*                    *p*                    *f*

This section consists of two staves. The top staff has eight measures of eighth-note patterns. Measures 15-16 start with *p*. Measures 17-18 start with *f*. The bottom staff has four measures of quarter-note patterns. Measures 15-16 have a bass clef, while 17-18 have a treble clef.

17                    *sf*

This section consists of two staves. The top staff has eight measures of eighth-note patterns. Measure 17 starts with *sf*. The bottom staff has four measures of quarter-note patterns.

19

This section consists of two staves. The top staff has eight measures of eighth-note patterns. Measure 19 starts with a bass clef. The bottom staff has four measures of quarter-note patterns. Measure 20 ends with a fermata over the last note.

**poco moderato**

XVIII

*p dolce*

**13**

**14**

**15**

*crescendo e legato*

**16**

16

21

*p*

*pp*

*crescendo*

29

*8va-----*

*p*

**presto**

XIX

3

A musical score for piano, page 5. The top staff uses a treble clef and shows a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and provides harmonic support. Measure 1 consists of two measures of eighth-note chords. Measures 2-4 show a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, supported by eighth-note chords in the bass. Measures 5-6 show eighth-note chords in both staves. Measure 7 begins with a bass note followed by a melodic line. Measure 8 concludes with a dynamic marking of *pp*.

Musical score for piano, page 10, measures 9-10. The score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has measure numbers 9 and 10 above the staff. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has measure numbers 5 and 4 below the staff. The music features eighth-note patterns with various dynamics and key changes indicated by sharps and flats.

13 crescendo

14

15

16

17 f

2

17

*f*

21

25

*pp*

29

*crescendo*

*sf*

1

2

33

*f*

andante

**XX** **Bassoon**

**2**

**p**

**6**

**p**

**pp**

**12**

**18**

**23**

*editorial solution  
for smaller hands*

**28**

**diminuendo**

**pp**

allegro con brio

XXI

35

*tr*

*f*

meno allegro

7

*crescendo*

10

1 5 4 2

1 2

tempo primo

Musical score for piano, two staves. Measure 13 starts with a dynamic ***ff***. The left hand has eighth-note chords in common time. The right hand has sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 14 begins with a 4/4 time signature. The left hand has eighth-note chords. The right hand has sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 15-16 show a transition to a new section.

meno allegro

Musical score for piano, two staves. Measure 16 continues the pattern from the previous section. Measure 17 begins with a 3/4 time signature. The left hand has eighth-note chords. The right hand has sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 18-19 show a continuation of the pattern.

Musical score for piano, two staves. Measures 19-20 continue the pattern established earlier. The left hand has eighth-note chords. The right hand has sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 21-22 show a continuation of the pattern.

Musical score for piano, two staves. Measures 22-23 continue the pattern established earlier. The left hand has eighth-note chords. The right hand has sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 24-25 show a continuation of the pattern.

Musical score for piano, two staves. Measures 25-26 show a transition. The left hand has eighth-note chords. The right hand has sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 27-28 show a continuation of the pattern established earlier. The left hand has eighth-note chords. The right hand has sixteenth-note patterns.

## allegro molto

alla «notte e giorno faticar» di Mozart

XXII

4 *p*

*f*

*p*

*sf*

1, 2, 3

5 *crescendo*

*f*

6, 7, 8

9 *pp*

*sempre pp*

*crescendo*

10, 11, 12

13

16 *f*

*più f*

*ff*

*p*

17, 18, 19

allegro assai

XXIII

*f* *p*

*f* *p*

*fp*

*crescendo*

*7*

*1*

2

9

*f*

11

*p*

*f*

13

*crescendo*

15

17

*f*

*p*

*f*

## FUGHETTA

andante

XXIV

*m.s.*

*una corda, sempre ligato*

*crescendo*

\*

\*

*p*

1

13

12

17

21

24

26

30

allegro

XXV

*p tutte le corde*

leggermente

9

crescendo

13

diminuendo

16

*p*

5 3 1 2 1      1      1      1

20

5 3 1 2      1 5 3      1      1

24

*crescendo*

1 2      5

28

*più crescendo*

*f*

*p*

1 2 : | 2 : | :

4      1      2      1      2      1      2      1

*piacevole*

XXVI

*p*

*m.s.*

*m.d.*

1

1

1

3

1

2

3

1

3

1

5

crescendo

5

2

2

5

3

1

2

1

5

*p subito*

16 *crescendo*

17

21 *m.s.*

22 *p subito*

25

26 *crescendo*

29

30 *p*

vivace

XXVII

3

*f*

*p*

*m.s.*

*f*

*p*

4

*f*

*m.s.*

5

7

\*

1 crescendo

2

3

4

5

10

$\frac{4}{4}$

$\frac{4}{4}$

$\frac{4}{4}$

$\frac{2}{2}$

13

$\frac{1}{1}$

$\frac{4}{4}$

$\frac{4}{4}$

$\frac{3}{3}$

$\frac{5}{5}$

$\frac{5}{5}$

1

*p*

2

*sopra*

16      *p*

*f*

*p*

*sf*

*sf*

20      *f*

*p*

*sf*

23      *sf*

*sf*

*p*

*crescendo*

*sf*

26

29

*p*

*p* \*

allegro

*mp*

XXVIII

2      5      5      5      5      5

sf      sf      sf      sf      sf      sf

5      4      5      5      5      5

sf      sf      sf      sf      sf      sf

sf      sf      sf      sf      sf      sf

9      10      10      10      10

sf      sf      sf      sf      sf

sf      sf      sf      sf      sf

13      14      14      14      14

sf      sf      sf      sf      sf

sf      sf      sf      sf      sf

A musical score for piano, page 16. The top staff is in treble clef, 16th note time, dynamic sf. The bottom staff is in bass clef, dynamic sf. The score consists of six measures of music with various note heads and stems.

Musical score for piano showing measures 21-25. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Measure 21 starts with a dynamic *sf*. Measures 22-24 continue with *sf* dynamics. Measure 25 begins with a dynamic *f*, followed by *sf* and *p* dynamics.

Musical score for piano showing measures 26-30. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, B-flat major (two sharps), and common time. The bottom staff is in bass clef, common time. Measure 26 starts with a forte dynamic (f) and a 5/4 time signature. Measure 27 begins with a sforzando dynamic (sf). Measure 28 starts with a piano dynamic (p) and a 5/4 time signature. Measure 29 begins with a piano dynamic (p) and a 4/4 time signature. Measure 30 ends with a piano dynamic (p) and a 4/4 time signature.

Musical score for piano, page 10, measures 30-32. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, G major (two sharps), and the bottom staff is in bass clef, C major (no sharps or flats). Measure 30 starts with a forte dynamic (f) in the treble staff. Measure 31 begins with a piano dynamic (p) in the treble staff. Measure 32 starts with a piano dynamic (p) in the treble staff. Measure numbers 1 and 2 are indicated above the staff.

adagio ma non troppo

XXIX

**3** *p [mezza voce]*

*crescendo*

*p*

**6**

*crescendo*

*p*

andante, sempre cantabile

XXX

4 *sempre ligato**una corda**crescendo**m.d.**espressivo**poco crescendo*

12

15

1

2

*pp**pp*

**largo, molto espressivo**

Musical score for piano, page 31, measures 9-16. The score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one flat. Measure 9 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 10 begins with a piano dynamic. Measure 11 features a melodic line with grace notes. Measure 12 contains a sixteenth-note pattern. Measure 13 includes a dynamic marking of *f*. Measure 14 ends with a forte dynamic. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has a key signature of one flat. Measures 9-10 show harmonic bass notes. Measures 11-14 show rhythmic patterns primarily consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes.

A musical score for piano. The top staff is in treble clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. It features a melodic line with various slurs and grace notes, accompanied by harmonic support below. The bottom staff is in bass clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. It provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The music includes dynamic markings like *p dolce*, fingerings (e.g., 3, 4, 5, 6), and measure numbers.

*crescendo*

*sf*

*diminuendo*

*pp*

5

1

poco ritenente

3

2

\*

12  
8

diminuendo

pp

8                    **dolce**

*tr*

6

A musical score for piano, featuring two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time and key signature of B-flat major (two flats). Measure 1: Treble staff has a rest followed by a dotted half note; Bass staff has a dotted half note. Measure 2: Treble staff has a quarter note followed by a eighth note tied to a sixteenth note; Bass staff has a quarter note followed by a eighth note tied to a sixteenth note. Measure 3: Treble staff has a quarter note followed by a eighth note tied to a sixteenth note; Bass staff has a quarter note followed by a eighth note tied to a sixteenth note. Measure 4: Treble staff has a quarter note followed by a eighth note tied to a sixteenth note; Bass staff has a quarter note followed by a eighth note tied to a sixteenth note. Measures 5-10: Both staves show rapid sixteenth-note patterns with various slurs and grace notes, accompanied by a bass line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes.

*espressivo*

*crescendo*

*p*

10

1 2 3 5 1 2 3

*tr*   *tr*   *tr*   *tr*   *tr*

531

*p*

*crescendo*

12

1

*diminuendo*

ritardando

*attacca la fuga*

2

*diminuendo*

*pp*

## FUGA

allegro

XXXII

2      *f*

*sf*

1      *d*

b      *d*

5

3      *d*

b      *d*

1      *d*

2      *d*

3      *d*

4      *d*

5      *d*

4

b      *p*

5

3      *p*

5

3      *p*

5

3      *p*

2      *p*

13

1      *p*

3      *p*

4      *p*

1      *p*

2      *p*

4      *p*

3      *p*

1      *p*

17

21

25

*p*

*crescendo*

29

*f*

33

*sf*

37

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

41

*sf*

45

*sf*

49

*crescendo*

53

*sf*

57 *sf*

*editorial  
ossia*

61 *ff*

65

69 *[mf]*

73 *sf*

77

5 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1

81

3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 5 4 3 2 1

*sf* *sf*

85

sf p

2 1 5 3 4 3 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1

89

4 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1

5 4 3 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1

3 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1

93

4 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1

ff

4 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1

97

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*\*

101

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

105

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

*sf*

109

*sf*

\* *Rd.*

113

*sf*

\*

117

*pp* *m.s.*

121

125

129

*sempre p*

133

137

*crescendo*

141

*ff*

145

*sempre ff*

149

153

157

160 *ff*  
Red.

The musical score consists of two staves: treble and bass. Measure 153 starts with a bass note followed by a series of eighth-note chords. Measure 157 continues with eighth-note chords. From measure 160 onwards, the music becomes more complex, featuring sixteenth-note patterns and dynamic markings like *ff* and Red. A sharp symbol (\*) is placed above the treble staff between measures 157 and 160.

poco adagio

161 4 *ff*      diminuendo *p*      più *p*      *pp*

162 Red.

This section begins with a dynamic of *ff* in 4/4 time. It then transitions through *diminuendo* to *p*, *più p*, and finally *pp*. The key changes from B-flat major to G major. The bass staff shows sustained notes throughout this section. A sharp symbol (C) is placed above the treble staff in the final measure.

**TEMPO DI MINUETTO** (*ma non tirarsi dietro*)\*

**moderato**

grazioso e dolce

**moderato**

*grazioso e dolce*

**XXXIII**

**3** *p*

**4**

**7**

**10**

**f**

**ritenente**

The image shows a page of sheet music for piano, labeled "XXXIII". The music is in three staves. The top staff starts with a dynamic "p" and includes measure numbers 3, 4, and 7. The middle staff includes measure number 10. The bottom staff includes a dynamic "f" and a performance instruction "ritenente". The music features various note heads with numerical subscripts (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and rests, with some notes connected by horizontal lines. Measure 3 begins with a forte dynamic. Measures 4 and 7 show eighth-note patterns. Measure 10 features sixteenth-note patterns.

1 a tempo

12

p

a tempo

p

13

5 5

17

5 5

*pp*

20

*poco ritenente*

*a tempo*

22

*f*

*ritenente*

24

*p*

1 *a tempo*

2 *p*

25

28

30

*8va - diminuendo*

32

34 *pp*

36 *sempre pianissimo*

This musical score page contains two staves. The top staff is treble clef and the bottom staff is bass clef. Measure 36 starts with a dynamic of *sempre pianissimo*. The treble staff has sixteenth-note patterns with various accidentals (sharps and flats). The bass staff consists of sustained notes with dots above them.

38 *sempre pianissimo*

This section continues from measure 36. Measure 38 begins with a dynamic of *sempre pianissimo*. The treble staff shows eighth-note patterns with grace notes and fingerings (3, 4, 2, 2, 2). The bass staff features sustained notes with dots above them. Measure 39 follows, continuing the pattern of sustained notes and eighth-note patterns.

40

This section continues from measure 39. Measure 40 begins with a dynamic of *sempre pianissimo*. The treble staff shows eighth-note patterns with grace notes and fingerings (5, 2, 2, 4, 5, 4). The bass staff features sustained notes with dots above them. Measure 41 follows, continuing the pattern of sustained notes and eighth-note patterns.

41

This section continues from measure 41. Measure 41 begins with a dynamic of *sempre pianissimo*. The treble staff shows sustained notes with dots above them. The bass staff shows eighth-note patterns with grace notes and fingerings (5, 5, 5, 5). Measure 42 follows, continuing the pattern of sustained notes and eighth-note patterns.

Musical score for piano, page 70, measures 42-6. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Measure 42 starts with a dynamic *p*. The right hand plays eighth-note chords, while the left hand provides harmonic support. Measure 43 continues this pattern. Measure 44 begins with a sixteenth-note figure over a sustained bass note. Measures 45-46 show a transition with eighth-note patterns and grace notes. Measure 47 features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 48 concludes the section with a final eighth-note chord. Measure 49 starts with a sixteenth-note figure. Measure 50 shows a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 51 concludes the section with a final eighth-note chord.

Musical score for two staves. The top staff is treble clef, 5/4 time, and the bottom staff is bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 5-7 are shown.

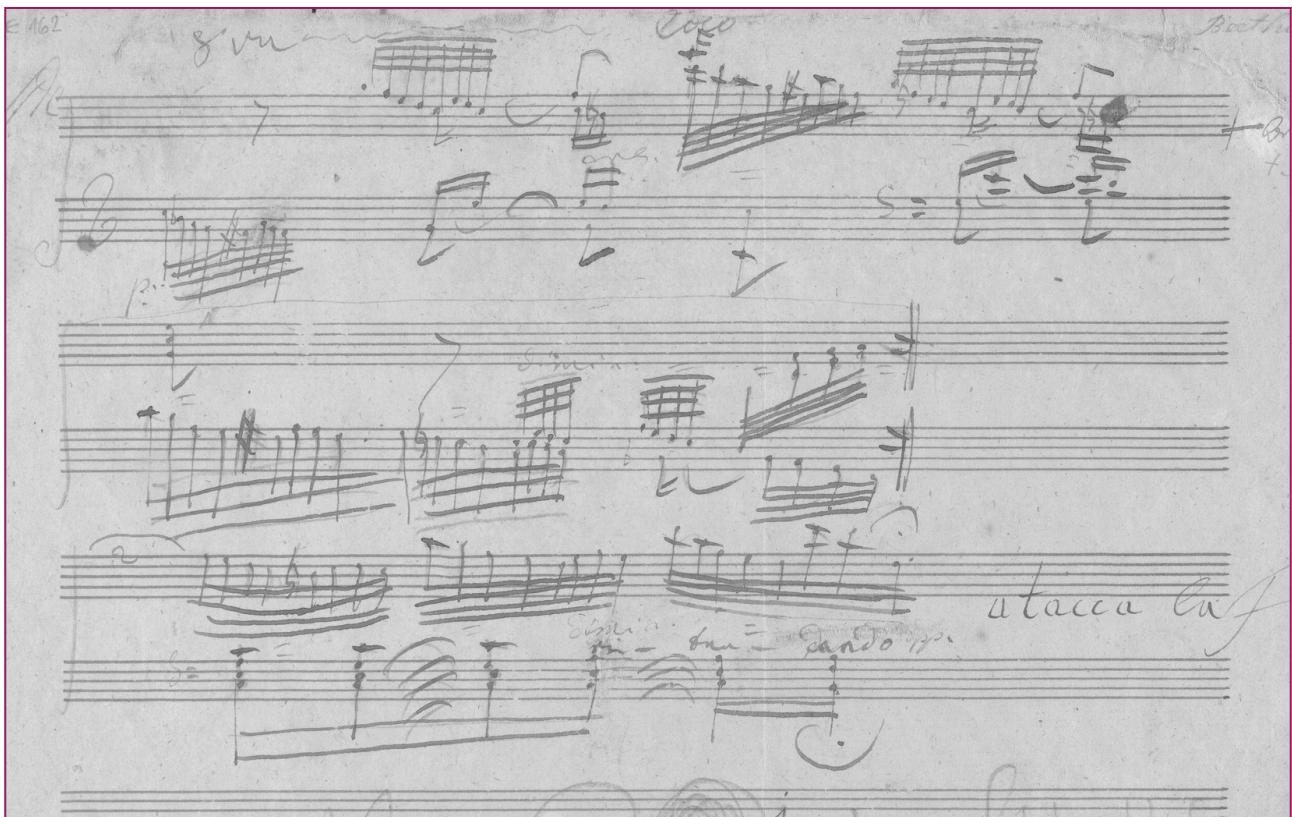
Musical score for piano, page 10, measures 46-47. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and shows a single melodic line. The bottom staff is in bass clef and shows harmonic bass notes. Measure 46 starts with a forte dynamic (f) and includes grace notes above the main notes. Measure 47 continues the melodic line and harmonic bass. Fingerings are indicated above certain notes: '1' and '3' over the first two notes of each measure, and '1' and '3' over the first two notes of the second measure.

Musical score for piano, page 10, measures 47-50. The score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and shows a single melodic line. The lower staff is in bass clef and shows harmonic bass notes. Measure 47 starts with a melodic note followed by a rest. Measure 48 begins with a melodic note followed by a rest. Measure 49 begins with a melodic note followed by a rest. Measure 50 begins with a melodic note followed by a rest.

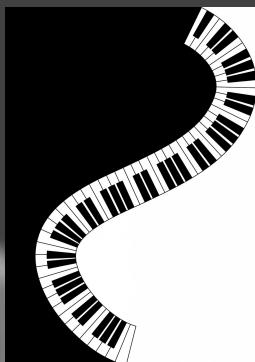
Musical score for piano showing measures 48-50. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Measure 48 starts with a dynamic of *diminuendo*. Measure 49 begins with a dynamic of **p**. Measure 50 begins with a dynamic of *più p*. The score includes various note heads with numerical subscripts (e.g., 4, 3, 5) and accidentals (e.g., flats, sharps). Measure 50 ends with a dynamic of **f**.



facsimile — variation 16 (from bar 13) and 17 (to bar 5)



facsimile — variation 31 final bar



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