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CHANT DU DESTIN. SONG OF FATE.

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Schicksalslied.

Ihr wandelt droben im Licht
 Auf weichem Boden, selige Genien!
 Glänzende Götterlüfte
 Röhren Euch leicht,
 Wie die Finger der Künstlerin
 Heilige Saiten.

Schicksallos, wie der schlafende
 Säugling, athmen die Himmlischen;
 Keusch bewahrt
 In bescheidner Knospe
 Blühet ewig
 Ihnen der Geist,
 Und die seligen Augen
 Blicken in stiller,
 Ewiger Klarheit.

Doch uns ist gegeben
 Auf keiner Stätte zu ruhn;
 Es schwinden, es fallen
 Die leidenden Menschen
 Blindlings von einer
 Stunde zur andern,
 Wie Wasser von Klippe
 Zu Klippe geworfen,
 Jahr lang in's Ungewisse hinab.

Chant du Destin.

Vous, qu'environne l'air bleu, Génies emportés sur ses flots d'azur, l'or, ruisseasant des astres, touche vos fronts.

Tel, l'artiste, d'un doigt léger, touche la harpe, et, des cordes qu'éveille son art dirin, sortent des gerbes d'accords purs.

Libres comme l'enfant qui sommeille, subtils esprits de l'air, vous flottez sur la plaine odorante, quand, pour nous, s'exhale l'âme des fleurs; et, pour vous, se révèle, calme et sereine, l'Ame éternelle.

Pour nous, point de trêve, jamais de calme repos. Ils passent, ils meurent, les hommes en proie aux souffrances, hâves, tristes, sombres, areugles toute leur vie. C'est comme l'eau, qui, de roche en roche, se brise, tombe, et trouve un gouffre sans fond.

Song of Fate.

Ye tread on pathways of light, thro' fields of azure, spirits beyond the skies. Soft balmy breezes lightly fan your white robes, like the fingers, that wake the harp's blest and benign inspiration. Free from Fate, like a babe in its slumber, the heavenly spirits breathe; in their hearts, like the rosebud enfolded, burns the flame divine for ever enshrin'd. And their vision celestial gazes serene on light everlasting. But we have been fated to find on earth no repose. They vanish, they falter, our suffering, sorrowing brothers; blind-fold, from hour to hour, they are driven, like water is dash'd 'gainst the rocks by the tempest; darkly the Unknown lures us below.

Schicksalslied.

SONG OF FATE.

von

Adagio.

Fr. Hölderlin.

Langsam und sehnischtsvoll.

Slow and with an expression of longing.

Johannes Brahms, Op. 54.

Arr. für Pianoforte von R. Keller.



Allegro.

Doch uns istbare been-

ten.

But we have been -

ge - - ben auf kei - ner Stüt - - te zu ruhn
for - - ted to find on earth - - no re - pose

semper stacc.

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

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Musical score for piano, page 9, featuring six staves of music. The score consists of two systems of three staves each. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature varies between common time and 3/4.

Staff 1 (Top): Treble clef. Dynamics: ff, ff. Articulation: $\ddot{\text{w}}$. Measure 1: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 2: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 3: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 4: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 5: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 6: Chords of B-flat major.

Staff 2: Bass clef. Measures 1-5: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 6: Chords of B-flat major.

Staff 3: Treble clef. Measures 1-5: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 6: Chords of B-flat major.

Staff 4: Bass clef. Measures 1-5: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 6: Chords of B-flat major.

Staff 5: Treble clef. Measures 1-5: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 6: Chords of B-flat major.

Staff 6: Bass clef. Measures 1-5: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 6: Chords of B-flat major.

Measure 6 (Continuation): Dynamics: ff, ff. Articulation: $\ddot{\text{w}}$. Measures 1-5: Chords of B-flat major. Measure 6: Chords of B-flat major.

Musical score for piano, page 10, featuring six staves of music:

- Staff 1 (Treble):** Starts with a dynamic of $\frac{2}{4}$. The first measure shows eighth-note pairs. Subsequent measures show eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note patterns.
- Staff 2 (Bass):** Shows eighth-note pairs throughout.
- Staff 3 (Treble):** Shows eighth-note pairs. Dynamics include *dim.* and *pp*.
- Staff 4 (Bass):** Shows eighth-note pairs. Dynamics include *sempre*.
- Staff 5 (Treble):** Shows eighth-note pairs. Dynamics include *p sempre*.
- Staff 6 (Bass):** Shows eighth-note pairs. Dynamics include *dim.*, *pp*, *Rd.*, and an asterisk (*) indicating a repeat sign.

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p express.

f express.

p

pp

sempre pp

ppp Qd. * molto cresc.

sempre stacc.

wie Was - ter von Klip - pe
 like wa - ter von Klip - pe
 * * * *
 wie Was - ter von Klip - pe
 like wa - ter von Klip - pe
 * * * *

zu Klip - pe ge - wor - fen, Jahr -
 the rocks - by the - tem - pest, dark -
 * * * *

zu Klip - pe ge - wor - fen, Jahr -
 the rocks - by the - tem - pest, dark -
 * * * *

lang in's Un - ge - wis -
 ly the Un - known wis -
 * * * *

se hin - ab,
 us be - low,
 * *

in's Un -
 the Un -

ge - - - wis - - se
known tures us
hin - - ab,
be - - tour,

pp

ed. * *ed.* * *ed.*

* *ed.* * *ed.* * *ed.*

p

mf

p *dim.*

pp

e

C

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legata e molto espress.

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

poco ore - scen - do pp

cresc.

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

f p dim.

Ped. * Ped. *

p pp

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