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ZUM GELEIT

Das alte Patrizierhaus der „Buddenbrooks“ von Thomas Mann mit der mächtigen Diele im norddeutschen Lübeck ist Ausdruck, Blüte und Wahrzeichen der deutschen, im besonderen hanseatischen Bürgerkultur des 19. Jahrhunderts. Allein um ihre musikalische Verklärung, nicht etwa um irgend etwas „Literarisches“ oder gar „Politisches“, ging es dem Tondichter. Er will durch seine Töne einzig der Gegenwart zeigen, welche unersetzblichen inneren seelischen Werte diese alte, mit allen Nationen freundschaftlich verbundene bürgerliche Kultur in sich barg. Im besonderen aber bildet dieses Werk mit den Zyklen „Hamburg“ (op. 107) und „Phantasien im Bremer Ratskeller“ (op. 113) sein heimatliches „Hanseatisches Triptychon“ für Klavier.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Thomas Mann's novel, "The Buddenbrooks", with its portrayal of the old patrician's home in Luebeck with its gigantic entrance-hall is a symbol of this prosperous time and truly reflects German Hanseatic Culture of the 19th century. The composer has been primarily concerned with the musical glorification of this age and not, as might be supposed, with any literary or political reflection of the same. He has endeavoured to express in music the characteristic atmosphere and sentiments of this period and to depict or paint a sound-picture of this old civilian caste, whose relations with foreigners were always of such a friendly nature. In common with the "Hamburg" (op. 107) cycle of pieces and the "Phantasies of the Bremen Ratskeller" (op. 113) this work can be said to conclude a volume in three parts suggesting a "Hanseatic Triptychon" for Pianoforte.

INTRODUCTION

C'est à Lubeck, dans l'Allemagne du nord que s'élève la vieille maison patricienne des Buddenbrooks, si caractéristique avec son grand vestibule central. Le grand romancier Thomas Mann en a fait le monument de la culture bourgeoise hanséatique du 19^e siècle. En s'inspirant de ce thème, le compositeur négligea tout ce qui était politique en littérature. Il ne chercha que la personnification musicale de cette époque. Il a voulu montrer à la nouvelle génération les profondes et indestructibles richesses de cette culture bourgeoise qui n'excluait point les relations amicales avec toutes les autres nations. Cette œuvre forme avec les cycles «Hambourg» (op. 107) et «Fantaisies dans le Ratskeller de Brême» (op. 113) un «tryptique hanséatique» pour piano. Il fut inspiré au compositeur par sa patrie même.

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An Thomas Mann

„Im Winter 1682 ist es fertig geworden.“ | „It was completed in the winter of 1682.“ | „Elle fut terminée en l'hiver 1682.“

„Dominus providebit“^{*)}

(Intrada)

Moderato e solenne (M.M. $\text{d} = 66$)

Mit frommer Festigkeit und festlichem Bläserklang
With pious determination and festive sound of trumpets
Avec une pieuse assurance et une sonorité pareille à une fanfare

Walter Niemann, Op. 121

lento

Tempo I

un poco *ten.* *marc.*

largamente *f marc.*

lento *allarg.*

R.H.

„Das Stadtgärtchen lag mit symmetrisch angelegten Wegen und Beeten bunt und reinlich in der Nachmittagssonne.“

“The little front-garden with its symmetry of paths and gaiety of flower-beds lay bathed in the midday sunshine”

“Le soleil d’après-midi baignait de ses rayons le jardin aux chemins symétriques et aux plates bandes multicolores.”

Im Garten

In the Garden / Au jardin

(Bucolica)

Andantino mosso, quasi un poco Allegretto amabile (M.M. $\frac{1}{4}$ = 100)

hell und sonnig
bright and sunny — clair et ensoleillé

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The musical score consists of three staves of music for piano and strings. The top staff is for the piano, the middle staff is for the first violin, and the bottom staff is for the cello. The music is in common time (indicated by a '4') and major (indicated by a key signature of two sharps). The tempo is marked as 'Andantino mosso, quasi un poco Allegretto amabile (M.M. $\frac{1}{4}$ = 100)'. The dynamics include 'p dolce', 'mp', 'p L.H.', 'più cresc.', 'rall.', 'mf', and 'mp'. The expression markings include 'animato', 'poco string.', 'esp.', and '(S)'. The score includes various rests and grace notes. The piano part features a bass line with sustained notes and harmonic support. The violin and cello parts provide melodic lines with eighth-note patterns.

poco sosten. e tranquillo

rall.

a tempo (poco animato)

pp

mp e sonore

sost. espr.

poco sost.

pp

più rinforzando

sost. espr.

poco sost.

a tempo, poco sosten. e tranquillo

rall.

molto

dimin.

poco a poco

a tempo dolce

p dolciss.

L.H.

sost.

animato *poco string.*

rall.

poco sosten. e tranquillo

dimin. poco a poco

rall.

a tempo, ma più lento
dolce expr.

ten.

pp

mp

smorz.

[una corda ppp]

„Die Kinder hatten ihren Lieblings-Nach- | „The children had eaten their favourite | „Les enfants avaient eu leur dessert
tisch, den brennenden Plumpudding bekom- | dish; a plum-pudding, all alight!“ | favori: un plumpudding tout brûlant“
men.“

Kindertanz

(Im englischen Volkston)

Children's Dance / Danse enfantine
(in the English folk-tune idiom) (dans le style populaire anglais)

Moderato, ma giocoso e capriccioso (M. M. $\text{J} = 88$)

animato e scherz. ($\text{J} = 96$)

più scherz.

più sost. e rall.

a tempo, animato

rubato 3 rall.

TRIO. Hornpipe^{*)}
Marcato con anima ($\text{♩} = 126 - 132$)

2 1 2 2 2 1

mp *p*

>

mf

1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4

mp *marc.* *f* *pìù p*

1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4

marc. *mf*

^{*)} Altenglischer Matrosentanz

^{*)} English Hornpipe (Sailor's dance)

^{*)} Vieille danse anglaise de matelots

Musical score page 11, featuring five staves of piano music. The score includes dynamic markings such as *più p.*, *più f.*, *f*, *con fuoco*, *marc. e poco pesante*, *L.H.*, *R.H.*, *s.f.*, and *sfp*. Performance instructions like '3', '2', '1', '5', and '4' are placed above certain notes. Measures are marked with '3', '2', '1', '5', and '4'. Measures are separated by vertical bar lines. The bass staff uses a bass clef, while the treble staff uses a soprano clef. Measure numbers 1 through 5 are indicated above the treble staff.

Tempo I

animato e scherz.

più scherz.

più sost. e rall.

a tempo, animato

rubato

rall.

lento

rall.

marc.

pp

dolce

„... dem kleinen Harmonium gegenüber, auf
dessen Deckel ein Flötenbehälter lag“

„... opposite the small harmonium, upon
which there lay a flute-case“

„vis-à-vis du petit harmonium sur lequel
reposait l'étui d'une flûte“

Ein altes Flötenstück

An old Piece for the Flute / Un vieil air de flûte
(Loure*)

Andante tenuto e malinconico (M.M. d.. 40 - 42 [d.. 120 - 126])

The musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is for the flute, starting with a dynamic 'mp' and a tempo of M.M. d.. 40 - 42 (dotted quarter note = 120 - 126). The second staff is for the piano bass. The third staff is for the piano treble, featuring sixteenth-note patterns. The fourth staff is for the piano bass. Various dynamics and performance instructions are included throughout the piece.

*) Alte Tanzform in Suiten des 18. Jahrhunderts

*) Old dance-form of eighteenth century Suites

*) Vieille danse dans le genre des suites du XVIII^e siècle

espr.

poco cresc. ed animando.

delicat.

più cresc. *mf*

rall.

espr. *mp* *più p*

CODA
più lento *rall.*

pp *molto espr.*

*(S) ** *mp*

lento *8* *ppp*

delicatiss. *L. H.* *[una corda]*

p *pp* *ten.* *S*

„Aus dem himmelblauen Hintergrund der Tapeten traten zwischen schlanken Säulen weiße Götterbilder fast plastisch hervor“

“White images of deities between slender columns stood out in plastic relief against the azure-blue colouring of the tapestries”

„Entre de sveltes colonnes, les images blanches des dieux semblaient se détacher de la tapisserie bleu d'azur comme des statues“

Der blaue Saal

The Blue Hall / Le salon bleu

(Sarabande)

Tempo della Sarabanda dell' XVIII secolo (M.M. ♩ = 52 - 56)

Mit feierlicher, aber lieblicher und gehaltener Würde

With solemn yet dignified charm — Solennel, aimable et grave, tout à la fois

5

a tempo

mp *marc.*

come sopra

v

espri.

rall.

p più espri.

dimin.

p ma sonore

marc.

poco animando più a più

mp *cresc. più a più*

mf

poco f *1 1 1*

p più cresc. *1 1 1*

ed.

a tempo, animato ma largamente

allarg.

ff

marc.

ff

marc.

sostenendo e rall.

dimin.

più a più

molto espr.

Tempo I, ma più largamente

L.H.

mf

mf ma intenso e sonore

marc.

(S) (S) (S) (S) simile

espr.

più espr.

sostenendo

cresc.

molto largamente e solenne

ff

marc.pesante

f

ff

marc.pesante

L.H.

molto allargando

fff

„Ja, excusez! ich konnte nicht umhin...“ | “Yes, excusez! I could not prevent...” | „Oui, excusez! je ne pouvais autrement...“

Das charmante Festgedicht

A charming Sonnet / De jolis vers pour une fête
(Sonnett)

Introduzione

Moderato, quasi improvvisando ed un poco rubato

6

poco largamente

poco string.

allarg.

lento dolce

[una corda]

Andantino mosso,

quasi un poco Allegretto e con grazia (Tempo di Gavotta, M.M. = 63-66)

Musical score for piano, page 19, featuring five staves of music. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p*, *rall.*, *mp*, *espr.*, *sost. espr.*, *rall.*, *non legato*, *mf*, *più rinf.*, and *a tempo*. Time signatures include $\frac{6}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{4}$. Fingerings like 3, 5, 8, and 2 are indicated above the staves. Measure numbers 3 and * are also present.

a tempo

espr.

sost. espr.

poco scherzando e con anima (d = 80)

rall.

non legato

mf

più rinf.

un poco più tenuto e poco solenne

marc. *mf* *marc.* *f* *sost.* *espr.*

dolce *più a più animando e string. all' tempo*

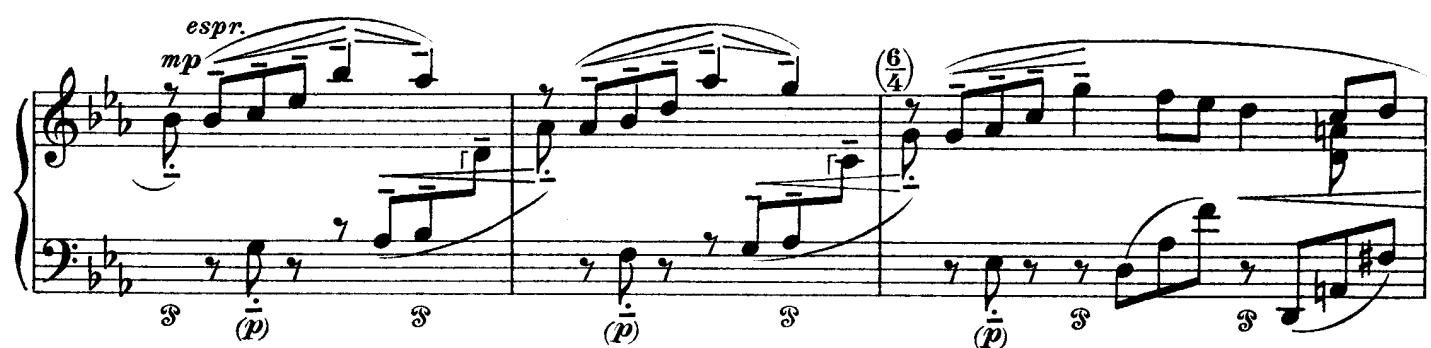
rall. *mp* *più p* *p non legato*

dell' *(6) Introduzione*

allarg. *lento dolce cant.* *p una corda* *mp*

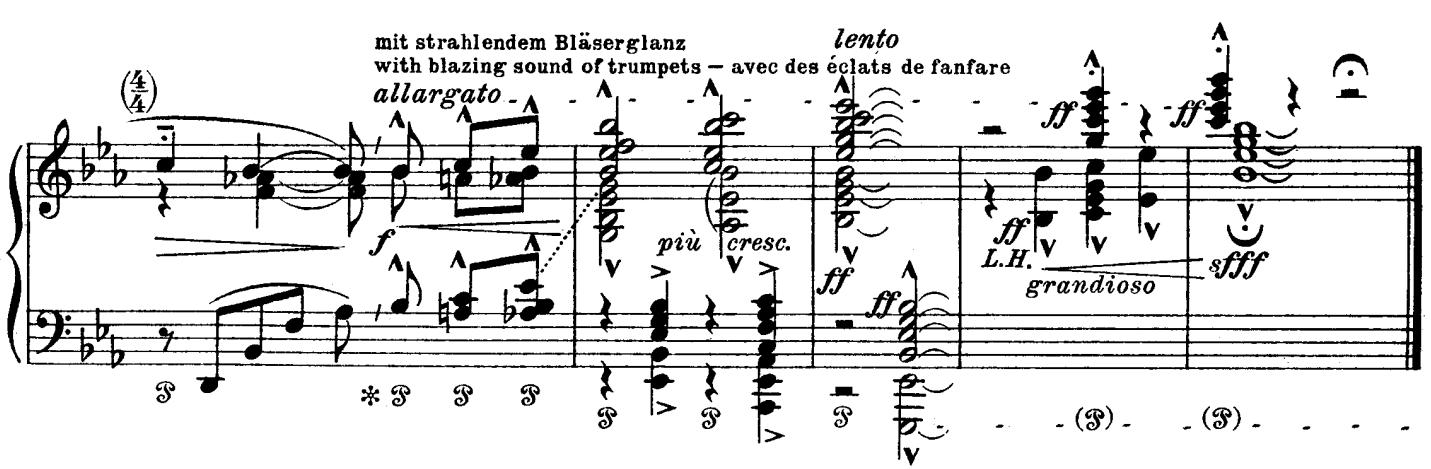
Tempo I

($\frac{4}{4}$) 

esp. 

($\frac{4}{4}$) *rall.* *a tempo* 

esp. 

mit strahlendem Bläserglanz
with blazing sound of trumpets — avec des éclats de fanfare
allargato 

Ein gelblicher Sonnenuntergang herrschte meistens auf diesen Bildern, mit dem der gelbe Überzug der weißlackierten Möbel und die gelbseidenen Gardinen vor bei den Fenstern übereinstimmten.

A sunset of yellowish hue predominated on most of these pictures; it seemed to match the yellow fabric on the white-enamelled furniture as well as the colouring of the silk curtains.

Le plus souvent, ces tableaux baignaient dans un coucher de soleil orange qui s'harmonisait avec la soie jaune des rideaux et des meubles vernis de blanc.

Das gelbe Zimmer

The Yellow Room / La chambre jaune

(Idylle)

Un poco Allegretto amabile (M.M. $\frac{3}{4}$ ca. 92)

Mit gehaltenem Ernst und süßer Wehmut

With serious reserve and sweet melancholy — Avec sérieux et une douce mélancolie

dolce

espr.
poco string.
poco largamente dolce $(\frac{3}{4})$
poco rall.

$(\frac{4}{4})$ *a tempo*
poco sost.
a tempo, ma più a più animando

ed agitando
più rinforzando

un poco agitando
esp.
poco cresc.
calmando

sostenendo
Tempo I
<>dolciss.
più rinforz.
p subito

The musical score consists of five staves of piano music. Staff 1 (treble clef) starts with dynamic *p*, followed by *espr.*, *poco string.*, *poco largamente dolce* (with a measure in $\frac{3}{4}$ time), and *poco rall.*. Staff 2 (bass clef) has sustained notes with markings \S and \S^* . Staff 3 (treble clef) starts with *pp*, followed by *(4/4) a tempo*, *poco sost.*, and *a tempo, ma più a più animando*. It also includes *espr.* and *p* markings. Staff 4 (bass clef) features *ed agitando* and *più rinforzando*. Staff 5 (treble clef) shows *un poco agitando*, *esp.*, *poco cresc.*, *calmando*, *sosteniendo*, *Tempo I*, *<>dolciss.*, *più rinforz.*, and *p subito*. The score uses a mix of common and irregular time signatures, with various dynamics and performance instructions throughout.

poco largamente
dolce
poco rall.
a tempo
poco rall.

poco largamente e con gran espressione
 mit schmerzlicher Inbrunst
 with anguish and fervour — avec une douloureuse ardeur

mf e sonore
più p
mf più intenso
più p
poco rall.

simile

a tempo
rall.
a tempo, tranquillo
 53
espr.
p
L.H.
(S)
** S*
ten.
rall.
molto
lento

L.H.
 (6)
 (4)
 (4)

mf
p
mf
C
mf
C
mf
C
S

Die graue Chaussee glitt flink unter den
hohl und taktmäßig aufschlagenden Hu-
fen dahin.

The grey country road seemed to slip away beneath the rhythmic beat and hollow impact of the horses' hoofs.

La chaussée grise filait vite sous le bruit régulier des sabots sonnant creux.

Die flotte Equipage

(Fröhliche Ausfahrt)

The speedy Conveyance / L'élegant équipage
(Joyful Departure) (Joyeuse promenade)

Allegretto non troppo, ma con anima e sempre giocoso (M. M. ♩ = 100 - 108)

In frischem, vorwärts drängendem Trabe
In a fresh canter — D'un trot vif, alerte

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Sheet music for piano, page 26, featuring five staves of music. The music includes dynamic markings such as *L.H. marc.*, *mf*, *poco più sost.*, *mf marc.*, *poco sostenendo*, *mp*, *a tempo*, *rall.*, *molto*, *più*, *a più*, *dolciss.*, *pp*, and *una corda*. The score consists of two treble staves and three bass staves. Measure numbers 1 through 10 are indicated below the bass staff.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

L.H. marc.
mf

poco più sost.

mf marc.

poco sostenendo

mp

a tempo

rall.

molto

più

a più

dolciss.

pp

una corda

TRIO

Poco meno mosso (Andantino mosso, $\text{♩} = 92$)

in zartem Waldesduft

in the delicate fragrance of the woodlands — dans la douce senteur de la forêt

The musical score consists of five staves of music for two pianos or four hands. The first staff shows a melodic line with dynamic markings like *simile (sempre un poco marc.)*, *3*, *(3)*, *3*, *3*, *3*, *3*, *3*. The second staff follows with *espr.*, *mp ma intenso tre corde*, *marc.*, ***, *3*, *3*, *3*, *3*. The third staff includes *più intenso*, *poco cresc.*, *rall.*, *dolciss. a tempo*, *pp una corda*, *sempre marc.*, *3 come sopra*. The fourth staff continues the melodic line. The fifth staff concludes with *espr.*, *mp ma intenso tre corde*, *poco rall.*, *quasi in 10 Tempo ($\text{♩} = 100$)*, *mp ma marc.*

poco più sost.

poco più sost.

mp *p* *p* *p* *p*

marc.

mp *mp* *p* *p*

p *cresc.* *p* *a* *p* *al*

f *mf* *1* *3* *ff* *sf*

Tempo I, animato

pochiss. rit.

a tempo

dolce

animato

mf

marc.

The musical score consists of five staves of piano music. The first staff uses a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff uses a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. Measure 1 begins with a bass note followed by a treble note. Measures 2 through 5 show a repeating pattern of eighth-note chords in both treble and bass. Measure 6 begins with a bass note followed by a treble note. Measures 7 through 10 continue the eighth-note chord pattern. Measure 11 begins with a bass note followed by a treble note. Measures 12 through 15 continue the eighth-note chord pattern. Measure 16 begins with a bass note followed by a treble note. Measures 17 through 20 continue the eighth-note chord pattern. The score includes dynamic markings such as *sf*, *mf*, *pochiss. rit.*, *a tempo*, *dolce*, *animato*, *mf*, and *marc.*. Measures are marked with \wp and asterisks (*).

sostenendo

più a più

poco Andante tranquillo, quasi una ricordanza (♩ = 80)

rall. smorz.

dolciss. cant. simile

dolce marc.e ten.

piu a piu in Tempo I, deciso

(♩ = 80) (♩ = 80) string.

mp cresc. molto

tre corde

tempo

senza ♩

poco Andante tranquillo, quasi una ricordanza (♩ = 80)

rall. smorz.

dolciss. cant. simile

dolce marc.e ten.

piu a piu in Tempo I, deciso

(♩ = 80) (♩ = 80) string.

mp cresc. molto

tre corde

tempo

senza ♩

Das Ende

(Trauermusik)

The End
(Funeral Music)

La fin
(Musique funèbre)

In tempo lento d'una Marcia funebre (M. M. ♩ = 60 - 63)

düster und schwer

Gloomy and heavy — Sombre et lourd

9

9

10

11

12

f marc.

* * *

pìu lento

meno f

lento

mf

triste marc. e pesante

* * * *

dimin.

pìu

a

pìu

*senza **

* * *

secco

pp

pìu pp

rfp

L.H.

ppp
una corda

estinguendo