

MERTON MUSIC

Merton Music is devoted to making rare string chamber music accessible to players at prices which will positively encourage exploration. There are 925 items in the catalogue from 197 composers, most of whose names you will find in the border. Not all are masterpieces but very few deserve the neglect they have endured because their original publishers allowed them to go out of print. All can be posted to you direct from the publisher, Theo Wyatt, in London at the following standard price per page of music, post-free; a fraction of the price of commercial publications:

U.K.	£0.10
U.S.A.	\$0.20
Germany	€0,20
Holland	€0,20
Australia	A\$0.30
Sweden	SEK1.50

The music is supplied in parts ready for the music stand on 100gsm A3 paper in a 160gsm cover. For many of these works separate scores are available.

For a free 24pp. catalog containing an order form and full instructions on how to pay in your own currency contact one of the following:

Australia

Stephanie Hicks, 21 Bally Street, Kelvin Grove, Queensland 4059

Phone: (07) 3352 5576 Fax: (07) 3258 6444

e-mail: stephanie_hicks@freehills.com.au

Germany

Wolfgang Schreiber, Franz-Schubert-Str. 12/1 69168 Wiesloch

Phone: 06222/385117 Fax: 06222/385119 e-mail: wolfg@ngi.de

Holland

Caroline Bouwman, Hobbemastraat 6'', 1071 ZA Amsterdam Phone: 020 6737943

e-mail: caroline_willem@hotmail.com

Sweden

John Teague, Wivalliusgatan 15, 7tr. 11260 Stockholm Phone: 08-6188486

Fax: 08-6185407 e-mail: john.teague@telia.com

U.S.A.

Meriel Ennik, 811 Seaview Drive, El Cerrito CA 94530 Phone: 510 527 6620

e-mail: mertonusa@yahoo.com

U.K.

Theo Wyatt, 8 Wilton Grove, London SW19 3QX Phone/Fax: 020 8540 2708

e-mail: mertonmusic@argonet.co.uk

(Prices current 2004)

Gustaf Bengtsson, String Quintet A minor

Gustaf Adolf Tiburtius Bengtsson (1886-1965)

Gustaf Bengtsson was born in Vadstena, where his father and grandfather played the organ in the Monastery Church. In the family chamber music was important and the members were even able to form a string quartet among themselves. Tradition tells that all the Haydn quartets were highly appreciated and some were learned by heart.

Studies in Stockholm and abroad

In 1904 Bengtsson moved to the capital of Sweden and began studies at the Royal Academy of Music. He graduated with degrees in organ playing 1906, church singer 1909 and music teaching 1916. Parallel to these studies at the academy, he also started private studies with Johan Lindgren, and it is probably from his teaching Bengtsson found inspiration to write the string quintet. The years 1910-12 were spent abroad. Bengtsson went to Berlin (studies with Paul Juon), Paris and Leipzig (studies with Hugo Riemann).

The friends in the royal opera orchestra

After doing his military service in the years 1906-07, Bengtsson entered a temporary position as violinist in the Royal Opera Orchestra. Together with friends in this orchestra the quintet was tried out for the first time. On the first page of the score there is written:

Quintetto

for
2 violins, 2 violas and cello
by

Gustaf Bengtsson, 1907

played for the first time 1907 by an ensemble from The Royal Opera Orchestra.
(Carlborg, Enstedt, Larsén, the Composer and Lindgren).

At least the slow movement has been performed in recent times, but there are no notes of any modern performance of the whole work.

In a comment the composer's daughter says: My father revised the score in his last years. The fact that the work never was published indicates that he didn't find the music good enough for publishing. However, he decided to give the work a thorough revision, and that must have meant that he found certain qualities in this quintet. (The third symphony was also revised at the same time.)

Three young composers

After the studies abroad Bengtsson was allowed with his fellow composers to conduct his own music in an extra concert with the Opera Orchestra. The two young colleagues were Kurt Atterberg and Oskar Lindberg. At this occasion the second symphony was performed.

Teaching

In 1910 Bengtsson took the post of organist in Motala church. These were good times and the Motala Quartet Singers under Bengtsson's baton became famous. After that he turned his attention to music teaching, first in Linköping, later in Karlstad and finally back in Linköping again where he 1949 became the first head of the new municipal school of music.

Composing

All his life Bengtsson kept contact with his native Vadstena and he bought a "composers lodge" across the bay of Vadstena. He stated: "I have always been interested in nature itself, and here around Nässja ... I have composed most of my music. To compose at the piano is nothing for me. The music must be ready inside your head; the theme, the exposition, development etc. and should only be written down. Here at the wonderful lake Vättern I have got all my inspiration and I have even tried to describe the lake and its atmosphere in my tone poem "[Lake] Vättern".

General comments to this edition

This is the first publication of Bengtsson's string quintet. It is a work of a talented young student composer in his early twenties.

Source

The score and parts have been made available by kind permission of the composer's family, namely his daughter Gunhild and his grandson Fredrik. The text of this commentary is based on a printout of an interview given shortly before the composer's 75th birthday and on the recollections of Magnus Tiburtius

Bengtsson, the composer's son, who recalled some conversations with his father regarding composition in general and the quintet in particular.

The composer's revisions

The score (S in comments below) was revised by the composer as late as 1964-65. This revised score was taken to represent the composer's considered intentions and was used as the basis of this edition. The parts (P in the comments below) are of an earlier date and are copies, presumably of the original parts. They are richer in comments and may include extra articulations added by the musicians while studying the piece. So far as the actual notes are concerned there are few differences between the sources

Articulations

The articulation differs extensively between score and parts, and between parts. There is even inconsistency between the exposition and the recapitulation in the first movement, which is written in sonata form. The same problem occurs in the ternary second movement, as well as the scherzo. In the last movement, a rondo, there are many places where semiquavers are sometimes slurred, sometimes dotted or sometimes both. Staccato and marcato markings may occur at the same time in different parts.

Dynamics

The composer appears often to have put dynamic markings in only one part when he intended them to apply to all parts.

Editing practice

A rather thorough editing has been done in order to make the material playable. That is, when playing homophonic passages, the same articulation has been adopted in all parts involved. A first play-through of this edition was undertaken at Sunds Folkhögskole, Inderöy, Norway, on July 2, 2003. The participants were Mats Bengtsson, Ulrika Lundgren, Göran Swedin, Sara Åsbrink and Kristoffer Persson. A second play-through was undertaken in Vancouver, Canada by Peter Lang and his friends, later the same year.

Different revisions of this material

Score and parts

1st revision: Feb 2003. 2nd rev: July 2003. 3rd rev: March 2004. 4th rev: May 2004.

Detta förord / This preface

1st revision: Feb 2003. 2nd rev: Nov 2003. 3rd rev: Oct 2004.

Teckenförklaring / Legend

v = violins	S = score	Crotchet = quarter note
v1/2 = violin 1/2	P = part/parts	Semiquaver = 16th note
va1/2 = viola 1/2	B = bar	
vc = cello	Quaver = eighth note	

Editionskommentarer / Editorial notes

Movement I, Allegro moderato con spirito

	P	bar	Part of bar	comment
1.	all	5	3 rd -4 th beat	va2 and vc: legato (cf b113) chosen. va1: no legato (cf v1) chosen.
		5, 113	3 rd -4 th beat	va2 differs: b5 dotted crotchet+quaver, b113: two crotches. changed to G from F#.
2.	va1	10	3 rd beat	articulation changed in all P to ">" (In S only in v1)
3.	all	11	1 st beat	S: "ff". P: v1 "f", v2/va2/vc "ffz", va1 "fz" altered in all parts to "ffz"
4.	all	11	1 st 16 th /2 nd beat	S: v1/va2/vc: "f", added f in v2/va1
5.	all	11-13		P: crescendo hairpins replaced with "cresc".
6.	vc	13		espressivo in P not in S
7.	v/va	13-14		v1: "< >" added. v2/va: cresc hairpins moved to the end of b14
8.	vc	14		"< >" added
9.	va2, vc	15	1 st beat	suggestion: ">" added (cf v1, v2 and va1)
10.	v	16-17		suggestion: v: "< >" added.
11.	v2	17	1 st beat	suggestion: v2: added tenuto (cf v1)
12.	v2/vc	last 3 notes		suggestion: v2: added marcato (cf v1)
		3 rd beat	va2: added "f"	
13.	vc	17		suggestion: "< f >" added
14.	all	25		diminuendo extends over last two crotches.
15.	v1/va2	38, 136		See b136.
16.	v2/va1	40, 138	3 rd -4 th beat	rhythm differs P: v2: D ^b -E ^b -D ^b (syncope) va1: dotted crotchet E ^b + quaver E ^b . Cf b138 suggestion: might be better change va1: E ^b -G ^b -E ^b (as in b138).
17.	va1/vc	45	1 st beat	va1 and vc playing 8 ^{va} . vc: In S 1 st note changed to E.
18.	v2/va1	47	last note	suggestion: va1 G [#] changed to G. Cf v2 already G

19.	all	47		suggestion: "a tempo" added, cf P
20.	all	48		suggestion: "cresc e poco string" added. (P are differing.)
21.	v2/vc	48		replaced "string e cresc" -> cresc and "poco rit" above syst.
22.	va1	51	3 rd beat	added ">" (cf. b53).
23.	v/va1	56 ^{II}		second ending, suggestion: "fz" in all P.
24.	v1, va2	57 ^{I-58^{II}}		first ending, different notations in P. The composer has in ink put "poco largamente" and in lead pencil "A tempo" from last beat of b58 ^I
25.	v2	57 ^{II}	2 nd beat	second ending, suggestion: changed A to A ^b (cf v1 3 rd beat)
26.	va2/vc	62	3 rd beat	suggestion: a second "f" omitted
27.	vc	64		added cresc hairpin
28.	v1	65-66		crescendo-diminuendo (other P no change of dynamics)
29.	vc	66	all bar	suggestion: crescendo-diminuendo (cf v1 b65-66)
30.	vc	67	all bar	suggestion: crescendo-diminuendo
31.	va2	76		suggestion: fugue entry marcato (as in v/va1 before)
32.	vc	77		suggestion: fugue entry marcato (as in v/va1 before)
33.	va1	82	1 st two quavers	suggestion: added legato, cf v1
34.	v1	93	last beat	added # on thrill (G#).
35.	v2	99	2 nd note	">" deleted (already erased by composer in other parts).
36.	va1	98		suggestion: "p" added, spiccato dots added
37.	va1	100	3 rd beat	suggestion: added ">", marcato on last four notes
38.	all	101		added "a tempo" - only mentioned in vc
39.	all	104		suggestion: added "mf crescendo" in all P
40.	all	105		suggestion: "f" in all P
41.	va2, vc	110		suggestion: "f" added
42.		113		See b5.
43.	all	114		suggestion: dim hairpin in all P (S: only dim in v1/2)
44.	va2/vc	117-118		suggestion: added cresc hairpin (cf v/va1)
45.	va1	118	3 rd beat	different versions: here: G, in b10: F#.
46.	v2/va2	120	last beat	suggestion: staccato dots (as v1/vc)
47.	va1	127	2 nd but last 8 th	changed to D [#] (from D as it says in P)
48.	va1	128	1 st quaver	Should it be D [#] ? (following harmony in b127).
49.	va1	129		all other parts "p", va1: "pp" explicitly written in S
50.	va1	129, 130	last notes	changed to E (from E [#] as it says in P)
51.	v2	132		suggestion: "p" (cf b129 and v1 b130).
52.	v1/va2	136		portamento added as indicated in va2 (P & S differs). Cf b38: legato
53.	v2	147-148	crotchets	suggestion: same articulation as v1 (staccato on crotchets)

Movement II, Andante sostenuto

P	bar	Part of bar	
54.	va2	9	1 st beat
55.	va2	18	3 rd beat
56.	vc	19	3 rd beat
57.	all	23	
58.	vc	23-24	
59.	va1	26	last beat
60.	v1, va2	27	
61.	v1/2, va1	28	
62.	va2, vc	29	
63.	v2	32	
64.	all	34-37	
65.	all	45-47	
66.	v1	57	
67.	va1/vc	59	last beat
68.	va2	81	1-2 beat
69.	va2	90	first beat
70.	vc	97	
71.	vc	107	
72.	v/va	115-116	

Movement III, Allegro energico

P	bar	Part of bar	
73.	v2-vc	11-12	
74.	v2	13	
75.	all	17	>" added
76.	all	19	crescendo hairpin adjusted to last through all bar in all parts.
77.	va2	21	suggestion (P and S somewhat unclear) v1/vc: "f", the others: "fz"
78.	all	24	suggestion: added ">" (cf v1 and va1 in their entries b19 and 20).
79.	vc	38, 40	suggestion: "p" in all P. The sources P and S differ.
80.	va2	43	added staccato dot on 2 nd note in each bar. Cf b34. changed "f" to "ff"

81.	va1	52	whole bar	Might be better having D instead of E here (cf vn1), added ">" added "cresc". (S generally doesn't have "cresc" etc. in all parts, even if it is obvious that it should be there. In this place there are only indications of "cresc." in v2 and va1. added same articulation as all the other parts (marcato ">")
82.	v1/vc	55		S: "pp" indicated only in va2. vc: diminuendo hairpin added (indicated in v2 and va1)
83.	va2	56		
84.	va2	58, 62		
85.	va2/vc	59		
86.	all	61		suggestion: dim hairpin in all P
87.	va1	67-69		suggestion: "molto cresc" in all parts (indicated in v1, va2, vc)
88.	v2/va1/va2	74		suggestion: Should it be "fz" as in b5?
89.	v1	75-76		suggestion: cresc hairpin (moved from b75 to b76, cf b6-7)

Movement III, Trio: Tranquillo et con espressione

P	bar	Part of bar	comment
90.	v1	6	suggestion: tenuto "—", added (cf b24)
91.	va1/vc	8-9	va1/vc: added dynamics "p" and "dim." hairpin
92.	v2	12	suggestion: cresc hairpin added
93.	vc	13	suggestion: cresc hairpin added
94.	va1/vc	16	suggestion: dim hairpin added
95.	va2	22	D natural changed to E natural
96.	vc	25-26	suggestion: tenuto added
97.	v2	29-31	added ">", cf v1
98.	v1	32	"p" added

Movement IV, Rondo: Allegro moderato

P	bar	Part of bar	comment
99.	v2/a1	3-4	suggestion: staccato omitted (same as b109-110)
100.	va2/vc	5	"mf" replaced with "p"
101.	va1	8	suggestion: same bowing as in b114 (last two quavers tied)
102.	v2-vc	20-25	suggestion: staccato on all crotchets
103.	va2/vc	26-27	vc: "crescendo hairpin" added
104.	all	28	added diminuendo (original; only in va1).
105.	all	28	vc: added "mf".
106.	all	38	added diminuendo (original; only in v1, va1)
107.	all-v1	39	"p" added (only indicated in v1)
108.	vc	43	"cresc" added
109.	va2/vc	53	suggestion: "Pizz" (only in v2, however indicated in va2/vc)
110.	all	55	suggestion: "p" in v1, "mf" in all other parts.
111.	all	59-60	(v2-vc in P indicated "p" and a crescendo) suggestion: extended crescendo hairpin over two bars
112.	va2/vc	63	suggestion: "dim" added
113.	va2/vc	77	suggestion: vc: "mf"
114.	va2	82	P: B-B, S: A-A, suggestion: B-A (cf vn1)
115.	v2-vc	96	suggestion: crescendo hairpin added
116.	va1	117	changed from a' to b', (cf b11) as well as va2 and v1. Different bowing (cf b11-13).
117.	va1	117-118	added cresc. Hairpin.
118.	va1	119-120	suggestion: "f"
119.	v2/va2	120	suggestion: ">", same as v1.
120.	va1	122, 124	bowing taken from P: tied 4+2+2 semiquavers
121.	v2/va2	122	bowing taken from P: tied 2+2+4 semiquavers
122.	v2/va2	123	Here the composer added some extra bars in his late revision: This implicates some trouble while entering rehearsal letter Nn (b150). Therefore F# is suggested in v1.
123.	all	rehearsal N to Nn	All notes in bar erased in S. Looks strange as an upbeat is F#? suggested (otherwise the upbeat in bar before feels strange).
124.	v1	150	suggestion: "<>" in v2 and va2. cresc hairpin unclear in P and S.
125.	v1	185	suggestion: "ff"
126.	v1-vc	223-225	suggestion: v2 should have same articulation as v1
127.	va1	259	suggestion: F (not F#; cf vc)
128.	v2	267	suggestion: cresc hairpin in all P
129.	va1	279	suggestion: marcato signs added
130.	all	328	
131.	v2-va1	329	

Krister Persson, Saltsjöbaden,
rev. I: February 25, 2003
rev. II: July 9, 2003
rev III: November 28, 2004

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

274

281

287

293

String Quintet / Stråkkvintett

Gustaf Bengtsson
(1886-1965)

I. Allegro moderato con spirito

Violin I

Violin II

Viola I

Viola II

Cello

8

16

24

(c) Krister Persson 2003

3

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

245

P *Tempo I.*

245

P *Tempo I.*

p

pizz.

arco

252

252

259

259

ff

fff

G.P.

f *cresc.*

ff

fff

G.P.

266

266

Q

a tempo

molto cresc.

ff

p

pizz.

arco

molto cresc.

ff

p

molto cresc.

ff

p

molto cresc.

ff

p

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

215

223

230

238

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

56

poco largamente a tempo a tempo

60

molto cresc. f p

67

pizz. B poco meno mosso arco

B

75

arco f marcato arco

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

82

90

97

C

poco rit.
a tempo

102

G.P.

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

183

O

191

198

206

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Nn a tempo meno mosso

150

160

168

175

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

109 *Tempo I.*

116

123

pochissimo rit. D a tempo

130

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

90

97

104 M

112

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

II. Andante sostenuto

Violin I

Violin II

Viola I solo *mf cantabile*

Viola II

Cello *p*

9

17

25

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

32

K

39

46

53

Tranquillo

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

62

F

68

a tempo

77

85

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

G

92

98

105

112

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

IV. Rondo: Allegro moderato

risoluto

Violin I f pizz. arco cresc. poco a poco

Violin II f pizz. arco cresc. poco a poco

Viola I f p arco cresc. poco a poco

Viola II f (p) cresc. poco a poco

Cello f (p) cresc. poco a poco

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

III. Allegro energico

Musical score for orchestra, page 12, measures 11-12. The score includes parts for Violin I, Violin II, Viola I, Viola II, Cello, and Bass. The instrumentation changes between measures 11 and 12. Measure 11 starts with Violin I and II playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 12 and 13 feature the Cello and Bass as primary instruments, with dynamic markings such as *f*, *p*, *cresc.*, *molto*, *ff*, and *p*. The score also includes performance instructions like "arco" and "pizz."

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Bengtsson String Quintet A minor

Trio: Canon. Tranquillo et con espressione

1

legato

p

legato

poco a poco cresc.

legato

p

poco a poco cresc.

Viola II tacet

p

legato

p arco

poco a poco cresc.

p

p

MERTON MUSIC

Merton Music is devoted to making rare string chamber music accessible to players at prices which will positively encourage exploration. There are 925 items in the catalogue from 197 composers, most of whose names you will find in the border. Not all are masterpieces but very few deserve the neglect they have endured because their original publishers allowed them to go out of print. All can be posted to you direct from the publisher, Theo Wyatt, in London at the following standard price per page of music, post-free; a fraction of the price of commercial publications:

U.K.	£0.10
U.S.A.	\$0.20
Germany	€0,20
Holland	€0,20
Australia	A\$0.30
Sweden	SEK1.50

The music is supplied in parts ready for the music stand on 100gsm A3 paper in a 160gsm cover. For many of these works separate scores are available.

For a free 24pp. catalog containing an order form and full instructions on how to pay in your own currency contact one of the following:

Australia

Stephanie Hicks, 21 Bally Street, Kelvin Grove, Queensland 4059
Phone: (07) 3352 5576 Fax: (07) 3258 6444
e-mail: stephanie_hicks@freehills.com.au

Germany

Wolfgang Schreiber, Franz-Schubert-Str. 12/1 69168 Wiesloch
Phone: 06222/385117 Fax: 06222/385119 e-mail: wolfg@ngi.de

Holland

Caroline Bouwman, Hobbemastraat 6'', 1071 ZA Amsterdam Phone: 020 6737943
e-mail: caroline_willem@hotmail.com

Sweden

John Teague, Wivalliusgatan 15, 7tr. 11260 Stockholm Phone: 08-6188486
Fax: 08-6185407 e-mail: john.teague@telia.com

U.S.A.

Meriel Ennik, 811 Seaview Drive, El Cerrito CA 94530 Phone: 510 527 6620
e-mail: mertonusa@yahoo.com

U.K.

Theo Wyatt, 8 Wilton Grove, London SW19 3QX Phone/Fax: 020 8540 2708
e-mail: mertonmusic@argonet.co.uk

(Prices current 2004)

MERTON MUSIC

BENGSSON

STRING QUINTET in A minor for

2 Violins, 2 Violas and Violoncello

SCORE

Merton Music
8 Wilton Grove
London SW19 3QX England
Phone/Fax: 020 8540 2708 (+44 20 8540 2708)
e-mail: mertonmusic@argonet.co.uk

5046