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Weigenlied, Op. 49, No. 4 – ‘Lullaby’

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Weigenlied – Lullaby

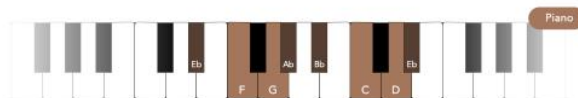
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Musical Elements

'Weigenlied' is in 3/4 time. The tempo is adagio. The dynamics is piano throughout, but expressive. The texture is homophonic (melody & accompaniment). The form/structure is ternary form (AABA).

Melody

The melody of 'Weigenlied' is made from notes of the Eb major scale only (Eb F G Ab Bb C D):



Piano



Guitar

Eb major scale "A shape"

The melodic movement is a mixture of conjunct and disjunct. It begins with disjunct leaps, followed by scalar movement. There is repetition in bars 5 and 6, followed by conjunct movement. The range of the melody is one octave.

Chords

'Weigenlied' uses just three chords:



Eb

Eb G Bb



Bb

Bb D F



Ab

Ab C Eb

The harmony in 'Weigenlied' uses primary chords – I, IV and V – only. Both sections end with a perfect cadence (V – I). In the key of Eb major, this is Bb – Eb.



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