

Cornelius  
Christbaum  
Op. 8, No. 1

Freudig bewegt

The piano introduction is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It begins with a treble clef staff containing a whole rest. The piano part starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with eighth notes. The piece concludes with a fortissimo (*f*) dynamic.

The first line of the vocal melody is in G major and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "Wie schön ge-schmückt der fest-li-che Raum! die". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. The lyrics in German and English are: "The fest - ive hall is mer - ry to see, the".

The second line of the vocal melody continues. The lyrics are: "Lich - ter fun - keln am Weih - nachts - baum! o fröh - - li - che". The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line. The lyrics in German and English are: "ta - pers gleam on the christ - mas tree: o scene of de -". The piano part ends with a *hervortretend* (emerging) dynamic.

The third line of the vocal melody concludes the phrase. The lyrics are: "Zelt, o se - - li - ger Traum!". The piano accompaniment features a fortissimo (*sf*) dynamic. The lyrics in German and English are: "light! o vi - - sion of glee!".

Die  
The

Mut - ter sitzt in der Kin - der Kreis; nun schwei - get Al - les auf  
mo - ther sits with her chil - dren round; she bids them lis - ten and

ihr Ge - heiss: sie sin - - get des Christ - kind's  
make no sound and sings of the Christ - king,

*hervortretend* *sf*

Lob und Preis. Und rings, vom Weih - nachts-  
sor - - row crown'd. A - bout the room each

baum er - hellt, ist schön in Bil - dern auf - ge - stellt des  
 wall dis - plays some sa - cred scene of an - cient days, lit

hei - - li - gen Bu - ches Pal - - men - welt. Die  
 up by the christ - mas can - - dies' blaze. The

Kin - der schau - en der Bil - der Pracht und ha - ben wohl des  
 chil - dren gaze on the paint - ings fair and prize the sing - er's

Sin - gens acht, das tönt so süß in der  
 love so rare that mu - - - sic wafts on the

Wei - he - nacht! O glück - li - cher Kreis im  
 christ - mas air. O ho - li - day folk, how

fest - li - chen Raum! o gold' - ne Lich - ter am Weih - nachtsbaum! o  
 hap py are ye! O twin - kling lights on the christ - mas tree! O

fröh - li - che Zeit! o se - - li - ger Traum!  
 day of de - lights! O eve - - ning of glee!

*hervortretend* *sf* *mf*