

Wagner
 Das Rheingold
 Scene III

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Nibelheim.

Nibelheim.

(Alberich zerrt den kreischenden Mime aus einer Seitenschluff herbei.)

(Alberich drags the shrieking Mime from a side cleft.)

Hastig.

Нар *p* *cresc.*

ALBERICH.

He-he! he-he! hie-her! hie-her! tü-cki-scher Zwerg!
 He-he! he-he! to me! to me! mis-chie-ous imp!

f *sf* *mf*

Tap-fer ge-zwickt, sollst du mir sein, schaffst du nicht fer-tig, wie ich's be-stellt, zur
 Pret-ti-ly pinched, now shalt thou be, if in a trice, thou forg-est me not the

P. + P. + P. + P. +

MIME.

(heulend.)
(howling.)

ALBERICH.

O-hel O-hel Au! Au!
O-hel O-hel Au! Au!

Stund' das fei-ne Ge - schmeid!
work as I did com-mand.

MIME.

Lass'mich nur los! Fer - tig ist's, wie du be-fahlst mit Fleiss und Schweiss ist es ge-fügt.
Let me a - lone! Forged it is, as thou didst bid, with toil and toil all is now done.

(grell)
(shrilly)

nimm' nur die Nä - gel vom Ohr!
take but thy nails from my ear!

ALBERICH.

Was zögerst du dann, und zeigst es nicht?
Why waitest thou then, and shewst it not?

MIME.

(verlegen)
(embarrassed.)

Ich Ar-mer zag-te,
I on-ly faltered

dass noch was feh-le.
lest aught were fail-ing.

Hier—
Here—

ALBERICH.

Was wär' noch nicht fer-tig?
What then was not fin-ished?

(Er will ihm wieder an das Ohr fahren)
(He tries to catch his ear again.)

und da—
and there—

Was hier und da? Her
What here and there? Give

das Geschmeid!
me the thing!

vor Schreck lässt Mime ein metall'nes Gewirke, das er krampfhaft in den Händen hielt, sich entfallen. Alberich hebt es hastig auf und prüft es genau.)

Mime, in his terror, lets fall a piece of metal work which he held convulsively in his hand. Alberich picks it up quickly and examines it carefully.)

ALBERICH.

Schau, du Schelm! Al-les ge-schmiedet und
See, thou rogue! All has been forged as I

ALB.

fer-tig ge-fügt_ wie ich's be-fahl. So woll-te der Tropf schlau mich be-trü-gen? für sich be-
gave my command_ finished and fit. Ah, would then the dolt cun-ning-ly trick me? and keep the

fp *p*

t.c.

hal-ten das hehre Geschmeid, das meine List ihn zu schmie den gelehrt? Kenn' ich dich dum mer Dieb?
wonder-ful work for himself, that which my craft alone taught him to forge? Known art thou foolish thief?

cresc. *fp*

(Er setzt das
(He places the

Gewirk als Tarnhelm auf den Kopf.)
Tarnhelm on his head.)

Dem Haupt fñgt sich der Helm: ob sich der Zau-ber auch zeigt?
The helm fit-teth the head: now will the spell al-so speed?

pp

u.c.

(seine Gestalt verschwindet, statt
 ihrer gewahrt man eine Nebelsäule.)
*(His form vanishes; in its place
 a column of mist is seen.)*

(sehr leise.)
(very softly.)

„Nacht und Ne-bel_ Nie-mand gleich!“ Siehst du mich Bru-der?
„Night and darkness_ No-where seen!“ Seest thou me, brother?

MIME (blickt sich verwundert um.)
(looks about him in astonishment.)

(Mime windet sich unter empfangenen
(Mime writhes under the blows

Wo bist du? ich se-he dich nicht. (unsichtbar)
Where art thou? I see thee not. (invisible)

ALB.
So füh-le mich doch, du fau - ler Schuft!
Then feel me in-stead, thou la - sy rogue!

p
t.c.

Geißelhieben, deren Fall man vernimmt, ohne die Geißel selbst zu sehen.)
He receives, whose sound is heard without the scourge being seen.)

O-he! O-he! Au! Au!
O-hel O-hel Au! Au!

Nimm' das für dein Diebs-ge-lüst!
Take that for thy thiev-ish thought!

Au! _____
Au! _____

(lachend.)
(unsichtbar.)
(laughing.)
(invisible)

Ha ha ha ha ha ha!
Ha ha ha ha ha ha!

Hab' Dank, du Dummer! Dein Werk bewährtsich
I thank thee blockhead, thy work is true and

piu f

ALB.

gut!
fit!

Ho - hol Ho -
Ho - hol Ho -

p *crese.* *f*

ho!
ho!

Nib - lun - gen all, neigt euch nun Al - be - rich! Ü - berall weilt er nun
Nib - el - ungs all, bow ye to Al - be - rich! E - verywhere o - ver you

f *> dim.* *p*

euch zu bewachen; Ruh' und Rast ist euch zerronnen; ihm müsst ihr schaffen, wo nicht ihr ihn schaut, wo ihr
waits he and watches; peace and rest now have de - parted; ye must ye serve him, un - seen though he be; un - a -

sf *p* *f* *p*

nicht ihn gewahrt seid seiner gewär - tig! Un - ter than seid ihr ihm im - - mer! Hoho!
ware he is nigh ye still shall await him! Thrall to him are ye for e - - ver! Hoho!

(grell.)
(harshly.)

p *3* *4* *5* *fp* *mp*

ALB.

Ho-ho! hört ihn, er naht: der Nib - lun - gen Herr!
 Ho-ho! hear him, he nears: the Nib - el - ungs' lord!

cresc. - - - ff

(Die Nebelsäule verschwindet dem Hintergrunde zu: man hört in immer weiterer Ferne die tobende Ankunft Alberich's. — Mime ist vor Schmerz zusammengesunken.)
 (The column of vapour disappears in the back ground. The sounds of Alberich's scolding become fainter in the distance. Mime covers down in pain.)

ff

P. + *P.* + *P.* + *P.* +

ff

P. + *P.* + *P.* + *P.* +

ff *dim. - -*

P. + *P.* + *P.* + *P.* +

(Wotan und Loge lassen sich aus einer Schlucht von oben herab.)
 (Wotan and Loge come down from a cleft in the rock.)

mf

LOGE.

Ni - belheim hier. Durch bleiche Ne - bel was blitzen dort feu - ri - ge
Ni - belheim here. Through pallid vapours there glisten bright sparks from the

p

LOGE

Funken?
smithies.

MIME.

WOTAN.

Au! Au! Au!
Au! Au! Au!

Mässigeres Zeitmass.

Hier stöhntes laut: was liegt im Gestein?
One groans aloud: what lies on the ground?

p

LOGE (sich zu Mime neigend.)
 (bends over Mime.)

Was Wun - derwimmerst du hier?
Say, wherefore moanest thou here?

Hei, Mi-me! muntr'rer Zwerg!
Hei, Mi-me! mer-ry dwarf!

MIME.

Ohel Ohel Au! Au!
Ohel Ohel Au! Au!

Mässig.

p

LOGE.

Waszwick und zwack dich dem so?
What plagues and pinches thee so?

Das will ich freilich, und mehr noch, hör!
That will I surely, and more yet, hark!

MIME.

Lass mich in Frieden!
Leave me in quiet!

(Er stellt ihn mühsam aufrecht.)
(He raises him with difficulty to his feet.)

hel-fen will ich dir, Mi-me.
help I promise thee, Mi-me.

Wer hül-fe mir!
What help for me!

Ge-horchen muss ich dem leib-li-chen
I must o - bey the be-hests of my

Dich, Mi - me, zu bin-den, was gab ihm die Macht?
But, Mi - me, to bind thee what gave him the power?

Bru-der, der mich in Ban - de ge-legt.
brother, whomakes me bonds-man to him.

MIME.

Mit ar-ger List schuf sich Al-be-rich aus Rhei-nes Gold ei-nen gel-ben
By e - vil craft mould - ed Al - be-rich from yel - low gold of the Rhine, a

MIME.

Reif: sei-nem star - ken Zau - ber zit-tern wir stau - nend; mit ihm zwingt er uns
 ring: at its might - y spell we trem-ble in won - der; by that now he en-

The first system of music includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a prominent bass line with chords and some melodic movement. Dynamics include *sf* and *p*.

al - le, der Nib - lungen nächt - ges Heer. Sorg - lo - se
 thralls us, the Ni - belungs' dark - some host. Blithe - ly we

Sehr gemächlich.

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The piano accompaniment is marked *p* and includes a section with a tempo marking *Sehr gemächlich.* The piano part features a steady accompaniment with some melodic lines.

Schmie - de, schu - fen wir sonst wohl Schmuck un - sern Wei - bern, won - nig Ge -
 smiths once worked at our an - oils, forged for our wo - men trin - kets so

The third system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part is marked *sempre p* and features a consistent accompaniment pattern.

schmeid', nied - li - chen Niblungen-tand; wir lachten lus - tig der Müh'.
 fair, de - li - cate Ni-belungtoys: we lightly laughed at our toil.

The fourth system concludes the vocal and piano parts. The piano accompaniment continues with the same accompaniment pattern, marked *p*.

MIME.

Nun zwingt uns der Schlim-me, in Klüf - te zu schlüp-fen, für ihn al -
 The wretch now com-pels us to creep in - to cav - erns, for him a -

Allmählich schneller.

p

cresc. -

lein — uns im - mer zu mühh. Durch des Rin-ges Gold er-räth sei-ne Gier, wo neu-er Schimmer in
 lone — we e - ver must toil. Through the ring of gold his greed still describes wher-e'er new treasure lies

Immer lebhafter.

p

cresc. -

sempre staccato

Schach - ten sich birgt: da müs-sen wir spä - hen, spü - ren und gra-ben, die
 hid — in the clefts: there must we all seek it, trace it and dig it, to

sf

p

cresc. -

Beu-feschmel-zen, und schmie - - den den Guss, oh - ne Ruh' — und
 melt the boot - y, to forge — him the gold, with no peace — nor

MIME.

Rast dem Herrn zu häu - fen den Hort.
rest for him to heap up the hoard.

LOGE.

Dich Trä - gen so - e - ben traf wohl sein Zorn?
Just now, then, an id - ler wakened his ire!

MIME.

Mich Ärmsten, ach! mich zwanger zum Ärgsten. Ein Helmgeschmeid hiess er mich
Poor Mi - me, ah! my fate was the hardest. A helm of mail had I to

schweissen; genau be - fahl er, wie es zu fügen. Wohlmerktlich klug, welchmächtige
forge him; with care he gave commands for its making. My wit conceived the might - y

MIME.

Kraft zu ei-gendem Werk, das aus Erz ich wob; für mich drum hü-ten wollt' ich den Helm; durch sei-nen
power that lay in the work I had forged of steel; the helm I fain had held for my own; to use the

Zau-ber Al-berich's Zwang mich ent-ziehn: vielleicht— ja, vielleicht den Läs-ti-genselbst ü-ber-
spell to free me from Al - ber-ich's sway: per-chance— yes, perchance, the ty-rant him-self to o'er-

lis-ten, in mei-ne Ge-walt ihn zu wer-fen; den Ring ihm zu ent-
master, and place him by guile in my pow-er; the ring then had I

reis-sen, dass, wie ich Knecht jetzt dem Küh-nen, mir Frei-en er sel-ber dann fröhn!
ra-vished, that, as a slave now I seee him, in thrall he should then be to me!

(grell.)
 (harshly)

LOGE.

Warum, du Kluge, glückte dir's nicht?
And wherefore, wise one, didst thou not thrive?

MIME.

Ach! der das Werk ich
Ah! though the work I

MIME.

wirkte, den Zauber, der ihm entzückt, den Zauber er-rieth ich nicht recht:
fashioned, the magic that lurks there-in, the magic I guessed not a-right:

der das Werk mir rieth, und mir's entriss, der lehr-te mich nun doch leider zu
he who plumed the work which then he seized, he taught me, alas, but now all too

spät, — welche List läg' in dem Helm. Meinem Blick entwand er; doch
late, — what a spell lay in the helm. From my sight he van-ished; but,

MIME.

(heulend und schluchzend)
(crying and sobbing.)

Schwielen dem Blin - den schlug un - schaubar sein Arm.
lurk - ing un - seen, sharp strokes he showered on me.

Das
Such

cresc.

P.

P.

(Er streicht sich den Rücken.)
(He rubs his back.)

(Wotan und Loge lachen.)
(Wotan and Loge laugh.)

schuf ich mir Dummen schön — zu Dank!
pay for my pains I, fool, — did win.

LOGE.

(zu Wotan)
(to Wotan)

WOTAN.

Gesteh' nicht leicht gelingt der Fang.
Confess, not light will be our task.

Doch erliegt der Feind, hilft deine
But the foe will fall, if thou but

f *dim.*

più p

MIME.

(Mime betrachtet die Götter aufmerksamer.)
(Mime observes the gods more attentively.)

Mit eu-rem Ge- fra- ge, wer seid denn ihr Fremde?
What mean all your questions? who are ye then, strangers?

List!
help!

p

p

LOGE.

Freun - - de dir; von ih-rer Noth be-frei-wir der Nib-lungen Volk!
Friends to thee; from all their need the Nib-lungen folk we shall free!

(Mime schrickt zusammen, da er Alberich sich wieder nahen hört.)
(Mime, on hearing Alberich's approach, shrinks back frightened.)
 Immer schneller.

(Er rennt vor Angst hin und her.)
(He runs to and fro in terror.)

MIME.

Nehmt euch in Acht; Al - be-rich naht.
Look to your-selves; Al - be-rich nears.

Schneller im Zeitmass.

(Alberich, der den Tarnhelm vom Haupte genommen und an den Gürtel gehängt hat, treibt mit geschwungener Geißel aus der unteren, tiefer gelegenen Schlucht,
(Alberich, who has removed the Tarnhelm from his head and hung it on his girdle, drives before him, with brandished whip, a host of Niblungs from the caverns below.)

WOTAN

(ruhig sich auf einen Stein setzend.)
(seating himself quietly on a stone.)

Sein' har - ren wir hier.
We wait for him here.

aufwärts eine Schaar Nibelungen vor sich her, diese sind mit goldenem und silbernem Geschmeide beladen, das sie, unter Alberich's
They are laden with gold and silver handiwork, which, under Alberich's continuous abuse and scolding, they heap together so

ALB.

Hie-her! Dorthin! He-he! Ho-ho! Trä-ges Heer! Dort zu Hauf schichtet den
Hither! Thither! He-he! Ho-ho! La-zy herd! There in a heap pile up the

cresc. -

steter Nöthigung, all auf einen Haufen speichern und so zu einem Horte häufen.)
as to form a large pile.)

Hort! Du da, hinauf! Willst du vor-an?
hoard! Thou there, go up! Wilt thou get on?

cresc. -

Schmähliches Volk! Ab das Ge-schmeide! Soll' ich euch helfen? Al-les hier!
In-dolent folk! Down with the treasure! Shall I then help you? Here with it all!

P. + P. + P. + P. +

più f

(Er gewahrt plötzlich Wotan und Loge.)
(He suddenly perceives Wotan and Loge.)

He! wer ist dort? Wer drang hier ein? Mi-me, zu
Hey! who is there? What guests are these? Mi-me, to

a tempo.

ff dim. - p

P. + pp

ALB.
 mir! Schä-bi-ger Schuft! Schwatzezt du gar mit dem schwei-fen den Paar?
 me! Pest-i-lent wretch! Prat-est thou here with the rag-a-bond pair?

pp $\underline{3}$

(Er treibt Mime mit Geisselhieben in den Haufen der Nibelungen hinein)
 (He drives Mime with blows of his whip into the crowd of the Niblungs)

Fort, du Fau-ler! Willst du gleich schmieden und schaffen? He! an die Ar-beit!
 Off, thou sluggard! Back to thy smelting and smithing! Hey! to your la-bour!

immer p *p* $\underline{3}$ $\underline{3}$ $\underline{3}$ $\underline{3}$ *pp*

Al-le von hin-nen! Hur-tig hin-ab! Aus den neu-en Schachten
 Get ye hence straight-way! Quickly be-low! From the new-made shafts go

f *p*

schafft mir das Gold! Euch grüsst die Geis-sel, grabt ihr nicht rasch!
 get me the gold! Who slow-ly digs shall suf-fer the whip!

cresc. *p*

Dass kei-ner mir müssig, bü-r-ge mir Mi-me, sonst birgt er sich schwer mei-ner Geis-sel
 That no one be i-dle, Mi-me be sure-ty, or scarce shall he scape from my scour-ge's

cresc. *p* *P.* *P.* *P.* *P.* *P.*

ALB.

Schwunge!
lash-es!

Dass ich ü-ber-all wei-le, wo kei-ner mich wäht, das
That I ev-'ry-where wander when no-one is ware, that

cresc. -

P. + P. P. +

weiss er, dünkt mich ge-nau!
wots he; think I, full well!

Zögert ihr noch?
Linger ye still?

ff staccato.

dim. - p

P.

(Er zieht seinen Ring vom Finger, küsst ihn und streckt ihn drohend aus.)
(He draws his ring from his finger, kisses it and stretches it out threateningly.)

Zaudert wohl gar?
Loiter ye then?

Etwas langsamer.

Zitt' - re und za-ge, gezähmtes Heer! Rasch ge-Trem - ble in terror, ye vanquished host! All o-

pp etwas gedehnt.

f > p

f > p

(Pauken)

(Eckenwirbel)

Unter Geheul und Gekreisch stieben die Nibelungen _unter ihnen Mime_ auseinander.
(With howls and shrieks the Nibelungs _among whom is Mime_ separate and slip

horcht des Rin - ges Herra!
bey the ring's great lord!

Wieder schnell.

p cresc.

ff

p

(Mit Tamtamwirbel)

P.

und schlüpfen nach allen Seiten in die Schachte hinab.)
into different clefts in all directions.)

First system of piano accompaniment, featuring a treble and bass clef with complex chordal textures and moving lines.

Second system of piano accompaniment, including dynamic markings *ff* and *dim.*

(Alberich betrachtet lange und misstrauisch Wotan und Loge.)
(Alberich looks long and suspiciously at Wotan and Loge.)

Third system of piano accompaniment, including a dynamic marking *p*.

Fourth system of piano accompaniment, including dynamic markings *più p* and *pp*.

WOTAN.

Von Ni-bel-heim's nächt'gem Land ver-nahmen wir neu-e Mär'
Of Ni-bel-heim's dark-some land strange ti-dings have reached our ears:

ALB.

Was wollt ihr hier?
What seek ye here?

Mässiges Zeitmass.

Fifth system of piano accompaniment, including dynamic markings *fp* and *p gut gehalten.*

WOTAN.

mächt' - ge Wun - der wir - ke hier Al - be - rich; da - ran uns zu wei - den trieb uns Gäs - te die
great the wonders worked here by Al - be - rich; on these now to feast us, greed has made us thy

f *dim.* *p*

Gier.
guests.
ALB.

Nach Ni - belheim führteuch der Neid: so kühne Gäs - te, glaubt, kenn'ich gut!
Led hither by en - vy ye came: such gallant guests, believe, well I know!

p *f* *f* *f* *f* *p*

LOGE.

Kennst du mich gut, kindischer Alp? Nun sag, wer bin ich dass du so bellst? Im kal - ten Loch, da kauernst du
Know'st thou me well, ig - norant imp? Then say, who am I? why dost so bark? In chil - ly caves when crouching thou

f *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

lagst, wer gab dir Licht und wär - men - de Lo - he, wenn Lo - ge nie dir ge - lacht? Was
lay'st, where were thy light and com - for - ting fire then, had Lo - ge not on thee laughed? What

f *f* *p*

LOGE.

hül' dir dein Schmieden, heizt' ich die Schmiede dir nicht?
boots thee thy forg-ing, be not thy forge lit by me?

Musical score for Loge's first entry. The vocal line is in G major, 2/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamics include *fp*, *p*, *P.*, and *dim.*

LOGE.

Dir bin ich Vetter, und war dir Freund: nicht fein drum dünkt mich dein Dank!
Kin to thee am I, and once was kind: not warm, me-thinks, are thy thanks!

ALB.

Musical score for Loge's second entry and Albright's first entry. The vocal lines are in G major, 2/4 time. The piano accompaniment continues with a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *p*, *cresc.*, *f*, and *dim.*. The word "Den On" is written above the piano part.

Licht - al - ben lacht jetzt Lo - ge, der list' - ge Schelm?
light - elces laughs now Lo - ge, the craft - y rogue?

Bist du Falscher ihr Freund, wie mir Freund du einst
Art thou, false one, their friend, as my friend once thou

Musical score for Loge's third entry and Albright's second entry. The vocal lines are in G major, 2/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *p*, *p*, and *P.*

LOGE.

So denk' ich kannst du mir trau'n.
Me-thinks then, me-mayst thou trust.

ALB.

war'st:
wert:

haha! mich freuts! von ih-nen fürcht' ich dann nichts.
haha! I laugh! from them, then, nought need I fear.

Deiner Untreu
In thy untruth

Musical score for Loge's fourth entry and Albright's third entry. The vocal lines are in G major, 2/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *cresc.*, *f*, *p*, and *p*.

(Eine herausfordernde Stellung annehmend.)
(Taking a defiant attitude.)

becilend

ALB.

trau' ich, nicht dei-ner Treu!
trust I, not in thy truth!

Doch ge-trost
Un-dis-mayed

trotz'ich ench
now I de-

LOGE.

Sehr lebhaft.

Ho-hen Muth ver-leiht dei-ne Macht;
Cou-rage high thy might doth con-fer;

grim-mig
grim-ly

Al-len!
fy you.

gross wuchs dir die Kraft!
great wax-es thy power!

Siehst du den Hort, den mein Heer dort mir ge-
See'st thou the hoard, by my host heaped for me

So neid-li-chen sah ich noch nie.
A good-li-er ne-ver was seen.

häuft?
there?

Das ist für
It is to-

ALB.

heut', ein kärg - lich Häufchen! Kühn und mäch - tig soll er künf - tigsich
 day but scan - ty mea - sure! Proud and migh - ty shall the hoard be here.

WOTAN.

Zu was doch frommt dir der Hort,
 But what can boot thee the hoard,

ALB.

meh - - - ren.
 af - - - ter.

WOTAN.

da freud - - los Ni - bel - heim, und nichts für Schät - ze hier
 in joy - - less Ni - bel - heim, where trea - sure no - thing can

ALB.

feil?
 buy?

Schätze zu schaf - fen, und Schätze zu ber - gen nützt mir Ni - belheim's
 Treas - ure to ga - ther, and trea - sure to bu - ry, serves me Ni - belheim's

ALB.

Nacht. Doch mit dem Hort, in der Höh- - le ge-
 night. But with the hoard, that in ca- - verns I

häuft, denk' ich dann Wun- der zu wir- ken: die
 hide, shall won-ders be worked by the Ni- blung; and

gan- ze Welt_ge-winn' ich mit ihmir zu ei- gen!
 by its might the world as my own I shall win me!

WOTAN.

Wie be-ginnst du, Gü-ti-ger das?
ALB. How be-ginn'st thou that, then, good friend?

Die in lin-der Lüf-te
 Lapped in gen-tly waft-ing

ALB.

Wehn da o - ben ihr lebt, lacht und liebt:
 bree - zes ye who now live, laugh and love:

P. +

mit gold' - ner Faust euch Gött - li - che
 with gold - en grasp, ye god - ly ones

pp cresc. fp cresc. - -

P. +

fang' ich mir al - le!
 all shall be cap - tured!

fp cresc. - -

Wie ich der Lie - - be ab -
 As love by me was once

f dim. - - pp

P. +

ALB.

- ge - sagt, Al - les was lebt
 for - sworn, All that have life

soll ihr ent - sa - - gen! Mit
 shall eke for - swear it! En -

Gol - - de ge - kirrt, nach Gold, nur sollt ihr noch gie - - ren!
 chant - - ed by gold, the greed for gold shall en - slave you!

Auf
 On

ALB.

won - ni - gen Höh'n, in se - li - gem We - ben wiegt — ihr
 glo - ri - ous heights a - - bide ye in glad - ness, rocked — in

Mässig langsam.

p dolce

più p

pp

euch; den Schwarzal - ben ver - ach - tet ihr e - - wi - gen Schwel - ger!
 bliss; the dark elves ye dis - dain in your rev - els e - ter - nal!

Schnell.

(frei)
(with freedom)

Habt Acht! Habt Acht!
 Be - ware! Be - ware!

Denn dient ihr Männer erst meiner Macht, eures schmucken
 For first your men shall bow to my might, then your winsome

ritard.

più p

pp

ff

ff dim. p

Frau'n, die mein Frein verschmäht, sie zwingt zur Lust sich der Zwerg, lacht Lie - be ihm nicht!
 women, who my wooing des - pised, shall yield to Al - berich's force, though love be his foe!

Sehr schnell.

p

cresc.

(wild lachend.)
(laughing savagely.)

ALB.

Ha ha ha ha! Habt ihr's gehört? Habt Acht!
Ha ha ha ha! Hear ye my word? Be-ware!

Habt Acht! vor dem näch - li - chen Heer, ent -
Be - ware! of the hosts of the night, when

steigt des Nib - lungen Hort aus stum - mer Tie - - - fe zu
ri - ses the Nib - lung hoard from si - lent deeps to the

LOGE.

(dazwischen tretend.)
(stepping between them)

WOTAN.

(auffahrend.)
(violently)

Seidoch bei Sinnen!
Lose not thy senses!

ALB. *f*

Vergeh! frevelnder Gauch!
A-way, impious wretch!

Tag!
day!

Wassagt der?
Whatsays he?

LOGE.

(zu Alberich)
(to Alberich)

Wen doch fass - te nicht Wun - der,
Who were not seized with won - der,

p *cresc.* *fp* *P.* +

er - fährt er Al - be-rich's Werk? Ge - hingt deiner
be - hold - ing Al - be-rich's work? If on - ly thy

p *fp sempre stacc.* *P.* +

herr - li - chen List, was mit dem Hor - te du hei - - schest: den
craft can a - chieve all thou dost hope of the trea - - sure: the

p *P.* +

Mäch - tig - sten muss ich dich rüh - men; denn Mond und Stern; und die
might - i - est then must I call thee, for moon and stars and the

p *p* *p*

LOGE.

zag - te zitternd dein Volk: — doch, wenn im
trem-bling covered thy folk: — but, in thy

Schlaf ein Dieb dich be - schlich, den Ring schlan dir ent -
sleep a thief might sink by and steal sly - ly the

LOGE.

riss' — wie wahr-test du Wei-ser dich dann?
ring — how, craf-ty one, then wouldst thou speed?

ALB.

Der
 The

lis - tigste dünkt sich Lo - ge; an - dre denkt er im - mer sich
deep-est one Lo - ge deems him; o - thers takes he e - ver for

ALB.

dumm: dass sein'ich be - dürf-te zu Rath und Dienst, um har-ten Dank, das hör - te der
fools: that e'er I should need him, and dear-ly pay for word and aid, that fain would the

p *cresc.* *p*

Dieb jetzt gern! Den heh-len-den Helm er-sann ich mir selbst; der sorglichste
thief now hear! This co-ver-ing helm my-self I con-ceived: the cunning-est

Langsamer

più p *sempre più p* *pp* *u.c.*

Schmied, Mi - - - me musst'ihn mir schmieden: schnell mich zu wan-deln,
smith, Mi - - - me, forced I to forge it: swift-ly to change me,

p *P.* *immer pp*

nach meinem Wunsch die Ge-stalt mir zu tau-schen, taugt der Helm. Nie-mand
in - to all shapes at my will to transform me, serves the helm. None can

ALB.

(gedehnt.)
(slower.)

sieht mich, wenn er mich sucht; doch über-all bin ich, ge-borgen dem Blick. So, oh-ne Sor-ge bin ich selbst
see me, though he may seek; yet ev'ry-where am I, though hidden from sight. So, free from care, not e-ven thy

The first system of the musical score shows the vocal line for Alberich in the upper staff and the piano accompaniment in the lower staves. The piano part includes a 't.c.' (tutti) marking and a dynamic of 'p' (piano).

si-cher vor dir, du fromm sor-gender Freund!
craft need I fear, thou kind, pro-vi-dent friend!
Wieder schnell.

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a dynamic change from 'p' to 'f' (forte) and includes a 'cresc.' (crescendo) marking. The tempo instruction 'Wieder schnell.' is present.

LOGE

Vie-les sah ich, Selt-sames fand ich, doch sol-ches
Ma-ny won-ders oft have I looked on, but such a

The third system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for Loge. The piano part includes a dynamic of 'p' and a 'cresc.' marking.

Wun-der ge-wahrt' ich nie. Dem Werk oh-ne Glei- - - chen
mar-vel ne'er met my eyes. This work with-out e - - - qual,

The fourth system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a dynamic of 'p' and a 'cresc.' marking.

LOGE.

kann ich nicht glau - - - ben; wä - re dies ei - ne mög - lich, dei - ne
none would be - lieve in; couldst thou but work this won - der, thy

LOGE.

Macht wahr - te dann e - - - wig!
ALB. might then were un - end - - - ing!

Mein'st du, ich lüg' und prah - le wie
Think'st thou I lie and boast me like

Bis ich's ge - prüft be - zweifl' ich, Zwerg dein Wort.
Till it is proved I trust not, dwarf, thy word.

Lo - - - ge?
Lo - - - ge?

Vor
Art

ALB.

Klug - heit bläht sich zum plat - zen der Blö - de! Nun pla - gedich Neid! Bestimm', in welcher Ge -
puffed up with pru - dence, fool, well nigh to burst - ing! Then en - vy me now! Command, and say in what

LOGE.

In wel-cher du willst; nur mach' vor Staunen mich stumm!
Be shaped as thou wilt; but make me dumb with a - maze!

ALB.

stalt soll ich jach vor dir steh'n?
shape I shall present-ly stand?

Mässig lang-
sam.

pp
u.c.

ALB. (setzt den Helm auf.)
(puts the Tarnhelm on his head.)

(Sogleich verschwindet er.)
(He immediately disappears.)

"Riesenwurm win-de sich rin-gelnd!"
"Dragon dread, wind thee and coil thee!"

ppp

(Statt seiner windet sich eine ungeheure Riesenschlange am Boden, sie bäumt sich, und sperrt den aufgerissenen Rachen auf Wotan und Loge zu.)
(In his place a huge serpent writhes on the floor; it lifts its head and stretches its open jaws toward Wotan and Loge.)

Langsam und schleppend.

p *molto cresc.*

LOGE.

(stellt sich von Furcht ergriffen.)
(pretends to be seized with terror.)

O - he! O - he!
 O - he! (lachend.)
(laughing.) O - he!

WOTAN

Etwas lebhafter.

Ha-ha-ha!
 Ha-ha-ha!

Ha-ha-
 Ha-ha-

piu f *P.* *P.*

LOGE.

Schreck - li - che Schlange, verschlin - ge mich nicht! Scho - ne Lo - gen das Le - ben!
 Ter - ri - ble dra - gon, oh, swal - low me not! Spare his life but to Lo - ge!

WOTAN.

ha! Gut, Al - be - rich! Gut, du Ar - ger! Wie
 ha! Good, Al - be - rich! Good, thou ras - cal! How

P.

(Die Schlange verschwindet; statt ihrer erscheint so gleich Alberich wieder in seiner wirklichen Gestalt.)
 (The dragon disappears and immediately Alberich is seen in his place.)

WOTAN.

wuchs so rasch zum rie - si - gen Wur - me der Zwerg!
 quick - ly grew the dwarf to the dra - gon so dread!

ff

dim.

ALB.

He - he! ihr Klu - gen! glaubt ihr mir nun?
 He - he! ye doubt - ers! trust ye me now?
 Wieder schnell.

più p

LOGE.

(mit zitternder Stimme.)
 (in a trembling voice.)

Mein Zit tern mag dir's be - zeu - gen! Zur gros - sen Schlan - ge
 My trem - bling tru - ly may prove it! A gi - - ant snake thou

sp

fp

LOGE.

schufst du dich schnell: weil ich's ge-wahrt, wil-lig glaub' ich dem Wun - - der.
straight didst be - come: now I have seen, surely must I be - lieve it.

Doch, wie du
But, as thou

wuch - - sest, kannst du auch win - zig und klein dich
grew - - est, canst al - so shape thee quite small and

schaffen? Das Klüg - ste schien mir das, Ge-fah - renschlau zu ent-fliehu: das a-ber
slender? The shrewd - est way were that, me-thinks, all danger to es - cape: that, tru-ly,

LOGE

dünkt mich zu schwer.
ALB. would be too hard.

Zu schwer dir, weil du zu dumm! Wie
Too hard for thee, dull as thou art! How

Dass die feinste Klin-ze dich fas-se wo bang die Krö-te sich
That the smallest cranny could hold thee, where a frightened toad might be

klein soll ich sein?
small shall I be?

birgt.
hid.

Pah! nichts leichter!
Pah! nought simpler!

Lu-ge du her!
Look at me now!

"Krumm-und-grau"
"Crook-ed toad,

Langsamer

ALB. Er verschwindet; die Götter gewahren im Gestein eine Kröte auf sich zu kriechen)
(He disappears. The gods perceive a toad on the rocks, crawling towards them)

krie-che Krö-te!
creep thou hi-ther!"

Ein wenig lebhafter

(Wotan setzt seinen Fuss auf die Kröte; Loge fährt ihr nach dem Kopfe und hält den Tarnhelm in der Hand.)
 (Wotan places his foot on the toad. Loge makes for his head and holds the Tarnhelm in his hand.)

LOGE.

(zu Wotan)
 (to Wotan)

Dort, die Krö - tel! Grei - fe sie rasch!
 There, grasp quickly! Capture the toad!

Wieder ganz schnell.

(Alberich ist plötzlich in seiner wirklichen Gestalt sichtbar geworden, wie er sich unter Wotans Fusse windet.)
 (Alberich becomes suddenly visible in his own form, writhing under Wotan's foot.)

ALB.

Halt ihn fest, bis ich ihn band.
 Hold him fast till he is bound.

O - he! Ver - flucht! Ich bin ge - fan - gen!
 O - he! Ac - curst! Now am I captive!

(Loge bindet ihm mit einem Bastseile Hände und Füße.)
 (Loge binds his hands and feet with a rope.)

Nun schnell hin -
 Now swift - ly

(Den Geknebelten, der sich wühend zu wehren sucht, fassen Beide, und schleppen
 (Both seize the prisoner, who struggles violently, and drag him to the

auf: dort ist er un - ser!
 up: there he is ours!

(Paukenwirbel auf e)
 p. +

ihn mit sich zu der Kluft, ans der sie herab kamen. Dort verschwinden sie aufwärts steigend.)
shaft by which they came down. They disappear, mounting upwards.)

First system of musical notation. The piano part (left) begins with a dynamic marking of *piu f*. The bass part (right) features a dynamic marking of *ff*. The music consists of complex chordal textures and melodic lines.

Die Scene verwandelt sich, nur in umgekehrter Weise, wie zuvor.
(The scene changes as before, only in reverse order.)

Second system of musical notation. The piano part (left) begins with a dynamic marking of *ff*. The bass part (right) features a dynamic marking of *p*. The music continues with complex textures and includes some fingerings (e.g., 3, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 1).

Third system of musical notation. The piano part (left) features a dynamic marking of *dim.*. The bass part (right) continues with complex textures and includes some fingerings (e.g., 4, 3, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 1).

Fourth system of musical notation. The piano part (left) features dynamic markings of *p*, *piu p*, and *ritard.*. The bass part (right) features a dynamic marking of *p*. The music includes some fingerings (e.g., 4, 3, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 1).

a tempo.

Fifth system of musical notation. The piano part (left) features dynamic markings of *p* and *cresc.*. The bass part (right) features a dynamic marking of *p*. The music includes some fingerings (e.g., 4, 3, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 1).

(Pauken tiefer)

Sixth system of musical notation. The piano part (left) features dynamic markings of *f* and *dim.*. The bass part (right) features a dynamic marking of *f*. The music includes some fingerings (e.g., 4, 3, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 1).

(Ambose hinter der Scene.)
(Anvils behind the scene.)

P *cresc.* *f* *dim.*

(Die Verwandlung führt wieder an den Schmieden vorbei.)
(The scene in changing again passes near the smithies.)

ff *dim.*

sempre dim. *pp*

p

Mässig bewegt.

pp *p marc.*

(Fortdauernde Verwandlung nach oben.)
(Continuous change of scene upwards.)

Etwas belebter.

Musical score for the first system. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 3/8. The piece begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The bass line features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with fingerings 1 2 1 2. A crescendo (*cresc.*) marking is placed above the treble staff. The system concludes with a plus sign (+).

Wieder mässig.

Musical score for the second system. It consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a decrescendo (*dim.*) marking. The bass staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The system concludes with a plus sign (+).

Belebter.

Musical score for the third system. It consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The bass staff features a rhythmic pattern with fingerings 2 5 1 2 5 1. A crescendo (*cresc.*) marking is placed above the treble staff. The system concludes with a plus sign (+).

Mässig beginnend und belebend.

Musical score for the fourth system. It consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a decrescendo (*dim.*) marking. The bass staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The system concludes with a plus sign (+).

Mässig beginnend und belebend.

Musical score for the fifth system. It consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a crescendo (*cresc.*) marking. The bass staff begins with a fortissimo (*fp*) dynamic. The system concludes with a plus sign (+).

First system of musical notation, featuring piano accompaniment in two staves. The music is in a key with two sharps (D major or F# minor) and a common time signature. Dynamics include *f*, *cresc.*, and *fp*. There are markings for piano (*P.*) and a plus sign (+) below the staves.

Second system of musical notation, featuring piano accompaniment in two staves. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. Dynamics include *fp*, *p*, *dim.*, and *più p*. The tempo marking *Belebend.* is present above the right-hand staff. There are markings for piano (*P.*) and a plus sign (+) below the staves.

Third system of musical notation, featuring piano accompaniment in two staves. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. Dynamics include *poco cresc.*. There are markings for piano (*P.*) and a plus sign (+) below the staves.

Fourth system of musical notation, featuring piano accompaniment in two staves. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. Dynamics include *f* and *ff*. There are markings for piano (*P.*) and a plus sign (+) below the staves.

Fifth system of musical notation, featuring piano accompaniment in two staves. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. Dynamics include *p* and *cresc.*. There are markings for piano (*P.*) and a plus sign (+) below the staves.

ff P. + ff P. +

ff stacc.

sempre ff

(Wotan und Loge, den gebundenen Alberich mit sich führend, steigen aus der Kluft herauf.)

(Wotan and Loge, bringing with them Alberich bound, come up out of the chasm.)

ff