

# **Georg Gerson**

(1790–1825)

## **Der Schiffer**

von A. L. Graf

**G.165**

**Score**

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Andante con moto

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Gesang

Forte-piano

Durch Was

The piano part consists of sustained chords in the upper two staves, with bass notes in the bottom staff. Measure 1 starts with a forte dynamic (fp). Measures 2 and 3 show a continuation of the harmonic pattern with sustained chords.

4

nächt - li - ches Dun - kel, auf schäu - men-den Wo - gen, irr' ich auf schwan - ken-dem  
hel - let das Dun - kel, was stil - let die Wo - gen, was bringt mein schwan - ken-des

p

The vocal line begins with eighth-note patterns. The piano accompaniment features sustained chords in the upper staves and bass notes in the bottom staff. Measure 5 includes a dynamic marking 'p'.

7

Schiff - lein da - hin; Pfad - los und tüc - kisch ist die un - end - li - che Wü - - - ste des  
Schiff - lein zu ihr? Pfad - los und tüc - kisch ist die un - end - li - che Wü - - - ste des

mf rf p rf p

The vocal line continues with eighth-note patterns. The piano accompaniment features sustained chords in the upper staves and bass notes in the bottom staff. Measure 8 includes dynamic markings 'mf' and 'rf p'.

11

Meers.  
Meers.

Ped.

The vocal line continues with eighth-note patterns. The piano accompaniment features sustained chords in the upper staves and bass notes in the bottom staff. Measure 12 includes a dynamic marking 'mf'. Measure 13 ends with a pedal point (Ped.) indicated by a vertical line and a star (\*).

15

Fern sind die grü - nen Hü - gel, des fern ist der Hei - math Strand; \_\_\_\_\_ die  
Dort blickt aus Hei - trer Blau - e des An - gel-ster - nes Licht! \_\_\_\_\_ das

19

Nacht mit schwarz - zem Flü - gel deckt mir mein Ju - gend - land.  
ist der Stern der Treu - e, der weicht und wan - ket nicht.

23

Am Meer - ge - sta - de wei - net die  
Und aus den Flu - then stei - get der

27

hol - de Braut um mich, \_\_\_\_\_ ihr Schmer - zens - ruf ver - ei - net der  
Stern, der Lieb' her - auf; mit gold - nem Strah - le zei - get es

31

Wo - gen-don - ner sich.  
mir des Schiff - leins Lauf.

Mich  
Und

*p*

35

sucht auf wei - tem Mee - re ihr sehn - sucht-svol - ler Blick. Sie  
Lieb' und Treu be - sie - gen der Wo - gen Un - be - stand. Schon

*mf*

39

ruft: Ge-lieb - ter keh - re, ach! keh - re doch zu - rück, ach! keh - re  
seh' ich vor mir lie - gen das hei - math - li - che

*rf*

*pf*

43

doch zu - rück. Land, das hei - math - li - che

*p*

*fp*

*pf*

*p*

44

Land. Es hellt sich das Dun-kel, es

48

still'n sich die Wo-gen, es flie - get mein schwan-ken-des Schiff-lein zu ihr. Un - end - li-che Won-ne, ich

52

hal - te das Mäd-chen an klop - fen-der Brust, ich hal - te das Mäd - chen an klop-fen-der

56 poco rallentando

Brust, ich hal - te das Mäd - chen an \_ klop - fen-der Brust. \_\_\_\_\_

## Critical notes

This score is the first modern edition of the song “Der Schiffer von A. L. Graf” (G.165) by the Danish composer “Georg Gerson” (1790–1825). The composition is dated September 16, 1819.

The sources are:

*MS* “Partiturer No. 5”, “George Gersons samling: mu 7105.0963 C II, 6b”, a collection of manuscript scores by Gerson preserved at the Royal Library of Copenhagen, Denmark. The song is found on pp. 108–110.

*COP* “Zwölf deutsche Lieder”, “C II, 140 tv. 2°. 1957-58.764”, a collection of manuscript copies written around 1825 preserved at the Royal Library of Copenhagen, Denmark. The song is found on pp. 71–73.

Ms. “Mus. P 1756” preserved at the municipal library of Lübeck contains a song, “Der Schiffer” to the same poem (with some variants), by the German composer Johann Heinrich Carl Bornhardt (1774–1843). Ms. “Mus. P 1756” has no poet name. This editor has not been able to identify the poet, “A. L. Graf”, given in Gerson’s manuscript.

In his manuscripts Gerson made use of various shorthand notations like slashed notes representing repeated notes. Such notation types are also found in music prints from that period like Gerson’s string quartet no. 5 (G.63) published as part books 1826. The full score of this modern edition comes in two versions: a score keeping as close as possible to the original notation and an alternative, ’contemporized’ score expanding the shorthand notations. In the contemporized scores the beaming of vocal staves has been adapted to modern practices. Separate parts are contemporized as well.

When a slurred phrase obviously starts with tied notes the tie is often omitted: 

In the modern edition the tie has been added:  (G.41, String Quintet, movement 1, V11. bar 55–56.)

Performance indications within brackets and dashed ties and slurs have been added by the editor.

Bar No.	Part	Note No.	Comment
16	Solo v	1	Double-dotted ♦ note in <i>MS</i> and <i>COP</i> .