

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

(“Awake, the voice is calling us,” a.k.a. “Sleepers Awake”)

BWV 645

(itself based on BWV 140, movt. 4)

(orig. E $\flat$ major)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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The score is written for guitar in E-flat major and 3/4 time. It consists of 11 measures. The notation includes a treble staff with a *8va* (octave up) marking and a bass staff with string indicators (E, B, G, D, A, E) and fret numbers. The piece begins with a *f* (forte) dynamic and a *p* (piano) dynamic. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings. The piece concludes with a *f* (forte) dynamic and a *p* (piano) dynamic.

14

8va

I — hinge -

pp *f* *p*

17

8va

II

pp *f* *p*

4^1^4^1^4^1

20

8va

1.

f *p* *f*

2.

f *p* *f*

24

8va

2⁴4² [tr]

4²4⁴ [tr]

4²4⁴2⁴ [tr]

II (4)

27

8va

3¹1³1³1¹ [tr]

1⁰1⁰ [tr]

29

8va

[2]

tr

p

f

p

0²2⁰ 4 0 2

2⁰2⁰2⁰ [tr]

31

III

(1)

h. -- VII

(2)

2⁰2⁰2⁰ [tr]

Measures 34-43 of the musical score. The score is written for guitar, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Allegretto' and the time signature is 3/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings (p, f). The guitar part is written in standard notation, while the bass part is written in a simplified notation using numbers 0-10. The score is divided into measures 34, 37, 40, and 43. The guitar part features a variety of techniques including triplets, slurs, and dynamic changes. The bass part provides a rhythmic foundation with a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes.

46

49

51

COMMENTS: The lengths of appoggiaturas are editorial, whereas the original used non-specific flags. Dynamics are borrowed from verse 1 of the vocal version (BWV 140, movt. 4). After the repeat, they have been reconstructed by this arranger as needed (being originally incomplete in verse 2, and missing afterward).

SOURCES (organ version BWV 645, except as noted):

- US-PRscheide 26.2 - Bach's personal copy ('Handexemplar') of the first edition, with various hand corrections. Recovered in the 1970s, except first page is still missing.
- Bach-Gesellschaft Ausgabe, Band 25 (pp.63-65), edited by Wilhelm Rust, Leipzig: Breitkopf und Härtel, 1878. Plate B.W. XXV. - An edition based on the Handexemplar, made before the first page was lost.
- Preface to same, pages xvi-xvii. This lists the details that Bach had corrected or edited on the Handexemplar.
- A-Wn SH J. S. Bach 40 - Another print (Oley's) of the first edition. This too includes hand corrections, mostly but not entirely the same. The bracketed ornaments of m25b4, m39, and m49 are from this.
- D-LEb Peters PM 5694 - An uncorrected print of the first edition.
- D-LEb Thomana 140 - A set of parts for the cantata BWV 140. Used for dynamics as noted above.