Symphony no. 85

Movement 2: Romance

Joseph Haydn

arranged by Paul De Bra for accordion orchestra or quintet (1, 2, 3, 4, bass)

Symphony no. 85 by Joseph Haydn is named "la Reine" (the Queen). From this symphony the second movement is a nice Romance. It is not difficult at all, but care has to be taken to play the series of grace notes correctly. There are a lot of repeats, which makes this movement long and repetitive. The whole movement takes about 7:30 min, but if you omit all repeats it is only about 4 minutes. The arrangement can be played by a quintet without difficulty, but a larger ensemble can use diviso to make it sound better. (For instance, an LMH or 16-8-4 register can be replaced by separating it into LM and MH or 16-8 and 8-4 which emphasizes the M (8) a bit better.

A recording by Professor P is available on YouTube. This is a quintet recording (no diviso anywhere).

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Joseph Haydn arr. Paul De Bra

Allegretto (e leggiero) = ca. 60 Duration ca. 7:30, but without repeats only about 4 min.















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