

Bitten, Op. 48, No. 1

Christian Fürchtegott Gellert (1715-1769)

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Feierlich und mit Andacht

Piano

p *cresc.*

The piano introduction consists of six measures. The right hand features a series of chords and moving lines, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The dynamics start at *p* and increase to *cresc.* by the end of the section.

7

p

Gott, dei - ne Gü - te reicht so weit, so
O Lord, thy love is in - fi - nite and

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Measures 7-12 contain the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto register, with lyrics in German and English. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and chords in the right hand. Dynamics are marked *p*.

13

p

weit die Wol - ken ge - hen; du krönst uns mit Barm -
high - er than the heav - en: Thy lov - ing - kind - ness

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cresc. *p*

Measures 13-18 continue the vocal and piano accompaniment. The vocal line repeats the previous phrase. The piano accompaniment features a *cresc.* marking in the left hand and *p* in the right hand.

19

- her - zig-keit, und eilst, uns bei - zu - ste - hen.
crowns our heads; thy love is free - ly - giv - en.

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und eilst, uns bei - zu - ste - hen.
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25

Herr! mei - ne Burg, mein Fels, mein Hort, ver -
O Lord, my rock, my strength, my tow'r, in -

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cresc.

31

- nimm mein Flehn, merk auf mein Wort; denn ich will vor dir
- cline thine ear, at - tend my_ prayer: be near me as I

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cresc. *p*

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be - ten, denn ich will vor dir be - ten.
wor - ship, be near me as I wor - ship.

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cresc. *sf* *p* *decresc.* *pp*