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HOMAGE TO HANDEL

54 Studies in Variation Form

FOR ORGAN

ON A GROUND BASS OF

HANDEL

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THIS work owes its inception to the last movement of Handel's G minor Suite for pianoforte, from which certain figures as well as the three themes combined in Variation 54 are taken.

The dedication is intended to be an expression of thanks for the honour done the composer by his election in 1914 as honorary member of the Royal College of Organists. The memory of the great master Handel, whom both England and Germany claim as their own, has been invoked as a symbol of the close ties which bind English and German music.

The registration and manual marks are not to be taken as strictly binding. For smaller organs the colour scheme must be reduced in a logical manner; it may even be necessary to omit some of the Variations. But the registration given will serve as an important indication of a definitely thought-out tonal plan, necessitated by idiomatic and technical features. Side by side with typical organ effects will be found purely "Orchestral" Variations (Var. 20, Gamba Solo; Var. 21, Duet; Var. 22, Quartet; Var. 29, Flute Solo; Var. 32, Flute Duologue; Var. 37, Quartet; Var. 43, Wood-Wind Quartet; Var. 44, Trumpet ensemble; Var. 45, Brass Band), which are to be played as far as possible with "unmixed" natural colours. Special notice is directed to the delightful harmonic (aliquot) combinations of which I always make a strong feature, with or without the middle register (16-ft. and 4-ft., 16-ft. and 2-ft., 8-ft. and $2\frac{2}{3}$ -ft., 16-ft., 8-ft. and $1\frac{3}{4}$ -ft., 8-ft. and $1\frac{1}{4}$ -ft., &c.). The small registers seldom found to-day (2-ft., 1-ft., $1\frac{1}{3}$ -ft., $\frac{4}{5}$ -ft.), which must be voiced very delicately and are mostly required on the Choir and Swell (enclosed in Swell boxes), are to be obtained by playing on 4-ft., 2-ft., $2\frac{2}{3}$ -ft., $1\frac{3}{5}$ -ft. stops an octave higher. They demand a neutral 16-ft., so that, played an octave higher, the effect is 8-ft. This, and several other aliquot combinations arise in no sense from a desire to be "modern"; on the contrary, they are derived from *classical* colour studies, and must be considered as a resuscitation, or renaissance, and direct outcome of the specifications of Prætorius and Silbermann. They should recall the delightful, charmingly piquant, needle-sharp but silver-fine tones of the Larigot* (2-ft. and $1\frac{1}{3}$ -ft.), Zimbel (1-ft., $\frac{1}{3}$ -ft., and $\frac{1}{2}$ -ft.), Bifara (8-ft. and 2-ft.), Bock-Spill- and Schwegelpfeiff, Nasard† ($2\frac{2}{3}$ -ft.), Sifflet (1-ft.), and Pedal-Zimbel (16-ft. and 1-ft.). They are the true colour expression of virtuoso ornament and grace playing (*fioriture*), of the percussion of the Glockenspiel (Zimbelstern), and the dainty, rococo-styled Cembalo and Lute figures in which the organ music of the 16th to the 18th centuries is so rich.

The organ of to-day can reproduce a great number of these old colour effects if one plays an octave higher and omits the 8-ft. register.

The Variations, which should if possible be played without omissions, fall into three major groups:—

- A. Var. 1-19 (Hallelujah). In general a sustained  up to .
- B. Var. 20-28. Delicate solo stops of chamber music transparency, Echo effects, courtly figures in the olden style.
- C. Var. 29-54. Beginning with the old "Portative," steadily increasing to the pompous brilliance of the modern *tutti*.

The last Variation combines the three original themes of Handel.

* Ninteenth (Æoline).

† Twelfth (Gemshorn).

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Lento lugubre ed indeciso

MANUAL

Sw. *ppp* *lugubre*

PEDAL

pp Stopped 32', 16' & 8', Sw. coupled

② *pp* *mistico*

③ Sw. Soft String tone

p

Ch. Stopped 8'

④ *p*

(add 16' *pp*)

Un poco più mosso

⑤

p Sw. 16' & 4' Flutes (without 8')

p Ch. & Sw. to Ped.

Grazioso e risvegliato

⑥

16', 8' & 2' Flutes (without 4')

quasi pizz.

Capriccioso

⑦

p add Tenth, 13' (without 2') quasi "Cymbal"

Ancora più tranquillamente

⑧ Flute 8'

mf *sonore*

String tone 8' (Gamba or Violoncello)

add 8'

⑨ Diapason 8'

sonore

⑩ *Più mosso*

mf

16' & 4' (Clarion)

⑪ *mf* G[♯] 16' & 8' (String tone)

Con moto

⑫

add 4' (16' & 4' with or without 8')

quasi pizz.

Più Allegro

13

16' & Mixture (*p*)

Couple Man. to Ped.

Più mosso

14

Gt (without Mixtures) 16', 8' & 2'

Vivace leggiero

15

p Ch. 16' & 4' (quasi "Cembalo")

secco

Sempre vivo

(16) Sw. 16', 8', 4' & 2' (without Reeds)
f
f Gt (without Reeds)
 add Trumpet 8'

Con umore

(17) Gt Full Sw. coupled Sw. Gt
grottesco
 Ped. Full (Reeds 32', 16', 8' & 4')

18

ff Gt add Mixtures & Cymbel

19 *Poco grave*

fff Full Org.

fff

lunga

[“Halle-lu-jah”] Sw. *fff* Gt allargando decresc. -

decresc. -

p

p

20 *Tempo di Sarabanda (Ciacona)*
Largo

Gamba or Violoncello Solo *mf*

*) *)

*) = sempre tranquillo, = stretto.

First system of musical notation, measures 1-4. The music is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth-note triplets and sixteenth-note patterns. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and eighth notes. A third staff at the bottom is empty.

21 *Più mosso (Andantino giusto)*

Second system of musical notation, measures 5-8. The tempo and mood change to *Più mosso (Andantino giusto)*. The right hand continues with melodic lines and triplets. The left hand has a bass line with notes and rests. A third staff is labeled "Flute 4' Solo" and contains a melodic line.

p

sonore

Flute 4' Solo

Third system of musical notation, measures 9-12. The piano accompaniment continues with similar melodic and harmonic patterns as the previous system.

Fourth system of musical notation, measures 13-16. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final melodic phrase and a key signature change to B major in the final measure.

Più mosso

(22) Flutes 8' (quasi 2 Fl. Soli)

String tone *quasi Vcl.*

Reeds (quasi Ob. da Caccia)
4' Solo

This system contains measures 22, 23, and 24. Measure 22 features a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a rhythmic accompaniment. Measure 23 continues the melodic line in the treble and the accompaniment in the bass. Measure 24 shows the melodic line ascending and then descending, with the accompaniment providing a steady pulse. The tempo is marked *Più mosso*.

This system contains measures 25, 26, and 27. The melodic line in the treble staff continues its ascent and then descends. The bass staff maintains the rhythmic accompaniment. The tempo remains *Più mosso*.

This system contains measures 28, 29, and 30. Measure 28 shows the melodic line with some chromatic movement. Measure 29 continues the melodic line. Measure 30 ends with a *(non arpeggiato)* marking. The tempo is *Più mosso*.

without 4'

Più lento, quasi largo

(23)

pp mistico
Sw. Voix Cel. 8' Solo

(quasi Campanelli)

16' & 1' (or 2') or 16' & Campano coupled

This system contains measures 31, 32, 33, and 34. Measure 31 features a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a rhythmic accompaniment. Measure 32 continues the melodic line. Measure 33 shows the melodic line ascending and then descending. Measure 34 ends with a *pp mistico* marking. The tempo is *Più lento, quasi largo*.

Largo
Ch. 16' & String tone 4'
(without 8')

24

ben articolare

Stopped 8'
Gt. (or Rohrflöte 8')

* (quasi Echo)

Ch.

Gt.

(ad lib.)

Sw. Voix Cel. 8' & 16'

* Waldflöte 2'

* The Echo passages may, if desired, be played on the pedals with a Waldflöte 2'. It will then be necessary to move the < and > a crotchet earlier, unless an assistant is present to undertake the Swell pedal.

10

*Lostesso tempo
quasi largo*

Sw. sempre 16' & Voix Cel. 8'

(25)

ben articolare

Ch. or Gt

Cor de Nuit or Quintatön (= Flute 8' & Twelfth *p*)

rall.

(26)

mp Sw. 16' & 4' (String tone)
(Box open)

p Ch. 16' & 4' Flutes
& Cor de Nuit (or
(closed) Quintatön)

Sw.

Ch.

Sw.

Ancora lento

(27)

(closed)
Sw. Stopped 16', Flute 8' Piccolo 2'
(without 4') quasi "Campanelle"

Ancora un pochettino mosso

(28)

Stopped 16' & Tierce Flute 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ ' above (quasi "Cymbal")

rapido

lunga

lunga

PPP 16'

29 *Sempre quieto*

Ch. *ppp* Lieblich Gedackt 8' Solo (or Liebl. Flute 4' 8va bassa) quasi "Portativo" *rit.*

Ch. soft 4' alone (no 8')

30 (quasi Aliquota)
pp Sw. soft 8'
mf

p Ch. & Sw. to Ped. (without Ped. stops)

Più mosso
Gt Fl. 8'

31 Ch. Fl. 8' & 4' *p*
Sw. (16' &) 8' *p*

8' 4' Ch. coupled
(without Sw. to Ped.)

32 *Gajo, semplice*

Ch. or Sw. 8' & 4' Gedackt
(*p* quasi Echo)

mf Gt Fl. 8'

(33) *Allegro*

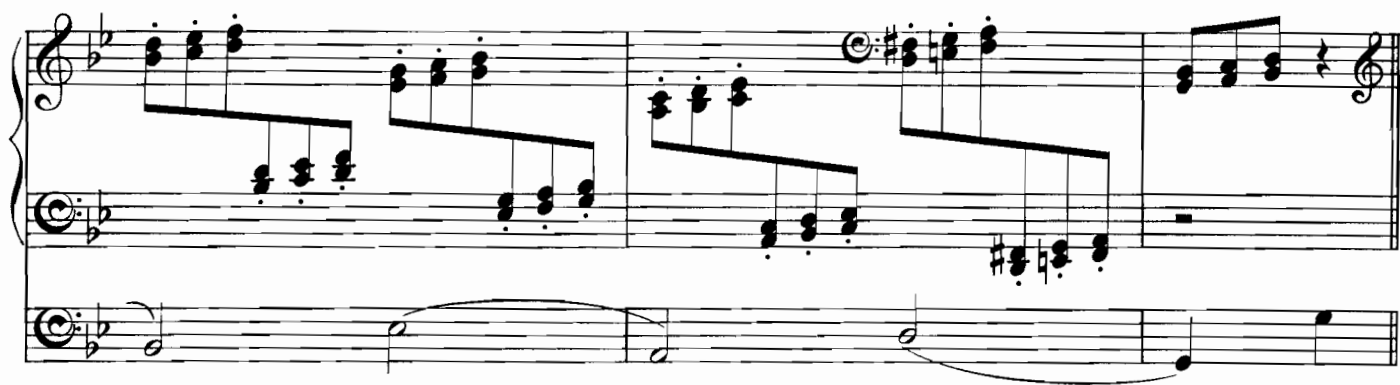
mf G¹ 8' 4'

Ped. 16'



(34) *Presto* ($\frac{2}{2}$)

f add 16' (8' 4')



(35) *Sempre brillante* ($\frac{2}{2}$)

8' 2'

f

mf



*Lostesso tempo (presto)*16' & 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ ' (quasi Xylophon)

36

p (Reeds 8')

37 *Sempre più mosso*

String tone (or 16' 8va higher)

p Gamba 8' Solo

*Prestissimo*Sw. 16' 8' & 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' (Seventh)

38

(Rückpositiv)
p Ch. 16' Reed (or 8' 8va. lower)
(Brustwerk or Regal)

39 *Sempre prestissimo e spiccato*

(Sw. (closed))
(quasi "Spinetta")
pp
G^t Stopped Diap. Sw. to G^t

40 *Larghetto serio*

G^t 16' & 8'
p
8' alone (Gamba)

Lo stesso tempo

41
Sw. Vox Humana 8', Echo Bourdon 8',
Tremulant (with or without 16' *pp*)
Ch. 8' & 4' Flutes
p add 16'

*Lostesso tempo*42 Sw. Vox Humana 8', 16' & 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ '

mf
sonore

G $\sharp$ Reeds 8'

43 *Poco più mosso*

Cor de Nuit or Clarionet (or Corno di Bassetto)

mf

44 *Risoluto*G $\sharp$ Trumpet 8'

f

(without G $\sharp$ to Ped.)

45 *Imperiale e pomposo*G $\sharp$ Full Reedwork only (16', 8' & 4')

ff

Solo, Tuba 8' & Clarion 4'

ff Trombone 16', Solo coupled

Allegro con bravura

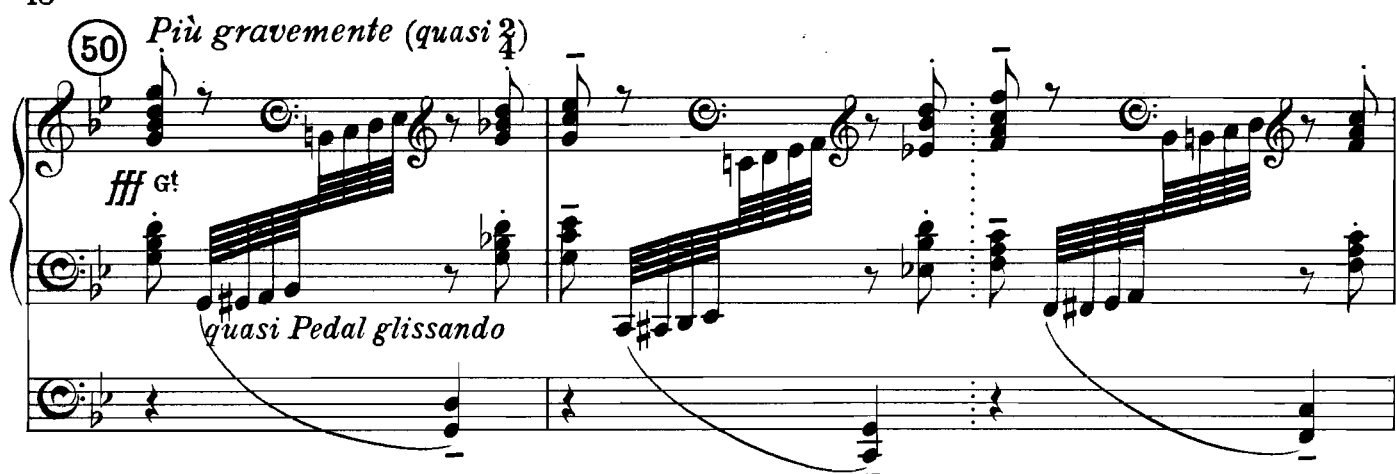
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Pedal Solo

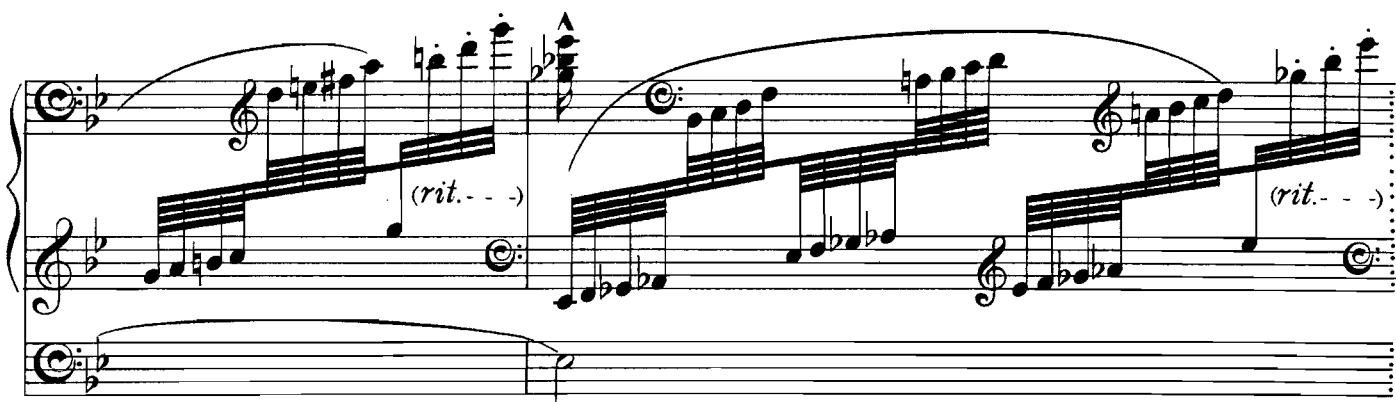
50 *Più gravemente (quasi 2)*

ff *Gt*

quasi Pedal glissando



51 *Tempestoso*



First system of musical notation. It features a grand staff with three staves. The top staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The middle and bottom staves have bass clefs. The music consists of a series of ascending and descending eighth-note runs, with some measures containing beamed sixteenth notes. A slur covers the first two measures, and another slur covers the last two measures. A 'rit.' marking is present in the third measure.

Second system of musical notation. It continues the piece with similar ascending and descending eighth-note runs. A 'rit.' marking is present in the first measure, and another 'rit.' marking is present in the last measure. The system ends with a double bar line.

Third system of musical notation. It continues the piece with similar ascending and descending eighth-note runs. A '3' marking is present in the last measure, indicating a triplet. The system ends with a double bar line.

Fourth system of musical notation. It begins with a circled number '52'. The top staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The music consists of a series of ascending and descending eighth-note runs, with some measures containing beamed sixteenth notes. A 'Maestoso' marking is present above the first measure. A 'tr' marking is present above the first measure. A 'fff' marking is present below the first measure. The system ends with a double bar line.

53 *Demoniac*

Musical score for 'Demoniac' (53). The piece is in 2/4 time, marked *ff* (fortissimo). It features a piano introduction with a series of chords in the right hand and a rhythmic pattern in the left hand. The melody is characterized by sharp, accented notes and a driving, demonic feel.

54 *Trionfante e gigantesca (grave)*

Musical score for 'Trionfante e gigantesca (grave)' (54). The piece is in 2/4 time, marked *ff* (fortissimo). It features a piano introduction with a series of chords in the right hand and a rhythmic pattern in the left hand. The melody is characterized by sharp, accented notes and a driving, demonic feel.

Continuation of the musical score for 'Trionfante e gigantesca (grave)'. It features a piano introduction with a series of chords in the right hand and a rhythmic pattern in the left hand. The melody is characterized by sharp, accented notes and a driving, demonic feel.

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