

Calme des nuits / Calm Is the Night

(Die nächtliche Stille)

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Music: Camille Saint Saëns (1835–1921),
Nocturne in G major, Op. 68/1

Molto Adagio

The musical score consists of two systems of music. The top system starts with the lyrics "Calm - me des nuits, fraî - and" and continues with "cheur cool is the soun'ning, vas bound - - - less the spheres in". The bottom system starts with "Die nächtliche Stille, das Blitzen der Sterne," and continues with "cheur cool is the soun'ning, vas bound - - - less the spheres in". The piano part is indicated by a brace and the text "(für die Probe/ for rehearsals)". The tempo is Molto Adagio, and dynamics include *pp*.

French lyrics:

- Tenor (T): Calme - me des nuits, fraî - and
- Bass (B): Calme - me des nuits, fraî - and
- Klavier/Piano: Calme - me des nuits, fraî - and
- Bass (B): Calme - me des nuits, fraî - and
- Klavier/Piano: Calme - me des nuits, fraî - and

English lyrics:

- Tenor (T): Calm - me des nuits, fresh - and
- Bass (B): Calm - me des nuits, fresh - and
- Klavier/Piano: Calm - me des nuits, fresh - and
- Bass (B): Calm - me des nuits, fresh - and
- Klavier/Piano: Calm - me des nuits, fresh - and

German lyrics:

- Tenor (T): Die nächtliche Stille, das Blitzen der Sterne,
- Bass (B): Die nächtliche Stille, das Blitzen der Sterne,
- Klavier/Piano: Die nächtliche Stille, das Blitzen der Sterne,
- Bass (B): Die nächtliche Stille, das Blitzen der Sterne,
- Klavier/Piano: Die nächtliche Stille, das Blitzen der Sterne,

Es ist kaum Aufschluß Autograph. In der Erstausgabe setzen die drei oberen Stimmen nach der vorgezogenen Bass-Stimme nicht versetzt, sondern eineinhalb Takte später gemeinsam ein – das den weiteren Verlauf des Stückes bestimmende, schon in Takt 6 errungen. Das bestehende Grundmotiv geht dadurch zu Beginn verloren. / According to the autograph. In the first edition, the three upper parts do not come in successively after the early entry of the bass part, but instead come in simultaneously one and a half bars later – thus the principal motif, which determines the musical course taken by the piece and which recurs as early as bar 6 is lost at the beginning.

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semper pp

ment des mon - des, _____ grand si - lence
their bright ra - diance, _____ great the si - _____
semper pp

ment des mon - des, _____ grand si - lence des
their bright ra - diance, _____ great the si - _____ of
semper pp

ment des mon - des, _____ grand si - lence les
their bright ra - diance, _____ great the si - _____ of
semper pp

g - ruhe der lautlosen Höhlen,

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an - tres no - vous char - mez les â - mes pro -
heav'n's dark vaults cast - ing charm on spir - its of

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ihr betört die empfindsamen Gemüter.

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fon - - - - - des. L'é - clat du so -
true _____ depth. The glare of the

fon - - - - - des. L'é - clat du so -
true _____ depth. The glare of the

fon - - - - - des. L'é - clat du so -
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Der blendende Glanz der Sonne,

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leil, la gai - le bruit plai - sent aux plus fu - ti - les.
sun, men - men and noise are for the su - per - fi - cial.

leil, la gai - t , le bruit plai - sent aux plus fu - ti - les.
sun, men - men and noise are for the su - per - fi - cial.

^s leil la gai - ri - ment le bruit plai - sent aux plus fu - ti - les.
sun, men - men and noise are for the su - per - fi - cial.

leil, ga  - ri - mou le bruit plai - sent aux plus fu - ti - les.
sun, men - men and noise are for the su - per - fi - cial.

die L keit,
der L rm gefallen den Oberfl chlichen.

die Lärmschallwellen gesunken sind, der Lärm gefallen den Oberflächlichen.

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seul est han - té l'a - mour des cho - ses tran - quil -
live deep in thrall the love of all that is tran -

seul est han - té l'a - mour des cho - ses tran - quil -
live deep in thrall the love of all that is tran -

seul est han - té par l'a - mour des cho - ses tran - quil -
live in thrall to the love of all that is tran -

seul est han - té par l'a - mour des cho - ses tran - quil -
live deep in thrall to the love of all that is tran -

seul est han - té par l'a - mour des cho - ses tran - quil -
live deep in thrall to the love of all that is tran -

allein wird beherrscht

von der Liebe zu den ruhigen Dingen,

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les,
quil,
par
to
l'a -
mour
the
love

les,
quil,
par
to
l'a -

les,
quil,

les,
quil,

von der Liebe

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cho - ses tran - - - les.
all that is tran - - - quil.

cho - ses tran - - - les.
all that is tran - - - quil.

mour des ho - ses tran - - - les.
love of all that is tran - - - quil.

par to l'a - mour des cho - ses tran - - - les.
the love of all that is tran - - - quil.

zu den ruhigen Dingen.