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English:

Composed in 1868, *Unter Donner und Blitz* is one of Johann Strauss II's most spectacular polkas. True to its evocative title, the work unleashes electrifying energy, alternating brilliant outbursts with passages of sparkling agility. Sharp rhythms and striking dynamic effects vividly portray rumbling thunder and flashes of lightning across the sky.

Typical of Strauss's style, the piece combines melodic elegance with rhythmic precision while maintaining the irresistible lightness of the Viennese festive tradition. The brilliant and contrasting writing sustains excitement throughout, leading to a dazzling conclusion.

Bertrand Moren's arrangement faithfully preserves the sparkling and theatrical spirit of the original while enhancing its colors and contrasts. This version offers a fresh perspective on this fast polka, a true musical firework of the Romantic repertoire.

Français:

Composée en 1868, *Unter Donner und Blitz* est l'une des polkas les plus spectaculaires de Johann Strauss II, maître incontesté de la musique viennoise. Fidèle à son titre évocateur, l'œuvre déploie une énergie fulgurante, alternant éclats brillants et passages d'une vivacité étincelante. Le rythme incisif et les effets dynamiques saisissants traduisent avec humour et virtuosité l'image du tonnerre grondant et des éclairs fendant le ciel.

Caractéristique du style de Strauss, la pièce allie élégance mélodique et précision rythmique, tout en conservant une légèreté irrésistible propre à la tradition festive viennoise. L'écriture, brillante et contrastée, maintient une tension permanente jusqu'à une conclusion éclatante.

L'arrangement de Bertrand Moren respecte l'esprit pétillant et théâtral de l'original, tout en mettant en valeur ses couleurs et ses contrastes. Cette version permet de redécouvrir toute la fougue et le panache de cette polka rapide, véritable feu d'artifice musical du répertoire romantique.

Deutsch:

Die 1868 komponierte Polka *Unter Donner und Blitz* zählt zu den spektakulärsten Werken von Johann Strauss II. Ganz im Sinne ihres klangvollen Titels entfaltet das Stück eine elektrisierende Energie und wechselt zwischen brillanten Ausbrüchen und funkelnder Beweglichkeit. Prägnante Rhythmen und markante dynamische Effekte zeichnen eindrucksvoll das Grollen des Donners und das Aufflammen der Blitze nach.

Typisch für den Stil von Strauss verbindet das Werk melodische Eleganz mit rhythmischer Präzision und bewahrt dabei die unwiderstehliche Leichtigkeit der Wiener Festtradition. Die brillante und kontrastreiche Gestaltung hält die Spannung bis zu einem glanzvollen Schluss aufrecht.

Das Arrangement von Bertrand Moren wahrt den spritzigen und theatralischen Charakter des Originals und hebt zugleich seine klanglichen Farben und Kontraste hervor. Diese Fassung ermöglicht eine neue Begegnung mit dieser schnellen Polka – einem wahren musikalischen Feuerwerk der romantischen Epoche.



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Vivo ♩ = 154

A


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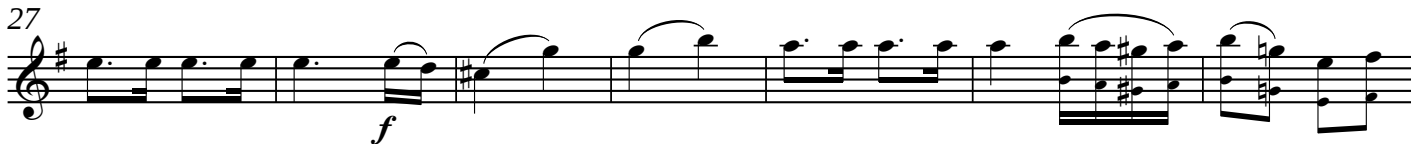
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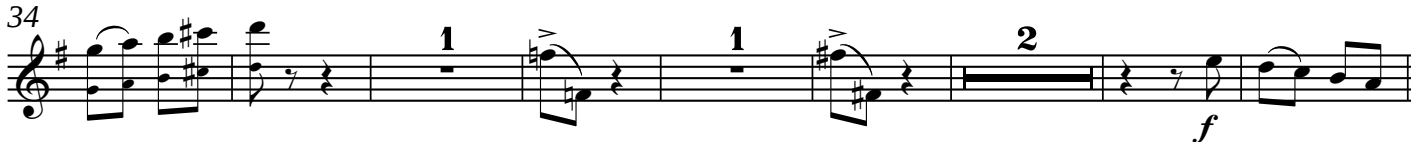
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Alto Saxophone

Piano

The musical score is written for Alto Saxophone and Piano. The Alto Saxophone part is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The Piano part is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 2/4 time signature. The score is divided into four systems, with measure numbers 9, 18, and 27 indicated at the beginning of each system. The Alto Saxophone part begins with a rest for the first 8 measures, then enters with a melody marked *p*. The Piano part begins with a melody marked *f* in the bass and *p* in the treble. The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (*f*, *p*, *cresc.*), articulation (accents), and phrasing slurs. The Alto Saxophone part has a section marked 'A' in a box above measures 1-8.

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36

Musical score for measures 36-43. The system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a whole rest, a half note A4, a whole rest, and then a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A dynamic marking *f* is present at the end of the system.

44

B

Musical score for measures 44-51. The system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a repeat sign, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. A dynamic marking *f* is present at the beginning of the system.

52

Musical score for measures 52-60. The system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line includes a first ending bracket over measures 58-59, followed by a second ending bracket and a repeat sign. The piano accompaniment features a consistent rhythmic pattern. A dynamic marking *f* is present at the beginning of the system.

61

Trio

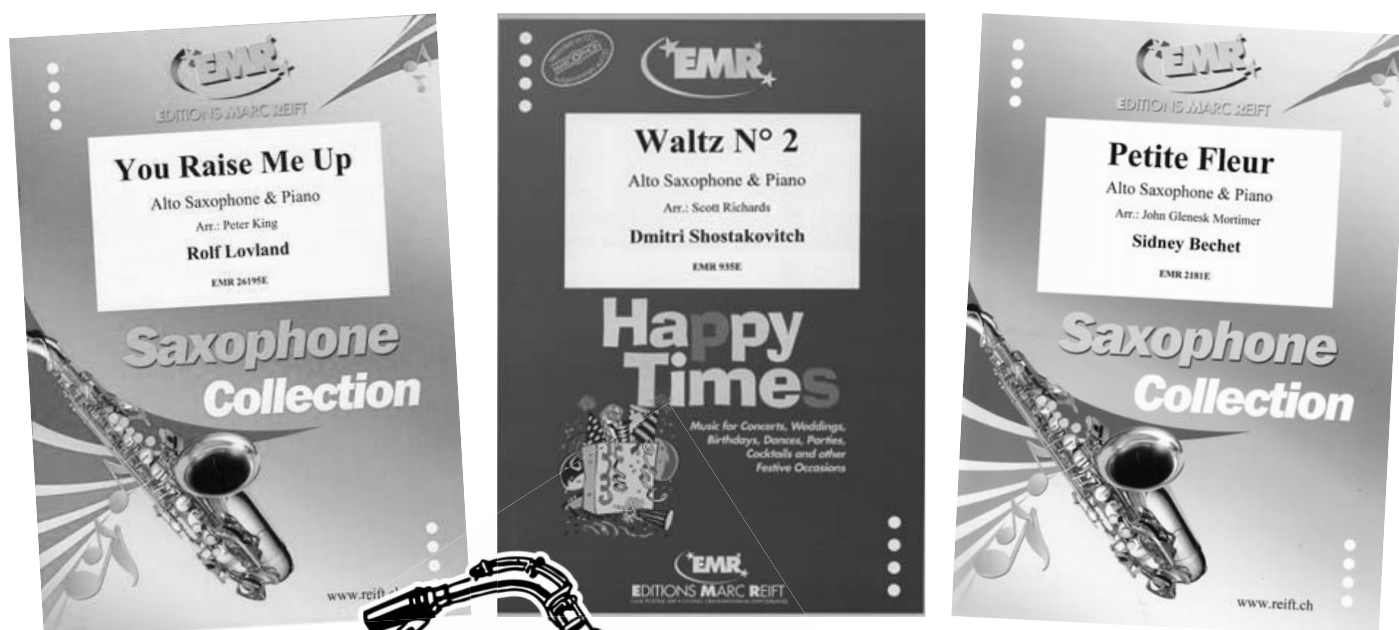
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Musical score for measures 61-68. The system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a whole rest, a half note A4, a whole rest, and then a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamic markings *f* and *mf* are present.

69

Musical score for measures 69-76. The system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, a whole rest, a half note A4, a whole rest, and then a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern.

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