

Benjamin Britten

Children's Crusade

Kinderkreuzzug

Op. 82

A Ballad
for children's voices and orchestra

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Slow and solemn (♩=100)
Lento e solenne

TUTTI PERCUSSION

1 (Tuned) *f(ff)*

2 (Rhythmic) *f dim.* (irregular patterns) *pp*

3 (Clashed) *f*

SOLO PERCUSSION

1 Small Gong
Bass Drum(variable) *ff* *dim.*

2 Cymbal(suspended)
Wood Block *ff*

3 Triangle
Side Drum *ff* (♩ = 80) *dim. and rall.*

4 Tabor, Glockenspiel
Tambourine
Bells *ff* (♩ = 112) *dim. and rall.*

5 Tenor Drum
Xylophone
Glockenspiel *ff* (♩ = 132) *dim. and rall.*

6 Scraper, Small Cymbal
Large Cymbal (suspended)
Gong, Tamtam *f*

Electronic organ *(full)* *ff*

Trebles 1,2 *ff*

CHORUS

Altos 1,2 *ff*

In Po - land, in nine-teen thir-ty - nine,
In Po - len, im Jahr Neun-und - drei-ssig

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Piano 1 *fff*

Piano 2 *fff*

TUTTI PERC.

1

2 *f dim. (similarly)* *pp*

3

SOLO PERC.

1 B.D. *ff* *dim.*

2 Cym. *p* *ff*

3 S.D. *ff* *dim. and rall.*

4 T.D. *ff* *dim. and rall.*

5 Xyl. *ff* *3* *3* *dim. and rall.*

6 T.T. *f* *(full)*

Organ *mf* *3* *ff*

CHORUS

Tr. *mf* *3* *ff marked* *3*

A. *mf* *3* *ff marked* *3*

There was the blood-i-est fight:
 War ei - ne blu-ti-ge Schlacht

Turn-ing ev-'ry town and vil-lage
 Die hat vie-le Städ-te und Dör-fer

Piano 1 *mf* *ff* *Red.*

Piano 2 *mf* *ff* *Red.*

1

TUTTI PERC.

1

2

3

f

f dim.

pp

SOLO PERC.

1 B.D.

2 Cym.

3 S.D.

4 T.D.

5 Xyl.

6 T.T.

ff

dim.

dim. and rall.

dim. and rall.

dim. and rall.

Organ

mf

ff (full)

CHORUS

Tr.

A.

mf

ff

In - to a wil - der - ness of night.
Zu ei - ner Wild - nis ge - macht.

Young sis - ters had lost their bro - thers,
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mf

fff

Red.

Piano 2

mf

fff

Red.

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