Benjamin Britten

Children's Crusade
Kinderkreuzzug
Op. 82

A Ballad
for children's voices and orchestra

Words by
BERTOLT BRECHT

English translation by Hans Keller

Written for the members of
Wandsworth School Boys' Choir (musical director Russell Burgess)
to perform on the 50th Anniversary of
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Slow and solemn (♪=100)
Lento e solenne

TUTTI PERCUSSION

1 (Tuned)
2 (Rhythmic)
3 (Clashed)

1 Small Gong / Bass Drum(variable)
2 Cymbal(suspended) / Wood Block
3 Triangle / Side Drum
4 Tabor,Glockenspiel / Tambourine / Bells
5 Tenor Drum / Xylophone / Glockenspiel
6 Scraper,Small Cymbal / Large Cymbal(suspended) / Gong,Tamtam

SOLO PERCUSSION

Electronic organ

CHORUS

Trebles 1,2

UNIS.
In Po - land, in nine-teen thir-ty - nine,
im Jahr Neun-und - dreissig

Altos 1,2

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Piano 1

Piano 2

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

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