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Molto grazioso

Piano *pp*

Measures 1-6 of the piece. The music is in 3/8 time and A minor. The right hand features a melodic line with various fingerings (5, 2, 1, 2, 5, 1, 3) and a repeat sign. The left hand provides a simple accompaniment with eighth notes.

Measures 7-13. Measure 7 begins with a first ending bracket. Measure 10 contains a first ending bracket. Measure 11 has a fingering of 5. Measure 12 has a fingering of 1. Measure 13 ends with a repeat sign.

Measures 14-19. Measure 14 has a fingering of 4. Measure 15 has a fingering of 5. Measure 16 has fingerings 3 and 2. Measure 17 has a fingering of 5. Measure 18 has a fingering of 5. Measure 19 ends with a repeat sign.

Measures 20-24. Measure 20 has a fingering of 1. Measure 21 has a fingering of 1. Measure 22 has a fingering of 5. Measure 23 has fingerings 1, 2, and 3. Measure 24 ends with a repeat sign.

26

Musical notation for measures 26-31. The system consists of two staves. The right staff (treble clef) contains a melodic line with various ornaments and fingerings (1, 4, 3, 2, 4, 4). The left staff (bass clef) contains a bass line with a flat sign and various rhythmic patterns.

32

Musical notation for measures 32-35. The system consists of two staves. The right staff (treble clef) contains a melodic line with a 5-fingered scale and various ornaments. The left staff (bass clef) contains a bass line with fingerings (2, 3, 2, 4, 1, 3, 5, 2, 4, 1) and various rhythmic patterns.

36

Musical notation for measures 36-40. The system consists of two staves. The right staff (treble clef) contains a melodic line with various ornaments and fingerings. The left staff (bass clef) contains a bass line with various rhythmic patterns and a flat sign.

41

Musical notation for measures 41-47. The system consists of two staves. The right staff (treble clef) contains a melodic line with various ornaments and fingerings. The left staff (bass clef) contains a bass line with various rhythmic patterns and a flat sign.

48

Musical notation for measures 48-53. The system consists of two staves. The right staff (treble clef) contains a melodic line with various ornaments and fingerings. The left staff (bass clef) contains a bass line with various rhythmic patterns and a flat sign.

55

Musical notation for measures 55-61. Treble clef with eighth-note patterns and slurs. Bass clef with eighth-note accompaniment and slurs.

62

Musical notation for measures 62-68. Treble clef with chords and slurs. Bass clef with eighth-note accompaniment. Fingerings: 4 2 1, 5 3, 5 3 1, 1 5, 1 4.

69

Musical notation for measures 69-75. Treble clef with chords and slurs. Bass clef with eighth-note accompaniment. Fingerings: 1 4, 2 4, 1 5, 4 1, 5 5, 1 2.

76

Musical notation for measures 76-81. Treble clef with chords and slurs. Bass clef with eighth-note accompaniment. Fingerings: 4 2 1, 3 1 5, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3.

82

8va-----

Musical notation for measures 82-87. Treble clef with eighth-note patterns and slurs. Bass clef with chords and slurs. Fingerings: 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3, 3 3.

86

93

100

Notes

There are many ways to play "Für Elise", so no markings have been made except for "Molto grazioso" (very gracefully) at the beginning, taken from a Beethoven sketch.

Many editions use "Poco moto" (a little motion) instead, probably from Ludwig Nohl who presumably saw it on the original Beethoven autograph. Several parts of the piece can favorably be played with crescendos and changes in tempo. There are also many different fingerings in circulation, so feel free to experiment and please see those listed in this sheet merely as suggestions for some passages to get a certain feel or a specific kind of tone - trying different things is part of what makes music great!

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