

Adagio grazioso

- (a) Of the nine referenced editors whose fingering indicates where to begin the trills that open and appear throughout this movement (measures 1, 3, 9, 11, 27, 29, 65, 67, 73, 75, 91, and 93), eight start on the main note each time, a realization with which this editor agrees. Only Arrau indicates starting on the upper note, and then only when the theme is in the RH. When the LH plays the theme, the trill is always preceded by one or more grace notes; in these cases, Arrau begins the trill on the main note (measures 9, 11, 73, and 75). Only Bülow attempts to write out the trill, using sextuplet thirty-second notes for each triplet eighth in the LH, ending with a five-note figure that incorporates Beethoven's written-out after-notes (*nachschlag*). Bülow allows the sextuplets to be subdivided into thirty-second-note triplets when the LH has sixteenth notes at the return of the theme in measure 65, but only as long as it takes to gain coordination of the hands, advising the player to return to thirty-second sextuplets as soon as possible.
- (b) Casella, Taylor, and Tovey express concern that the staccato notes resemble string pizzicato, thus not being too short or dry. Casella pedals the entire first beat of each measure. Tovey suggests "limited" pedal. Taylor refers only to sensitivity of touch.
- (c) The Nägeli first edition renders measure 5 as follows:

All of the referenced editors have assumed this to be an example of the many errors Beethoven complained about in the Nägeli edition and have followed the presentation that appeared in the Simrock edition, one that the composer presumably endorsed. The Simrock version brings measure 5 into conformity with measure 69. It can be noted, however, that Beethoven varies the idea in both measures 31 and 95, thus opening up the question as to whether or not the Nägeli rendition might possibly be valid.

A second issue is the notation of grace notes such as those in measure 5. Both Nägeli and Simrock use sixteenth and thirty-second notes for the most part throughout the movement. Arrau, Hauschild, Krebs, Schenker, Taylor, and Wallner have preserved this notation. The other referenced editors render all grace notes as eighth notes with a slash across the stem. Only two of the referenced editors offer advice with regard to their execution. In measure 5, Schnabel indicates playing the grace notes before the beat. Taylor suggests playing grace notes on the beat. This editor agrees with Taylor.

10

①

leggieramente

12

leggieramente

13

16

pp *cresc.* *sf* *(p)* *pp*

20

cresc. *sf* *p*

① The fingering indications 1 3 1 3 1 3 here and in measure 74 appear only in Simrock, but are presumed to be by the composer.

33 *p* *cresc.* *sf* *p* *pp*

36 *pp*

38 *cresc.* *f*

40 *dim.* *fp*

42 *fp*

(h) Schnabel and Taylor recommend playing double grace notes rapidly on the beat, as well as those in the following section (measures 42, 44, 46, and 48). The accent, however, should remain on the main note in each case. This editor prefers the grace notes before the beat.

44

Musical score for measures 44-45. The piece is in a minor key. Measure 44 features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand and a descending eighth-note scale in the left hand. Measure 45 features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand and a descending eighth-note scale in the left hand. The dynamic marking *fp* is present in measure 45. Fingering numbers 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1 are shown in the left hand of measure 44, and 1, 2, 4 are shown in the right hand of measure 45.

46

Musical score for measures 46-47. Measure 46 features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand and a descending eighth-note scale in the left hand. Measure 47 features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand and a descending eighth-note scale in the left hand. The dynamic marking *fp* is present in measure 47. Fingering numbers 2, 3, 5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 3, 2, 1 are shown in the right hand of measure 46, and 1, 3, 5 are shown in the left hand of measure 46.

48

Musical score for measures 48-49. Measure 48 features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand and a descending eighth-note scale in the left hand. Measure 49 features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand and a descending eighth-note scale in the left hand. The dynamic marking *fp* is present in measure 49. Fingering numbers 3, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 4 are shown in the left hand of measure 48, and 1, 2, 4, 1, 3, 5, 2 are shown in the right hand of measure 49.

50

Musical score for measures 50-51. Measure 50 features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand and a descending eighth-note scale in the left hand. Measure 51 features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand and a descending eighth-note scale in the left hand. The dynamic marking *fp* is present in measure 50. Fingering numbers 4, 1, 1, 2, 4, 1, 3, 5, 2 are shown in the left hand of measure 50, and 3, 1, 1, 3, 5, 1, 2, 4 are shown in the right hand of measure 51.

52

Musical score for measures 52-53. Measure 52 features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand and a descending eighth-note scale in the left hand. Measure 53 features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand and a descending eighth-note scale in the left hand. The dynamic marking *cresc.* is present in measure 52, and *f* is present in measure 53. Fingering numbers 5, 3, 4, 2, 1, 5, 2, 1, 4, 2, 1 are shown in the right hand of measure 52, and 1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 1, 2 are shown in the left hand of measure 53.

54

Musical score for measures 54-56. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff contains a melodic line with various ornaments and fingerings (3 2, 5 3 2, 4 2 1, 5 3 2, 4 3 1, 4 2, 5 2 1). The lower staff contains a bass line with fingerings (1, 1, 1, 2, 1 5). A *dim.* marking is present in the upper staff towards the end of the system.

57

Musical score for measures 57-59. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff features a melodic line with fingerings (4 3 2, 5 3 2, 4 1, 5 1, 5 1, 4 1, 3 1, 4 2, 3 1, 4 2) and dynamic markings *pp* and *sf*. The lower staff contains a bass line with a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

60

Musical score for measures 60-63. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a melodic line with fingerings (4 2 1, 3 2 1, 4 2 1, 4-5 2 1) and a *dim.* marking. The lower staff features a bass line with a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

64

Musical score for measures 64-65. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a melodic line with fingerings (4-5 2 1, 3 1, 5 2, 4 1, 2 1) and dynamic markings *cresc.* and *p*. The lower staff contains a bass line with a steady eighth-note accompaniment and fingerings (2 1 1 1 2 1 3, 4 5).

66

Musical score for measures 66-68. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a melodic line with a *tr* marking. The lower staff contains a bass line with a steady eighth-note accompaniment and fingerings (1 5, 2 3, 1 3).

68

Musical score for measures 68-69. The right hand features a melodic line with a slur over measures 68-69. The left hand plays a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes. Fingerings are indicated: 1 5, 2 3, 1 3, 5 2 3 1, 1 2 1.

70

Musical score for measures 70-71. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and accents. The left hand plays a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes. Dynamics include *cresc.* and *sf*. Fingerings include 2 4, 2 5, 2 5, 4 1, 3 1, 3.

72

Musical score for measures 72-73. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and accents. The left hand plays a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes. Fingerings include 5 1-2, 4 1, 3 1, 4, 2 3 5 3.

74

Musical score for measures 74-75. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and accents. The left hand plays a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes. The instruction *leggieramente* is present. Fingerings include 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1, 2 4 1 3 2 4 1, 1 3, 1 3, 2 3, 3.

76

Musical score for measures 76-77. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and accents. The left hand plays a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes. The instruction *leggieramente* is present. Fingerings include 2 4 1 3 2 4 1, 1 3, 1 3, 5 3, 1 3, 2 3 5 1.

77

79

81

83

86

sf

pp

cresc.

pp

p

pp

(cresc.)

sf

p

(i)

- (i) Slurring across the bar line between measures 87 and 88, as well as 88 and 89, occurs in both Nägeli and Simrock, making the articulation different from that in measures 23–24 and 24–25. Bülow, Casella, Kohler, Schnabel, and Tovey present both places with across-the-bar phrasing. Schenker renders both with phrases ending at bar lines. D'Albert, Arrau, Hauschild, Krebs, Martienssen, Taylor, and Wallner preserve the differentiated slurring.

101 ^(m)

103

106

108

- (m) Twelve of the referenced editors indicate using B-flat as the upper note of the first trill. Casella argues for the B-natural, not only because no indication of B-flat is in either Nägeli or Simrock, but also because he deems the harmony to be functioning in the key of C major, pointing to the other B-naturals in the same measure. The referenced editors all agree that these trills begin on the main note. Bülow suggests a seven-note figure, a workable solution:

- (n) An erroneous tradition exists of placing a *p* in measure 108, sometimes preceded by a diminuendo indication in measure 107. These indications do not appear in either Nägeli or Simrock. D'Albert, Bülow, Kohler, Martienssen, and Schenker make this error, while Arrau, Casella, Schnabel, Taylor, and Tovey point to the error and advise continuing with the *f* of measure 106. Wallner puts it in parenthesis in her 1953 edition, but deletes in the 1980 printing.

The LH trills in measures 108 and 110 should begin on the main note according to the fingering of all of the referenced editors except Arrau, who reverts to his preference for beginning trills on the upper note on the downbeats of both measures. As before, Bülow suggests sextuplet thirty-second notes, incorporating the after-notes (*nachschlag*) in the last set.

110

112

114

117

- Ⓞ Nägeli and Simrock present different patterns of sforzandi in measures 111, 112, and 113. Both place the *sf* on the LH G in measure 111. Nägeli shows two *sf* marks in measure 112, one on the LH A-flat on beat 4, and one on the RH F on beat 5, repeating only the RH mark in measure 113. In both measures 112 and 113, Simrock shows one *sf* midway between the staves on beat 5. This array of inconsistencies has been resolved in most of the referenced editions by placing *sf* signs on the LH A-flats in all three measures, and on the RH F's on beat 5 in measures 112 and 113. Only Taylor and Wallner footnote the problem. The text of this edition has combined the marks in Nägeli and Simrock, adding nothing else.