

# **Georg Gerson**

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## **Marsch und Trio**

für des Königs Leibwache

**G.85**

**Score**

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**Flauto in E♭ 8<sup>va</sup>**

**Oboe 1<sup>o</sup>**

**Oboe 2<sup>o</sup>**

**Clarinetto in E♭**

**Clarinetto 1<sup>o</sup> in B♭**

**Clarinetto 2<sup>o</sup> in B♭**

**Fagotti**

**Corni in E♭**

**Corni in B♭**

**Clarini in E♭**

**Clarino in B♭**

**Trombone Basso**

**Serpan e Corno Basso**

**Tamburo grande e Triangolo**

**Marcia**

6

Fl E♭

Ob 1

Ob 2

Cl E♭ 1

Cl B♭ 2

Cl B♭ 3

Bsn

Cr E♭

Cr B♭

Trp E♭

Trp B♭

Trb

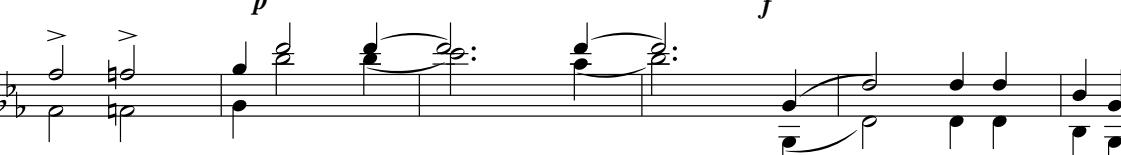
Srp

Prc

Fl E<sub>b</sub> 

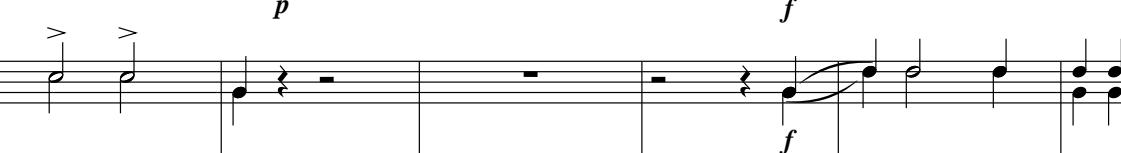
Ob 1 

Ob 2 

Cl E<sub>b</sub> 1 

Cl B<sub>b</sub> 2 

Cl B<sub>b</sub> 3 

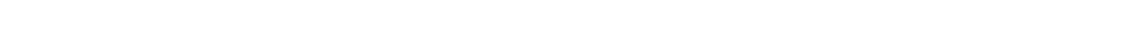
Bsn 

Cr E<sub>b</sub> 

Cr B<sub>b</sub> 

Trp E<sub>b</sub> 

Trp B<sub>b</sub> 

Trb 

Srp 

Prc 



23

Fl E♭

Ob 1

Ob 2

Cl E♭ 1

Cl B♭ 2

Cl B♭ 3

Bsn

Cr E♭

Cr B♭

Trp E♭

Trp B♭

Trb

Srp

Prc

Fl E♭

Ob 1

Ob 2

Cl E♭ 1

Cl B♭ 2

Cl B♭ 3

Bsn

Cr E♭

Cr B♭

Trp E♭

Trp B♭

Trb

Srp

Prc

29

33

Fl E<sub>b</sub>

Ob 1

Ob 2

Cl E<sub>b</sub> 1

Cl B<sub>b</sub> 2

Cl B<sub>b</sub> 3

Bsn

Cr E<sub>b</sub>

Cr B<sub>b</sub>

Trp E<sub>b</sub>

Trp B<sub>b</sub>

Trb

Srp

Prc

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

39

Fl E $\flat$

Ob 1

Ob 2

Cl E $\flat$  1

Cl B $\flat$  2

Cl B $\flat$  3

Bsn

Cr E $\flat$

Cr B $\flat$

Trp E $\flat$

Trp B $\flat$

Trb

Srp

Prc

45

Fl Eb

Ob 1

Ob 2

Cl Eb 1

Cl Bb 2

Cl Bb 3

Bsn

Cr Eb

Cr Bb

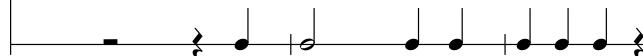
Trp Eb

Trp Bb

Trb

Srp

Prc

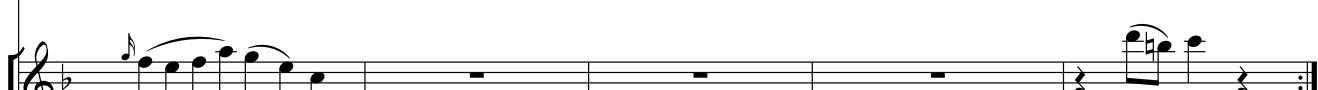
51 Fl E♭ 
 Ob 1 
 Ob 2 
 Cl E♭ 1 
 Cl B♭ 2 
 Cl B♭ 3 
 Bsn 
 Cr E♭ 
 Cr B♭ 
 Trp E♭ 
 Trp B♭ 
 Trb 
 Srp 
 Prc 
Trio

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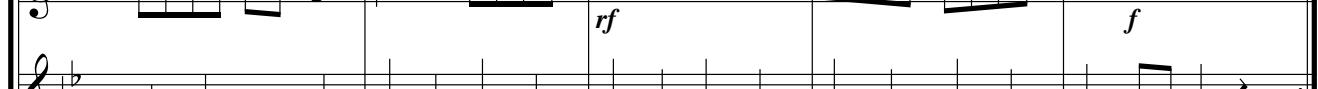
Fl E♭  rf f

Ob 1  f

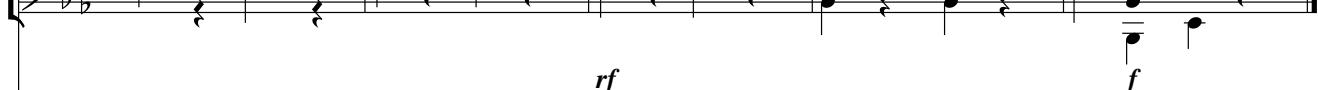
Ob 2  f

Cl E♭ 1  f

Cl B♭ 2  rf f

Cl B♭ 3  rf f

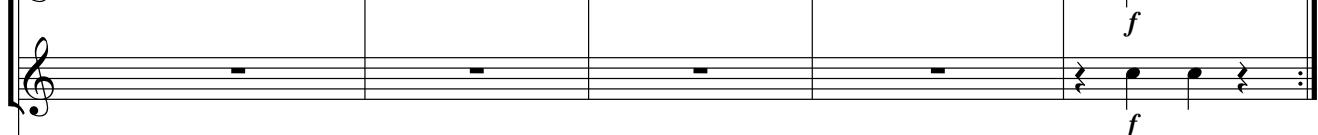
Bsn  rf f

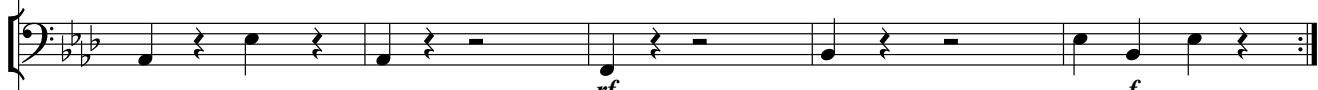
Cr E♭  f

Cr B♭  rf f

Trp E♭  f

Trp B♭  f

Trb  rf f

Srp  rf f

Prc  f



Fl E♭ *mf*  
 Ob 1 *p* *rf* *p*  
 Ob 2 *p*  
 Cl E♭ 1 *p*  
 Cl B♭ 2 *p*  
 Cl B♭ 3 *rf* *p*  
 Bsn *rf* *p*  
 Cr E♭ *rf* *p*  
 Cr B♭ *rf* *p*  
 Trp E♭ *rf*  
 Trp B♭ *rf* *p*  
 Trb *rf* *p*  
 Srp *rf* *p*  
 Prc *p* *rf* *pp*

*Da Capo Marcia al Fine, senza replica*

Musical score for orchestra, page 15, measures 73-74. The score includes parts for Flute Eb (Fl Eb), Oboe 1 (Ob 1), Oboe 2 (Ob 2), Clarinet Eb 1 (Cl Eb 1), Clarinet Bb 2 (Cl Bb 2), Clarinet Bb 3 (Cl Bb 3), Bassoon (Bsn), Clarinet Eb (Cr Eb), Clarinet Bb (Cr Bb), Trombone Eb (Trp Eb), Trombone Bb (Trp Bb), Trombone (Trb), Soprano (Srp), and Percussion (Prc). Measure 73 starts with Fl Eb and Cl Eb 1 playing eighth-note patterns. Ob 1 and Ob 2 enter with sustained notes. Measures 74-75 show various instruments taking turns with eighth-note patterns, including Bsn, Cr Eb, Cr Bb, Trp Eb, Trp Bb, Trb, Srp, and Prc. A dynamic marking *p* is placed above the Trp Eb staff in measure 74.

## Critical notes

This score is the first modern edition of a march for military wind band, G.85 by the Danish composer “Georg Gerson” (1790–1825), composed November 25 1814.

The source is:

*MS* “Marsch und Trio für des Königs Leibwache componiert” in “Partiturer No. 4”, “George Gersons samling: mu 7105.0963 C II, 6b” (1823), a collection of manuscript scores by Gerson preserved at the Royal Library of Copenhagen, Denmark. The score is found on pp. 45–51.

*PR* “INDTOGS MARSCH opført af den Kongelige Livgarde til Fods VED HANS MAJESTÆT KONGENS Hjemkomst fra Wien. CLAVEERUDTOG” (Entry March performed by the royal infantry bodyguard at the return of His Majesty the King’s return from Vienna. Piano reduction) in an engraving published in Copenhagen 1815 by C. C. Lose.

In his thematic catalogue “Verzeichniß über Zwei Hundert meiner Compositionen”<sup>1</sup> Gerson explains that the piece was performed 1815 (date left blank) at the king’s return from Vienna (“executirt am [ ] 1815 bey der Rückkehr des Königs von Wien”). The celebration referred to was the return to Copenhagen of The Danish king, Frederick VI (1768–1839) from his participation in the Congress of Vienna (1814–1815) after the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars.<sup>2</sup> Like in the other Danish towns on the journey the king was received in Copenhagen as a hero. However, the outcome of the congress was by no means as glorious for the Danish kingdom as the mood of Gerson’s entry march nor that of a tribute poem, “Fædrene-Aaret. Velkomst i Vaar til Danner-Kongen” (The year of the Father, Welcome to the King of the Danes) written to the occasion by the Danish poet, Nikolaj Frederik Severin Grundtvig (1783–1872), see next page. During the Congress of Vienna the German sovereigns, incl. Frederick VI as Duke of Holstein had promised estate assemblies. In the end the Danes got spies and agent provocateurs only.<sup>3</sup>

The orchestral score includes a “Flauto in Es 8<sup>va</sup>”, a piccolo flute tuned in E♭. It was favored particularly in military circles<sup>4</sup> but is also found in other 19th century music like the symphonic poem “Die Weihe der Töne” by Louis Spohr (1784–1859), Op. 86.<sup>5</sup> Among the bass instruments is a “Corno Basso”. an instrument developed from the serpent around 1800.<sup>6</sup>

In his manuscripts Gerson made use of various shorthand notations like slashed notes representing repeated notes. Such notation types are also found in music prints from that period like Gerson’s string quartet no. 5 (G.63) published as part books 1826. The full score of this modern edition comes in two versions: a score keeping as close as possible to the original notation and an alternative, ’contemporized’ score expanding the shorthand notations. In the contemporized scores the beaming of vocal staves has been adapted to modern practices. Separate parts are contemporized as well.

Performance indications within brackets and dashed ties and slurs have been added by the editor.

<sup>1</sup> Royal Library, Copenhagen, *mu 7105.0962, C II, 6b*.

<sup>2</sup> According to the royalist historian, Hans Peter Giessing (1801–1877) the king returned to Copenhagen June 1 1815, “hvor han af den ham hengivne Befolkning blev modtaget med en høi Grad af Jubel og Enthusiasme” (where was received with cheers and enthusiasm by the devoted inhabitants), see “Kong Frederik den Sjettes Regjeringshistorie”, vol. 2, p. 137, Copenhagen 1850 (Google books).

<sup>3</sup> See Rasmus Glenthøj, Enevældens legitimitet, forandring og forfald, Rubicon 2010 Vol. 4, p. 47 ff,  
<http://rubicon.sdu.dk/arkiv/2010/december/>

<sup>4</sup> See Vienna Symphonic Library, <https://vsl.co.at/en/Piccolo/History>)

<sup>5</sup> See IMSLP, [https://imslp.org/wiki/Symphony\\_No.4,\\_Op.86\\_\(Spohr,\\_Louis\)](https://imslp.org/wiki/Symphony_No.4,_Op.86_(Spohr,_Louis))

<sup>6</sup> See Curt Sachs “Handbuch der Musikinstrumentenkunde”, Leipzig, 1930. pp. 264ff and the German language Wikipedia article on “Basshorn”, <https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basshorn>.

Nikolaj Frederik Severin Grundtvig  
Dannekvad til Hans Majestæt Kong Frederik den Sjette,  
ved Kongens Hjemkomst fra Wienerkongressen.<sup>7</sup>

Velkommen tilbage,  
Du Konge saa prud!  
Velkommen tilbage!  
Velsigne Dig Gud!  
Velkommen tilbage  
Fra fremmede Land!  
Velkommen tilbage  
Til Dannemark Strand,  
Til Østersalts Vove,  
Til Dannemarks Skove,  
Til Skjoldungens Konningebye!

Den Herre vi prise,  
Som vilde i Lund  
Et Varsel os vise  
For store Miskund,  
Thi blomstrende Dage  
Det lover og spaer,  
At Kongen tilbage  
Nu kommer i Aar,  
Mens Egene skyde,  
Og Lundene lyde  
Af Sang fra den blommede Bøg.

Ja, blomstrende Dage  
Det lover og spaer,  
At end kom tilbage  
En Fædrene-Vaar;  
Med Kongen den kommer  
Tilbage i Aar,  
En liflig Skiærsommer  
Den lover og spaer,  
Ja Fædrenes Dage  
De komme tilbage,  
Og Konge! de komme med Dig.

O, høibaarne Konning  
Af Skjoldungerod!  
O, frugtbare Dronning  
Af Skjoldungeblod!  
Sig Tonerne svinge  
Til Hallen fra Vang,  
O, lader indklinge  
I Hiertet min Sang!  
Hvis trolig den giemmes,  
Den aldrig beskiæmmes,  
Thi den er undfanget i Troe.

Ei Ring jeg behøver,  
Thi Ringen saa bold,  
Som Dannemarks Løver  
Omringer i Skjold,  
Mig idelig minder  
Om Skjoldungekuld,  
Mig fastere binder  
End Ringe af Guld;  
Ja, Fædrenes Minde  
Og Kiærlighed binde  
Mig fast til min Fædrenedrot.

Jeg raaber, jeg raaber  
Til Kongen saa prud,  
Jeg haaber, jeg haaber  
Paa Himmelens Gud;  
O, lad ikke lyde  
Forgiæves min Sang!  
Engang skal den fryde  
Din Siæl med sin Klang,  
Naar Skyerne vige,  
Og over Dit Rige  
Du seer den opstigende Soel.

<sup>7</sup> N. F. S. Grundtvigs udvalgte Skrifter (1904-1909), Gyldendalske Boghandel, pp. 150 ff  
[http://www.adl.dk/solr\\_documents/grundtvig03val-idm139670061079888](http://www.adl.dk/solr_documents/grundtvig03val-idm139670061079888)