

# Georg Gerson

(1790–1825)

## Marsch und Trio

für des Königs Leibwache

**G.85**

**Score**

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## Marcia

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Flauto  
in E $\flat$  8<sup>va</sup>

Oboe 1<sup>o</sup>

Oboe 2<sup>o</sup>

Clarinetto  
in E $\flat$

Clarinetto 1<sup>o</sup>  
in B $\flat$

Clarinetto 2<sup>o</sup>  
in B $\flat$

Fagotti

Corni in E $\flat$

Corni in B $\flat$

Clarini  
in E $\flat$

Clarino  
in B $\flat$

Trombone  
Basso

Serpan e  
Corno Basso

Tamburo  
grande  
e Triangolo

[illegible]

[illegible]



23

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

*f*

29

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

*rf*

*rf*

*rf*

*rf*

*rf*

*rf*

*rf*

*rf*

*rf*

*rf*

*rf*

*rf*

*ff*

*f*

*ff*

[illegible]

[illegible]

This musical score page contains measures 45 through 50 of a symphony. The instrumentation includes Flute Eb, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, Clarinet Eb 1, Clarinet Bb 2, Clarinet Bb 3, Bassoon, Cor Eb, Cor Bb, Trumpet Eb, Trumpet Bb, Trombone, Stripling, and Percussion. The key signature has two flats (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The score features various dynamics such as piano (p) and forte (f), along with articulation marks like accents and slurs. The woodwinds and strings play active parts throughout the measures, while the brass instruments provide harmonic support and occasional melodic entries.

51 *Fine* Trio

Fl Eb *f*

Ob 1 *f*

Ob 2 *f*

Cl Eb 1 *f* *p*

Cl Bb 2 *f* *p*

Cl Bb 3 *f* *p*

Bsn *f* *p*

Cr Eb *f* *p*

Cr Bb *f* *p*

Trp Eb *f*

Trp Bb *f*

Trb *f* *p*

Srp *f* *p*

Prc

The musical score is written for a woodwind and brass ensemble. It begins at measure 51 with a 'Fine' section, indicated by a double bar line. The 'Trio' section follows, starting at measure 52. The score includes parts for Flute Eb, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, Clarinet Eb 1, Clarinet Bb 2, Clarinet Bb 3, Bassoon, Cor Eb, Cor Bb, Trumpet Eb, Trumpet Bb, Trombone, Soprano Saxophone, and Percussion. The dynamics are marked as *f* (forte) and *p* (piano). The key signature is Bb major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The score is written in a standard musical notation with a grand staff for each instrument.

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62

Fl E♭

*mf*

Ob 1

*p*

Ob 2

*p*

Cl E♭ 1

*p*

Cl B♭ 2

*p*

Cl B♭ 3

*p*

Bsn

*p*

Cr E♭

*p*

Cr B♭

*p*

Trp E♭

*p*

Trp B♭

*p*

Trb

*p*

Srp

*p*

Prc

*p*

67

Fl Eb *mf* *p*

Ob 1 *p* *rf* *p*

Ob 2 *p*

Cl Eb 1 *p*

Cl Bb 2 *p*

Cl Bb 3 *rf* *p*

Bsn *rf* *p*

Cr Eb *rf* *p*

Cr Bb *rf* *p*

Trp Eb *rf*

Trp Bb *rf* *p*

Trb *rf* *p*

Srp *rf* *p*

Prc *p* *rf* *pp*

73

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

*p*

*Da Capo Marcia al Fine, senza replica*

## 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, “hvortil han af den ham hengivne Befolkning blev modtaget med en høi Grad af Jubel og Enthousiasme” (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 spaaer,  
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 spaaer,  
At end kom tilbage  
En Fædrene-Vaar;  
Med Kongen den kommer  
Tilbage i Aar,  
En liflig Skiærsommer  
Den lover og spaaer,  
Ja Fædrenes Dage  
De komme tilbage,  
Og Konge! de komme med Dig.

O, høibaarne Konning  
Af Skjoidungerod!  
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 Skjoldungekulde,  
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 Himmels 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)