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"Ruhe, meine Seele!" is the first of a set of four songs composed by Richard Strauss in 1894, who that September gave them as a wedding present to his wife the soprano Pauline de Ahna. It was originally for voice and piano, and not orchestrated by Strauss until 1948, after he had completed one of his Four Last Songs "Im Abendrot".

Ruhe, meine Seele!

Nicht ein Lüftchen regt sich leise,
sanft entschlummert ruht der Hain;
durch der Blätter dunkle Hülle
stiehlt sich lichter Sonnenschein.

Ruhe, ruhe, meine Seele,
deine Stürme gingen wild,
hast getobt und hast gezittert,
wie die Brandung, wenn sie schwillt.

Diese Zeiten sind gewaltig,
bringen Herz und Hirn in Not -
ruhe, ruhe, meine Seele,
und vergiß, was dich bedroht!

Karl Henckell (1864-1929)

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Piccolo

Flutes 1 & 2

Oboes 1 & 2

Cor Anglais

Clarinets 1 & 2 in Bb

Bass Clarinet in Bb

Bassoons 1 & 2

1 & 2
Horns in F

3 & 4

Trumpets 1 & 2 in Bb

Trombones 1, 2 & 3

Tuba

Timpani

Celesta

Harp
flageolet

Voice

Langsam

Violin I

Violin II

Viola I

Viola II

Violoncello I
Doppelgriffe

Violoncello II

Double Bass

2.

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The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. The top section includes Piccolo (Picc.), Flute (Fls.), Oboe (Obs.), Cor Anglais (Cor A.), Clarinet (Cls.), Bass Clarinet (BCl.), and Bassoon (Bns.). The middle section includes Horns (Hns.), Trumpets (Trps.), Trombones (Trbs.), and Tuba. The bottom section includes Timpani (Tmp.), Cello (Cel.), Harp, and a Vocal line. The string section at the bottom consists of Violin I (VI. I), Violin II (VI. II), Viola I (Va. I), Viola II (Va. II), Violoncello I (Vc. I), Violoncello II (Vc. II), and Double Bass (D.B.).

The score begins with a measure rest for all instruments. In the second measure, the Flute and Oboe play a melodic phrase marked *pp*. The Cello and Harp play a harmonic accompaniment marked *p*. The vocal line enters in the second measure with the lyrics: "Nicht ein Lüft-chen regt sich lei - se, sanft ent-schlum-mert ruht der Hain;". The string section provides a sustained harmonic background marked *pp* throughout the passage.

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Picc. -

Fls. a 2. *pp* *cresc.*

Obs. -

Cor A. -

Cls. *pp*

BCl. *pp* *cresc.*

Bns. *pp* *cresc.*

Hns. 3. *pp* *cresc.*

Trps. *pp* *cresc.*

Trbs. -

Tuba -

Tmp. *pp* *cresc.*

Cel. -

Harp -

Voc. Bran - dung, wenn sie schwillt!

VI. I. *p* *cresc.*

VI. II. *p* *cresc.*

Va. I. *p* *cresc.*

Va. II. *p* *cresc.*

Vc. I. *p* *cresc.*

Vc. II. *p* *cresc.*

D.B. *p* *cresc.*

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Instrumentation and dynamics:

- Picc.: *p*, *pp*
- Fls.: *p*, *dim.*, *pp*
- Obs.: *a 2.*, *mf*, *p*, *dim.*, *pp*
- Cor A.: *mf*
- Cls.: *p*, *dim.*, *pp*
- BCl.: *p*, *dim.*, *pp*
- Bns.: *mp*, *p*, *dim.*, *pp*
- Hns.: *mp*, *p*, *dim.*, *pp*
- Trps.: *mp*, *p*, *dim.*, *pp*
- Trbs.: *mp*, *p*, *dim.*
- Tuba: *p*, *dim.*
- Tmp.: *pp*
- Cel.: *p*
- Harp: *flageolet*, *p*
- Voc.: *pp*
- VI. I: *pp*
- VI. II: *mp*, *p*, *pp*
- Va. I: *p*, *pp*
- Va. II: *p*, *pp*
- Vc. I: *p*, *pp*
- Vc. II: *p*, *pp*
- D.B.: *p*, *pp*