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**BRAHMS**

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**Warum? / Why?**

aus: Vier Quartette op. 92 für vier Singstimmen und Klavier  
from: Four Quartets op. 92 for four voices and piano

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# 4. Warum?

Why?

Text: Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749–1832)

**Lebhaft**

Sopran *f*  
Wa - rum doch er - schal -  
Why, O why re - sound

Alt *f*  
Wa - rum,  
Where - fore,

Tenor *f*  
Wa - rum,  
Where - fore,

Bass *f*  
Wa - rum,  
Where - fore,

Klavier *f*

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our mel ts die Lie - - der, him - mel - wärts die  
y - en - ev - - er, heav - en - ward for -  
ly, - - rum doch er - schal - - - len him - mel - wärts die  
O why re - sound our songs toward heav - en -  
wa - rum, wa - rum,  
where - fore, where - fore,  
wa - rum, wa - - rum,  
where - fore, why, O

*f* *p.* *f*

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Lie - der? Wa - rum, wa - rum, wa - rum *dim.*  
 ev - er? Where - fore, where - fore, why, *dim.* O

Lie - der? Wa - rum, wa - rum, wa - rum *dim.*  
 ev - er? Where - fore, where - fore, why, *dim.* O

wa - rum doch er - schal - -  
 where - - fore, why re - sound *dim.*

doch er - schal - - len him - mel - wärts die Lie - der? Wa -  
 why re - sound our songs toward heav - en ev - er? Why,

*p* *dim.* *p*

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doch er - schal - len him - mel - wärts, him - mel - wärts  
 why re - sound our songs toward heav - en, toward heav - en

doch er - schal - len him - mel - wärts, die Lie - der,  
 why re - sound our songs toward heav - en, toward heav - en

rum doch er - schal - len him - mel - wärts, die Lie - der,  
 O, why re - sound our songs toward heav - en, toward heav - en

rum doch er - schal - len him - mel - wärts, die Lie - der,  
 O, why re - sound our songs toward heav - en, toward heav - en

*dolce* *dolce* *dolce*

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die Lie - der?  
 our songs, why?

die Lie - der, die Lie - der?  
 our songs, why, why?

die Lie - der, die Lie - der?  
 our songs, why, why?

die Lie - der, die Lie - der?  
 our songs, why, why?

*dim.* *pp*

Anmutig bewegt (♩ = ♩)

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*p*

Zö - - gen ger - - ne nie - - der  
 Glad - - ly they - - would draw - - down

*p*

Zö - - gen ger - - ne nie - - der  
 Glad - - ly they - - would draw - - down

*p*

Zö - - gen ger - - ne nie - - der  
 Glad - - ly they - - would draw - - down

*p*

Zö - - gen ger - - ne nie - - der  
 Glad - - ly they - - would draw - - down

Grazioso (♩ = ♩)

*p dolce*

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Ster - - ne, die dro - ben blin - ken und wal - len,  
 stars that a - bove there glit - ter wan - der,

Ster - - ne, die dro - ben blin - ken und wal - len,  
 stars that a - bove there glit - ter wan - der,

Ster stars die dro - ben blin - ken und wal - len,  
 stars a - bove there glit - ter and wan - der,

die dro - ben there blin - ken und wal - len,  
 a - bove there glit - ter and wan - der,

*L.* *R.*

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zö - gen sich Lu - nas, Lu -  
 woo glad - ly Lu - na's, Lu -

zö - gen sich Lu - nas, Lu -  
 woo glad - ly Lu - na's, Lu -

zö - gen sich Lu - nas, Lu -  
 woo glad - ly Lu - na's, Lu -

zö - gen sich Lu - nas, Lu -  
 woo glad - ly Lu - na's, Lu -

nas lieb lich Um ar men,  
 na's love ly em bra ces,

nas lieb lich Um ar men,  
 na's love ly em bra ces,

Lu nas lieb lich Um ar men,  
 Lu na's love ly em bra ces,

Lu nas lieb lich Um ar men,  
 Lu na's love ly em bra ces,

Lu nas lieb lich Um ar men,  
 Lu na's love ly em bra ces,

zö bring gen down die war men  
 the warm, men

zö bring gen down die wa men  
 the warm, all

zö bring gen down die war men  
 the warm, all

ge down die war men  
 down warm, all

won ni gen Ta ge se li ger  
 glo ri ous, the warm days of the bless ed  
 cresc.

won ni gen, won ni gen Ta ge se li ger  
 glo ri ous, sun ny, the warm days of the bless ed  
 cresc.

won ni gen Ta ge se li ger  
 warm, sun ny, warm days of the bless ed  
 cresc.

won ni gen Ta ge se  
 warm, sun ny, warm days, days

cresc.





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