

TANZEN UND SPRINGEN

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

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TRANSLATION AND PRONUNCIATION

/tan-tsən unt ʃprɪŋ-ən/
Tanzen und springen,
dance and jump

/zɪŋ-ən unt klɪŋ-ən/
Singen und klingen,
sing and ring

/lau-tən unt ɡai-ɡən/
Lauten und Geigen
lute and violin

/zɔln aux nɪçt ʃvai-ɡən/
Soll'n auch nicht schweigen,
should also not (be) quiet

/tsu mu-zi-tsi-rən/
Zu musizieren
to play music

/unt ju-bi-li-rən ʃte:t mi:r al mam zɪn/
Und jubilieren steht mir all mein Sinn.
and happy remain to me all my mind

/ʃœ-nə jʊŋ-frauən/
Schöne Jungfrauen
beautiful young women

/ɪn ɡrœ-nən auən/
In grünen Auen,
in (the) green pasture

/mɪt i:n ʃpa-tsi-rən/
Mit ih'n spazieren
with them to walk

/unt kɔn-fɛr-zi-rən/
Und conversieren, and talk

/frɔnt-liç tsu ʃɛr-tsən/
Freundlich zu scherzen,
friendly to joke

/frɔit miç im hɛr-tsən fʏr zil-bə unt gɔlt/
Freut mich im Herzen für Silber und Gold.
happy me in heart for silver and gold.

Tanzen und springen, Singen und klingen, Lauten und Geigen Soll'n auch nicht schweigen, Zu musizieren Und jubilieren steht mir all mein Sinn.	Dancing and jumping Singing and ringing Lutes and violins Do not be silent To play music and be jubilant is all I can think of.
Schöne Jungfrauen In grünen Auen, Mit ihn'n spazieren Und conversieren, Freundlich zu scherzen, Freut mich im Herzen für Silber und Gold.	There are beautiful young women In the green pastures With them to walk and talk To have a friendly joke Makes me happier in my heart than silver and Gold. <p style="text-align: right;">- Elizabeth Pauly</p>

BACKGROUND AND PROGRAM NOTES

Tanzen und Springen was originally written for five voices, unaccompanied. It is a balletto, defined below:

Balletto, in music, genre of light vocal composition of the late 16th–early 17th centuries, originating in Italy. Dancelike and having much in common with the madrigal, a major vocal form of the period, it is typically strophic (stanzaic) with each of the two repeated parts ending in a “fa-la-la” burden, or refrain. It has a clear alternation of strong and weak beats, a quality common to the lighter forms of the time, such as the canzonetta, villota, villanesca, and villanella. The term was first applied to musical compositions by the Italian Giovanni Gastoldi in 1591 in his *Balletti a cinque voci . . . per cantare, sonare, et ballare* (Balletti in Five Voices . . . to Sing, Play, and Dance).

Although greatly influenced by the Italian model, the English composer Thomas Morley expanded its contrapuntal and harmonic dimensions in his *First Booke of Balletts* (1595). Morley’s style influenced not only the English composers but also the German Hans Leo Hassler and his

younger contemporaries who transformed the balletto in the early 17th century into a more instrumental and homophonic (chordal) style.¹

RECORDINGS

Publisher provided recording: [Tanzen und Springen](#)

King's Singers (original five voice version): [Tanzen und Springen](#)

ANALYSIS

Key: C Major

Meter: Triple

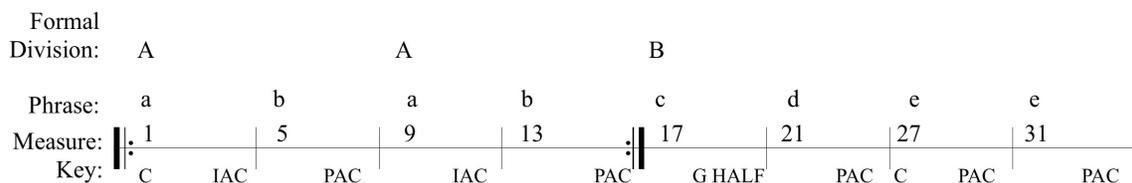
Texture: Homophonic and homorhythmic, melody in soprano

Form: Strophic

The original form of this piece was strophic, with no piano introduction or interludes, as it was unaccompanied. This arrangement includes an 8 measure introduction and an 8 measure interlude following the first strophe that simply repeat the A sections. A formal analysis of the piece is included below. Measures 43—68 are identical in all but lyrics to the illustration below, so they are not included.

A few items to note:

- The “b” and “e” phrases are the “fa la la” sections
- The “d” phrase in the B section is the only phrase that is longer than four measures (six)



IAC = Imperfect authentic cadence

PAC = Perfect authentic cadence

Half = Half cadence

¹ The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica. “Balletto.” *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. <https://www.britannica.com/art/balletto> Accessed 27 May 26, 2017.