



Intermezzo in B Minor, Op. 119 No. 1

Johannes Brahms

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'The beautiful, cascading melody with which the music opens fixes a bittersweet mood. To me, this could almost be teardrops rolling down the face of someone quietly sobbing. From here the music steadily becomes more grounded; glimpses of hope and passion soon appear. There are many places in the piece where the music could have modulated to a more optimistic harmony, which might have led to a rather different ending to this story. Instead, Brahms chose to draw us ever downward into the lower register as the music gradually becomes quieter and more sedate. A piece brimming with emotion and humanity, I find it calming and quite meditative to play. I trust that many will find enjoyment and serenity from mastering it.' Stephenie Leung, Derbyshire

Adagio

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13 rit.

17 a tempo

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