

The Mournful Coronation

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Die traurige Krönung

Hugo Distler
Mörike Chorliederbuch, op. 19

*) **Almost spoken. Very free rhythmically**
[Fast gesprochen. Rhythmisch sehr frei]

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ing: He mur - dered his own broth - er's son to take his crown
 — hall up - on his new - found wealth and might— still feel - ing drunk
 — der, bi - zarre - masked guests, a ghost - ly group, a crown they car -
 — ing. He smiled in pain and quick - ly bowed and 'round the room
 — ing, the can - dles sput - tered won - drous - ly, the moon at win -

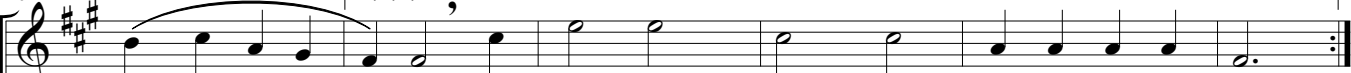
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— and dwell - ing. A cor - o - na - tion splen - did at Lif - fey Cas - tle
 — and fes - tal. He called out to his young son, "Once more, bring me the
 — ried for - ward. Through por - tals they pressed fur - ther with not a word, but
 — was go - ing. Up to the throne he pat - tered, reached out a crown, blood -
 — dow wait - ing. The son in si - lent ter - ror bowed deep - ly to his

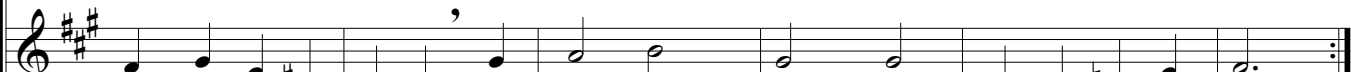
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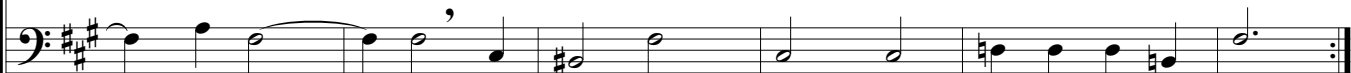
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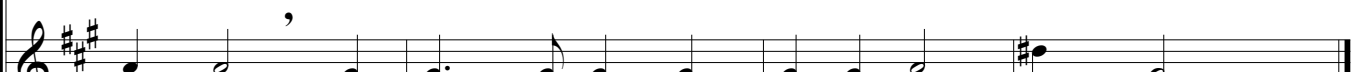
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