Sonata No. 8 “Pathétique”  
(Adagio cantabile)  

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN  
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INSTRUMENTATION

1 Conductor  
8 1st Violin  
8 2nd Violin  
5 Viola  
5 Cello  
5 String Bass

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

One of Beethoven’s most famous early works and sure to please any audience with its simple, warm, and rich melodies! The main theme is passed to every instrument with moving accompaniments and strong harmonies. Optional divided parts in the first violins provide challenging material while maintaining the integrity of the original in the lower part. The key has been changed from $E_b$ major to $B_b$ major and includes accidentals for deeper study.

The piece is to be played with a warm, rich tone, whether it is melody or accompaniment. All staccato marks are to be separated and light, but not too short. Some accidentals have been rewritten to aid in teaching.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

Bob Phillips  
Belwin/Pop String Editor

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