To Hans Werner Henze

CHILDREN'S CRUSADE
KINDERKREUZZUG

Poem by BERTOLT BRECHT
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BENJAMIN BRITTEN, Op. 82

Slow and solemn ($J = 100$)
Lento e solenne

Trebles

ff

ff marked

ff

CHORUS

Organ

ff

ff marked

ff

Alto

ff

ff marked

ff

There was the bloodiest fight:
War e i ne blu ti ge Schlacht

Turning ev'ry town and village
Die hat vie le Städte und Dörfer
In to a wilder-ness of night.
Zu ei ner Wild nis ge macht.

[Notes for the music staff]

Young sisters had lost their bro thers,
Die Schwester ver lor den Bru der
Young wives their men at war;
Die Frau den Mann im Heer;

In the blaze and the heaps of rub ble
Zwischen Feu er und Trüm mer stät te
Children found their par ents no more.
Fand das Kind die El tern nicht mehr.

shop that had been raid-ed,  
- schos - se - nen Dorf-la - den,
drum and drum-sticks,  
ei - ne Trom-mel,  
drum-sticks,  
Trom-mel,

The troop al -
Und durf-te

(Chorus stands quickly)
(Chorus sits quickly)
Sh!

Noise would have be - trayed it,  
Das hätt sie ver - ra - ten,
be -

slower (d = 72)
piu lento

(sits)
Solo 7 (stands)

Where there was peace...
Wo Fri - den war...

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And there was a dog,  
Und da war ein Hund
They’d caught him to eat him;  
Ge - fan - gen zum Schla - chten
Scaper
They stood there, around their leader.

Sie standen um ih-ren Führer.

He looked at the snow-laden air,

Der sah in die Schnee-luft hin-ein

And made a sign with his little hand,

Und deute-te mit der kleinen Hand

And told them,

Und sag-te,

So must be there, it must be, it must be there,

Es muss dort sein, es muss dort sein,