

Cornelius  
Christus der Kinderfreund  
Op. 8, No. 5

Langsam

Das zar - te Knäb - lein ward ein  
The in - fant Christ be - came a

*p* *p*

This system contains the first vocal line and the piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. Dynamics include piano (*p*).

Mann, er - löst' uns aus der Sün - de Bann; — doch neigt' er freundlich im - mer -  
man, redeemed us from his Father's ban; — yet to his side he loved to

This system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a more active melody. The piano accompaniment continues with similar textures. Dynamics include piano (*p*).

dar und lie - bend sich zur Kin - der - schar. —  
call in kind - ness lit - tle children all. —

*mf*

This system concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line ends with a phrase. The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line. Dynamics include mezzo-forte (*mf*).

Habt Ihr den Ruf des Herrn ver - - nom - - men, des Hei - lands  
 Heard ye the words no time can wi - - ther, that ev' - ry

*gebunden*

Stim - me mild und weich?  
 hu - - man heart must touch?

„Las - set die Klei - nen zu mir kom - men, denn ih - rer  
 „Suf - fer the chil - dren to come hi - ther, for Hea - ven's

ist das Him - - mel - reich!“  
 realm is but for such!“

*mf*

Mich a - ber mahnt die Weih - nachts -  
 How me - mo - ry at christ - mas

*p*

zeit an Träu - me der Ver - gan - gen - heit.  
 tide doth o - pen all its por - tals wide!

Er - inn' - rungs - o - dem hau - chet mild den Schlei - er  
 and dis - si - pate the film - y haze that time throws

*mf*

von der Kindheit Bild; da Lich - ter hell am Baum er -  
 o - ver dis - tant days. when christmas ta - pers have been

gebunden

glom - men, ist mir, als würd' ich Kin - dern  
 light - ed, a - gain a child I seem to

gleich, als dürft' ich mit Euch Klei - nen  
 be. O would that I might be in -

kom - men, zu teil - len Eu - er Him - - - mel -  
 vi - - ted to en - ter in, oh Lord, with

reich.  
 thee!