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Symphony No 2. Op.73.

This Second Symphony of Brahms was finished in 1877. While only one year had passed since the appearance of his first symphony, this second one differed materially from it in general character. The first is full of passion and unrest, suggesting strong emotions and struggles with destiny almost as clearly as we know them to be expressed in Beethoven's C minor Symphony. This Second Symphony is, however, characterized by cheerfulness, repose and almost pastoral simplicity, and betokens peaceful existence.

From the First Movement.

Allegro non troppo.

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Fl.

1st Violin.

Bassi. 2da volta

p dolce

12

dim.

p dolce

p

cresc.

f

sf

sf

p

p *p sempre quasi ritene- te)*

cresc. *f* *sf ben marc.*

f

ff *poco f espress.*

cresc. *ff*

ff

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ff *sf* *mf* *p*

ff *ff*

dim. *p* *p* *1* *7* *3*

cresc. *ff*
pp cresc. *f* *sf*
p dolce *dolce*
f quasi ritenente *ben marc.*
f
ff
poco f espress. *cresc.*
ff

From the Second Movement.

L'istesso tempo, ma grazioso.

1st Violin. *p dol.*
p *dim.* *pp*

pizz. arco

p *f* *dim.* *p* *pp*

p espress. *cresc.*

f *f > poco f*

f

f *fp* *dim.* *p*

cresc. *f* *fp* *dim.*

From the Finale.
Allegro con spirito.

1st Violin. arco

p cresc. *f*

più f *ff* *ff*

pp

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