

Adagietto (from Symphony No.5)

Composed by Gustav Mahler

This very slow fourth movement from one of the Austrian Romantic composer's huge symphonies was first performed in the UK at a Proms concert in 1909, 36 years before the UK premier of the entire symphony, as early 20th-century music programmers did not believe audiences would appreciate a whole Mahler symphony!

Hints & Tips: This piece contains a lot of tied notes, so make sure you count very carefully. Watch out for the rhythm in bars 22-23; practise thoroughly before playing the whole piece.

Very slow

Chords: F, Dm⁷/C, B^b, F/A, Fm/A^b

Chords: G(sus⁴), G⁷, G^m, F^{#o}, D⁷, G^m, F

Chords: C(sus⁴), C, F

Chords: G⁷, D⁹, E⁷, B^b/F, B^b/D, Am/E