

# O crux

(O Kreuz / Oh cross)

Latin lyrics: from the hymn “Vexilla regis” (addendum in the 10<sup>th</sup> century)

Music: Ferruccio Busoni (1866–1924) and Sors, 1778–1839)

Andante moderato

*mezza voce*

Soprano (S) part of the musical score. The vocal line begins with a dotted eighth note followed by a quarter note, both in common time. The lyrics "O crux," are written below the staff. The vocal line continues with a half note, a dash, another half note, and finally a quarter note. The lyrics "o\_\_\_\_\_" and "crux," are written below the staff.

dolce

A musical score for two voices (SATB) and organ. The vocal parts are in soprano and basso continuo. The organ part features a prominent bassoon-like line. The lyrics are in Latin and German. The score includes dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte). The music consists of two systems of four measures each.

17      ca, pas - si - o - nis tem - - - po - re  
       hoc da - si - o - nis tem - po - re  
       ca, hoc pas - si - o - nis tem - po - re  
       ca, hoc si - o - - - nis tem - po - re au - ge

*in dieser Zeit des Leidens,  
in this time of suffering,*

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*vermehre,  
increase,*

au - ge pi - is iu - sti - ti - am,  
 au - ge pi - is iu - sti - ti - am, pas - si -  
 au - ge pi - is iu - sti - ti - am  
 pi - - - is iu - sti - ti - am, he o - - nis

*vermehre den Frommen die Gerechtigkeit,  
 increase justice to the pious,*

in dieser Zeit des Leidens,  
*in this time of suffering,*

hoc pas - si - o - nis tem - - re pp  
 o - nis, hoc pas - si - o - nis tem - po - re au - ge  
 tem - po - re, hoc pas - si - o - nis tem - po - re au - ge  
*in dieser Zeit des S*  
*in this time of sig*, au - ge  
*vermehre*  
*increase*

au - ge pi - is iu -  
 pi - is iu - ti - am, au - ge pi - is  
 pi - is iu - ti - am, au - ge pi - is iu -  
*den Frommen die Gerechtigkeit,  
 justice to the pious,*

vermehre den Frommen die Gerechtigkeit,  
*increase justice to the pious,*

ti - au - ge pi - is, iu - sti - ti - am,  
 iu - sti - am, au - ge pi - is iu - sti - - - ti -  
 sti - ti - am, au - ge pi - is iu - sti - ti -  
*vermehre den Frommen die Gerechtigkeit,  
 increase justice to the pious,*

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re - is - que do - na ve - ni - am,  
 am, re - is - que do - na ve - ni - am,  
 am, re - is - que do - na ve - ni - am,  
*und gib den Schuldigern Vergebung,  
 and give the sinners forgiveness,*

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do-na ve - ni - am,  
 am, do - na ve - ni - am, re - is - que do - na,  
 do - na ve - ni - am, re - is - que do - na,  
 ve - ni - am, re - is - que do - na,  
*und gib den Schuldigern Vergebung,  
 and give the sinners forgiveness,*

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*f* do - na ve - ni - am, *f* re - i que do - na ve - ni - am,  
*f* do - na ve - ni - am, *p* re - is - que do - na ve - ni - am,  
 do - na ve - ni - am, re - is - que do - na ve - ni - am,  
*und gib den Schuldigern Vergebung,  
 and give the sinners forgiveness,*

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am, au - pi - is, au - ge - iu - sti - ti -  
 am, au - pi - is, au - ge, iu - sti - ti -  
*vermehre den Frommen die Gerechtigkeit,  
 increase justice to the pious,*

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61 au - ge pi - is iu - sti - ti - am, iu - sti - ti - am,  
 am, au - ge pi - is, au - ge iu - s - am, iu - s - am, iu - s - que  
 am, re - is - que do - na ve - ni - am, vermehe die Gerechtigkeit,  
*vermehr den Frommen die Gerechtigkeit,*  
*increase justice to the pious,*

66 (mf) re - is - que do - na ve - ni - am,  
 do - na re - is - que do - na ve - ni - am,  
 do - - - na, do - na ve - ni - am.  
 (mf) do - - - - na, ni - am, re - is - que  
*und gib den Schuldigern Vergebung,*  
*and give the sinners forgiveness,*

71 re - is - que do - na ve - ni - am,  
 re - is - que do - na ve - ni - am, O  
 do - na ve - ni - am. O crux,  
*und gib den Schuldigern Vergebung,*  
*and give the sinners forgiveness.*

76 crux, ve, a - ve, spes u - ni - ca.  
 crux, ve, a - ve, spes u - ni - ca.  
 Kreuz, gegrußet seist du, einzige Hoffnung,  
 cross, all hail, o - hope,

*einzige Hoffnung.*  
*only hope.*