

De correctione hominum

composed for the Vocalforum Graz and dedicated to Federica and to our dear friend

Lyrics: Carmina Burana

Lento e sospeso $\text{♩} = 40$

S 1

T 1 (with A 2)

ad

(with A 2)

tu

um

B 1

Lento e sospeso $\text{♩} = 40$

S 2

re - ver - te - re,

T 2 (with A 2)

cor

A 2 Ad

ad cor tu - u - m

Tutti

B 2

*) Very fast movement of the hand on the mouth, like a “wah-wah” mute (◦ open, + closed).



d = 60 Subito

S 1 *mf* *ord.*
 - nis mi -

 pp *mf* *pp* *ord.*
 T 1 - cio - *) *Ad cor tuum revertere,*

 mf *mf* *f* *div.*
 A 1 - di - - re, *) *condicōs misere,*

 B 1 *f* *mf* *staccato,*
 - mol! *ma non troppo*

d = 60 Subito

S 2 *mp* *ord.*
 - nis

 pp *p*
 T 2 - - - - - *condicōs misere,*

 mf *ord.*
 A 2 - co - *se -*

 B 2 *f* *mf* *staccato,*
 - mol! *ma non troppo*

ho - *Cur,* *cur sper-nis*

ho -

- mol!

ord. *mf* *staccato,*
 - mol! *ma non troppo*

f *mf* *staccato,*
 - mol! *ma non troppo*

f *mf* *staccato,*
 - mol! *ma non troppo*

f *mf* *staccato,*
 - mol! *ma non troppo*



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11 **p** *rall.* ♩ = 50
 S 1 de vi - tiis? indulges m
 T 1 vi - ve - re? - di - cas ho - mo!
 A 1 (... from A 2) uniti *mf* Cur ex - ces - sus non
 B 1 - mo! - di - vi - tip
 (with B 2) ord. 3 Cur de -
 S 2 vi - ve - re? vi - ho - mo! Cur indulges malitiis?
 T 2 vi - ve - re? mol! Cur in - dul-ges ma - li - tiis?
 A 2 ho - m te Cur excessus non corrigis
 B 2 Cur, ho - mo!

mf *p* *mf* *mp* *pp*
div. *mf* *mf* *mp* *pp*
solo *mf* *mf* *mp* *pp*
div. *pp*

*) The sign means a very fast scanning of the text with its continuous repetition, on the pitch indicated above.



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15 *mf* ho - mo! *ln* *tis* (with S 2) *mp*

T 1 *f* ho - mo! Nec gres-sus tu - os di - ri - gis in *mp*

A 1 *Tutti f* cor - ri - gis, cur ho - *mp* *f* *mp*

B 1 *f* cor - ri - gis, nec gres-sus *mp* *f* *mp*

S 2 *mf* cur *mf* *mf* Solo *mp* *Tutti mp*

T 2 *mf* *mp* *mf* *mf* *Tutti mp*

A 2 *mf* *p* *f* *mf* *mf* (with S 2) *mp*

B 2 *f* *mf* *f* *f* *mf*

lyrics: ho - mo! in tis (with S 2) *mp*
ho - mo! Nec gres-sus tu - os di - ri - gis in *mp*
cor - ri - gis, cur ho - *mp* *f* *mp*
cor - ri - gis, nec gres-sus *mp* *f* *mp*
cur *mf* *mf* Solo *mp* *Tutti mp*
mf *mp* *mf* *mf* *Tutti mp*
mf *p* *f* *mf* *mf* (with S 2) *mp*
f *mf* *f* *f* *mf*

lyrics: ho - mo! in tis (with S 2) *mp*
ho - mo! Nec gres-sus tu - os di - ri - gis in *mp*
cor - ri - gis, cur ho - *mp* *f* *mp*
cor - ri - gis, nec gres-sus *mp* *f* *mp*
cur *mf* *mf* Solo *mp* *Tutti mp*
mf *mp* *mf* *mf* *Tutti mp*
mf *p* *f* *mf* *mf* (with S 2) *mp*
f *mf* *f* *f* *mf*

lyrics: ho - mo! in tis (with S 2) *mp*
ho - mo! Nec gres-sus tu - os di - ri - gis in *mp*
cor - ri - gis, cur ho - *mp* *f* *mp*
cor - ri - gis, nec gres-sus *mp* *f* *mp*
cur *mf* *mf* Solo *mp* *Tutti mp*
mf *mp* *mf* *mf* *Tutti mp*
mf *p* *f* *mf* *mf* (with S 2) *mp*
f *mf* *f* *f* *mf*



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S 1 *mf* *p* **rall. molto**

T 1 *mp* *mf*

A 1 *mp* *mf*

B 1 *mp* *p* *mf* *div.*

S 2 *p* *mp* **rall. molto**

T 2 *p* *mf*

A 2 *p* *mf*

B 2 *mp* *mf* *div.*

sed contra *cur excessus non corrigis*

di - e *- ras?*

- ti - *nec excessus tuos diriges in semitialiustie,*

dulges malitiis?

(with S 1) *con* *cur dedicas te vitiis?*

De - *ex - a - spe - ras?*

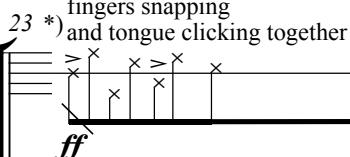
te *cur spernis vivere?*

i - ram De - *cur indulges malitiis?*

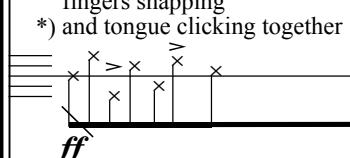


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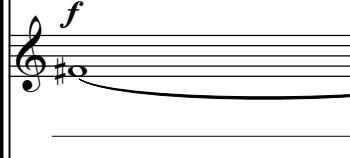
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$\text{♩} = 70$ **Subito**
fingers snapping
*) and tongue clicking together

ff

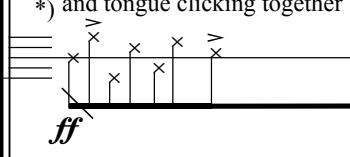
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fingers snapping
*) and tongue clicking together

ff

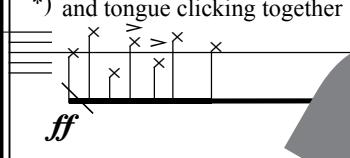
A 1

f

mf
mp
cur dedicas te vitiis di tue, me

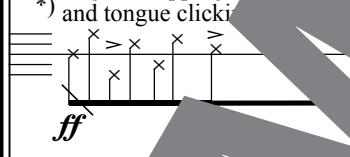
B 1

fingers snapping
*) and tongue clicking together

ff

S 2

$\text{♩} = 70$ **Subito**
fingers snapping
*) and tongue clicking together

ff

T 2

fingers snapping
*) and tongue clicking together

ff

A 2

f
mf **div.** **f** **mp**
te suc di suc - cur indulges malitiis? me - tue, me

B

fingers snapping
*) and tongue clicking together

ff

mf

*) A prolonged and chaotic repetition (tutti), imitating the rain.



*J = 90
altri (continue ...)*

S 1 28 *mf* x x x x x *ff* *mf* Solo *ff*

Soli div. *p* ra - di - ces fi - cus, fa - tue,

T 1 (continue ...) *mf* *ff* *mf*

A 1 *p* *mf* x x x x x *ff* *ff* *mf* *mf*

tue fingers snapping
and tongue clicking together (altri) ord.

B 1 (continue ...) *mf* *ff* *mf*

Soli div. *p* ra - di - ces fi - cus, fa - tue, Solo *ff* *nul-* *mf*

*J = 90
altri (continue ...)*

S 2 *ff* x x x x x *mf* *ff* *ff* *mf* ord. >

Soli div. *p* ra - di - ces fi - cus, fa - tue, Solo cum *f* *nul-* *mf*

T 2 (continue ...) *ff* x x x x x *mf* *ff* *ff* *mf* (altri)

ff x x x x x solo - ctus *f*

A 2 *p* *f* x x x x x *mf* *ff* *ff* *mf* ord.

tue fingers snapping
and tongue clicking together (altri) Solo cum *f* - ctus *mf*

B 2 (continue ...) *ff* x x x x x *mf* *ff* *ff*



(continue ...)

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S 1

T 1

A 1

B 1

S 2

T 2

A 2

B 2

ff *x* *x* *x* *x* *x* *mp* *ff*

- los
ord. *mf*

- tue,
mp

- cus,
p

(continue ...)

ff *x* *x* *x* *x* *x* *mp* *ff*

(-) *p*

Solo fa -
p fi -
p

(altri)

(continue ...)

ff *x* *x* *x* *x* *x* *mp*

fa -
mp

p fi

(... from B 2)

(altri)

p

(continue ...)

mp *x* *x* *x* *x* *x* *ff* *mp*

(-) *p*

- tue,
mp

- cus,
p

(continue ...)

mp *x* *x* *x* *x* *x* *mp*

ord. *p*

fi -
mp

fi -
p

fa -
p

(continue ...)

mp *x* *x* *x* *x* *ff* *mp*

p

- cus,
mp

- tue,
p

- cus,
p

(altri)

ff *mp*

(*) *ficus, fatue,*
p *f*

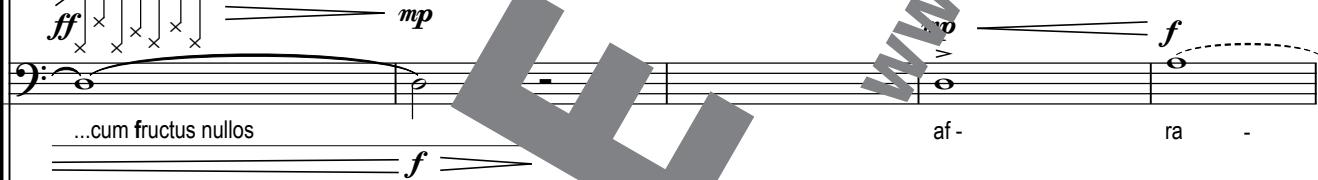
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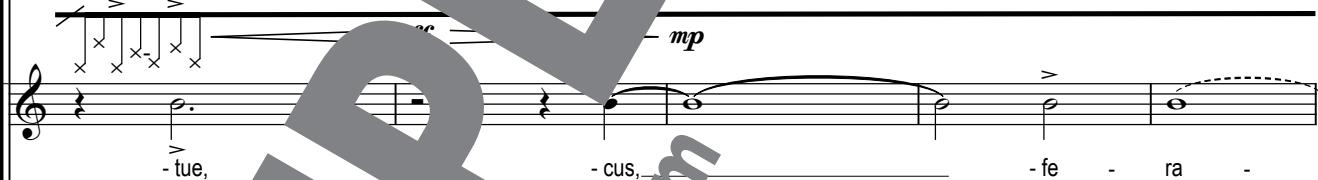


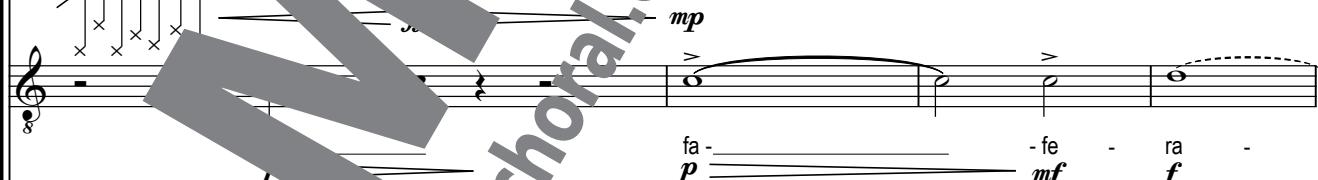
rall. molto

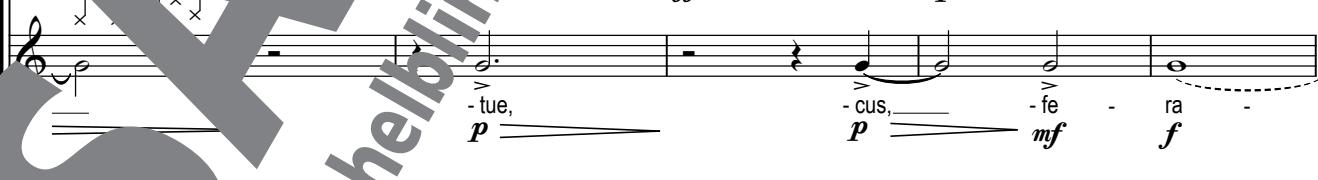
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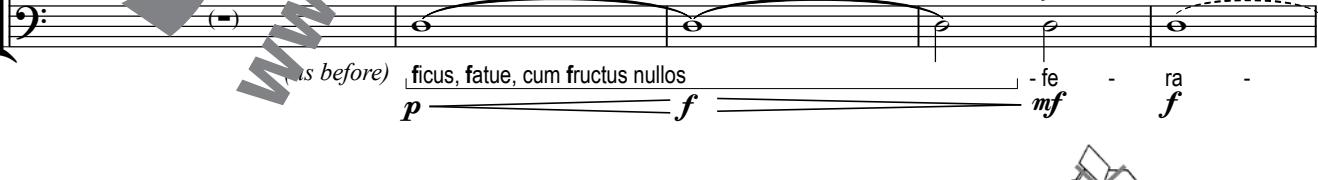
rall. molto

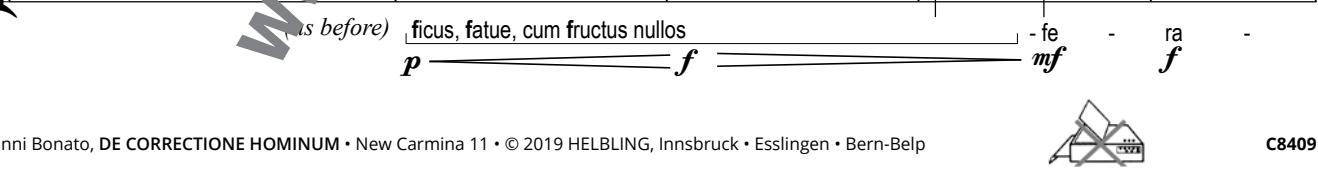
S 1 

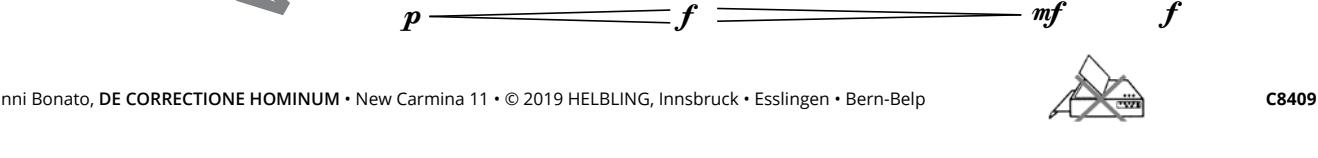
T 1 

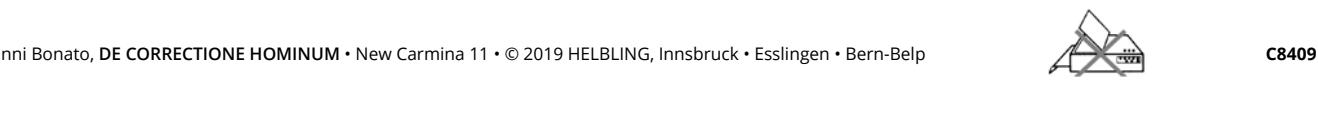
A 1 

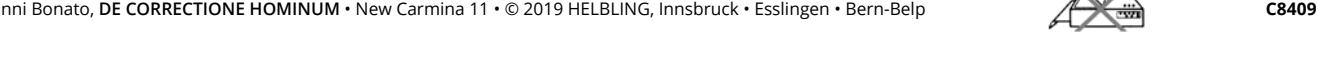
B 1 

(continue ...) 

S 2 

T 2 

A 2 

B 2 

(as before) ficus, fatue, cum fructus nullos



(continue ...) $\text{♩} = 50$

S 1 43 (x x x x x) f
s! - di - p ppp

T 1 (continue ...) (with A 1)
s! Tutti

A 1 (continue ...) f Tutti
 p con - di - cio!

B 1 (continue ...) mf
s!

S 2 (continue ...) mf

T 2 (continue ...) mf (with A 1)
Tutti falsetto mp
s!

A 2 (continue ...) mf
s! p ppp mp

B 2 (continue ...) mf
s!



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48 tutti *mf* *p* *pp* *mp* *ord. mf* *mp*

S 1 mi - - se - ra! *p* *pp* *whispering* *ord. mf* *mp*

T 1 - si - O condicio misera!

A 1 *p* *pp* *whispering* *p* *p*

B 1 *mp* quam a

(...from T 1) *p* *pp* *whispering* *p* *p* *mp*

S 2 (with S 1) Tutti *mp* *p* *p* *con - de -* *ord. p* *p* *ord. p* *p*

T 2 *p* *p* *n -* *- spe -*

A 2 Tutti *p* *pp* *whispering* *p* *p* *p* *p*

B 2 *mp* *x* *x* *x* *x* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *p* *p*

cicio O condicio misera!

quam



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S 1

T 1

(mp)

8 ho - mo! Sit hec vi - ta, mors al - te - ra,

A 1

mp staccato, ma non troppo

O con-di - cio mi - se - ra!

Mors al - te - ra, que

B 1

(mp)

- spe - ra sit

mors al - te - ra

S 2

*) ff mf

8 ho mors al - te - ra, que

(with S 1)

mp

T 2

p

8 quam aspera nec vita, mors al - te - ra, que

A 2

mp staccato, ma non troppo

mi - se - ra.

Mors al - te - ra, que

B 2

f

mp

hec vi - ta, mors al - te - ra, que

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*) Extremely intense exhalation and inspiration .



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58 ♩ = 54 sub.

S 1 (mf)

T 1 ♩ = 62 (st)a -

A 1 falsetto *mf* (st)a -

B 1 *mf* *mp* pur -

B 1 *mp* *ff*

S 2 ♩ = 54 sub.

(mp)

S 2 Cur non

T 2 *p steady*

A 2 *mf* *mp* - gas re -

B 2 *mf* *mp* *ff*

falsetto *mf* *mp* *ff*

(st)a -



poco accel.

S 1 (63) (mf) *cum_ sit_ ho - ra_ ti - bi_* *in co - gni -*

T 1 (fals.) *- a - cum_ sit_ ho - ra_ ti - bi_* *in co - gni -*

A 1 (mf) *si - ne mo - ra, si - ne mo - ra,* *ho - mo! In -* (with T 1)

B 1 falsetto *- a - si - ne mo - ra, si - ne mo - ra, cum_ sit_ ho - mo! In -* (with T 1)

poco accel.

S 2 (mf) *cum_ sit_ ho - ra_ ti - bi_ mor - tis_* *gni -* (with T 1)

T 2 (p) *- cum_ sit_ ho - ra_ ti - bi_ mor - tis_* *in -* (with T 1)

A 2 (mf) *si - ne mo - ra,* *ho - mo!*

B 2 ord. *si - ne mo - ra, cum_ sit ho - ra* div. *ho - mo!*

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S 1 *que non pro - fi -*

T 1 *Tutti (mf)* *ta!* *Cur non purgas reatum sine mora,*

A 1 *et in vi - ta ca - ri - tas,*

B 1 *- ci(t),* *(with T.2.)*

S 2 *(mf)* *Cur non purgas reatum sine mora,*

T 2 *condicio misera!*

A 2 *O condicio misera!*

B 2 *uniti* *mf*

et in vi - ta ca - ri - tas,

mo!

(...from S 1) *p.*

falsetto mp

pror-sus a - ret

(... from A 1) *p*

- (c)it,

div. *p*

a - ret



staccato, ma non troppo
f ma non troppo

S 1 *rall.*

73 cum sit ho - ra ti - bi mor - tis in - co - gni - ta, ti - bi mor - tis in - gni -

f *mf*

T 1 *f* *mf* *ord.* *f* *mf* *(almost weeping)* *f* *mf* *(almost weeping)* *f* *mf*

a - - - ret ho - mo! Cum sit hora tibi mortis ho - mo!

A 1 *mf* *f* *mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *(almost weeping)* *f* *mf* *(as before)* *f* *mf*

ho - mo! Cum sit hora tibi mortis ho -

B 1 *f* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

a - - ret et de ef - fi - cit be -

staccato, ma non troppo
f ma non troppo

S 2 *rall.*

cum sit ho - ra ti - bi mor - tis in - co - gni - ta, ti - bi mor - tis in - gni -

mf

T 2 *ord.* *f* *mf* *mf* *f* *mf* *(almost weeping)* *f* *mf* *whispering* *pp* *natural decl. with no pitch!*

cum sit ho - bi mor - tis, ho - mo! Cum sit hora tibi mortis

A 2 *f* *mf* *mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *(almost weeping)* *f* *mf*

mo! Cum sit hora tibi mortis, cur -

B 2 *div.* *f* *mf*

a - - ret et de fi - cit nec ef - fi - cit be -




whispering no voice! $\text{♩} = 54$ **di nuovo**

S 1 $\text{♩} = mp$ $\text{♩} = mf$ $\text{♩} = ff$
-ta! *Et in vita caritas, que non proficit,*

T 1 *(as before)* *whispering, no voice!*
falsetto $\text{♩} = mf$ $\text{♩} = p$ $\text{♩} = mf$ $\text{♩} = ff$
ho - mo! *Prorsus aret et deficit*

A 1 *natural decl. with no pitch!* *whispering*
 $\text{♩} = mp$ $\text{♩} = p$ $\text{♩} = mp$ $\text{♩} = ff$
mo! *Cur non purgas reatum sine mora,* *tibialis incognita*

B 1 *whispering, no voice!* $\text{♩} = mf$ $\text{♩} = ff$
bo $\text{♩} = mp$ $\text{♩} = mp$ $\text{♩} = ff$
a - - tum. *In sit horribili mortis incognita!*

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S 2 *di nuovo* *(as before)* *fast weep*
-ta! *Ho - mo!* $\text{♩} = p$ $\text{♩} = mf$
fingers snapping and tongue clicking together

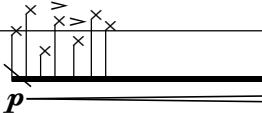
T 2 *di nuovo* *(as before)* *fast weep*
 $\text{♩} = mp$ $\text{♩} = ff$
ho - - $\text{♩} = p$ $\text{♩} = mf$
fingers snapping and tongue clicking together

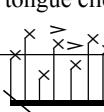
A 2 *di nuovo* *(as before)* *fast weep*
 $\text{♩} = mf$ $\text{♩} = mp$
Cur non purgas reatum sine mora, $\text{♩} = p$
fingers snapping and tongue clicking together

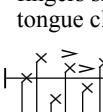
B 2 *di nuovo* *(as before)* *fast weep*
 $\text{♩} = mf$ $\text{♩} = mp$
a - - tu - - m. $\text{♩} = p$
fingers snapping and tongue clicking together



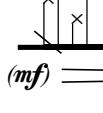
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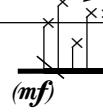
81 fingers snapping and tongue clicking together
 S 1  **p** **mf** **rall.**

T 1 fingers snapping and tongue clicking together
 T 1  **p** **mf**

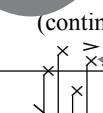
A 1 fingers snapping and tongue clicking together
 A 1  **p** **mf**

B 1  **p** **mf** **rall.**

S 2 (continue ...)  **(mf)**

T 2 (continue ...)  **(mf)**

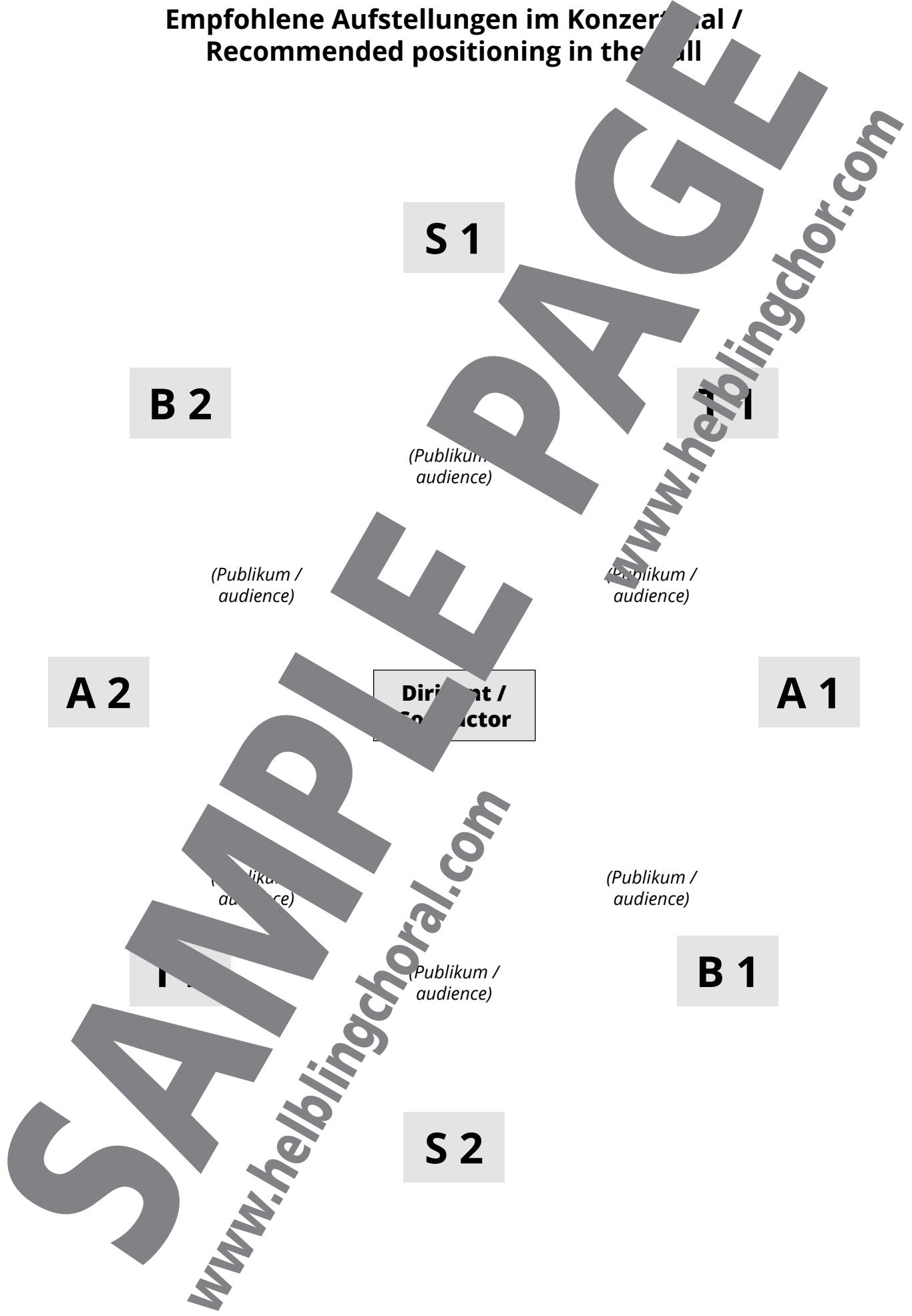
A 2  **(mf)**

B 2 (continue) 

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Ad cor tuum revertere,
condicione misere,
homol Cur spensis vivere?
Cur dedicas te vitiis?
Cur indulges malitiis?
Cur excessus non corrigis
nec gressus tuos dirigis
in semitis iustitie,
sed contra te cotidie
iram Dei exasperas?
In te succidi metue
radices ficus, fatue,
cum fructus nullos afferas!
O condicio misera!
Considera, quam aspera
sit hec vita, mors altera,
que sic immutat statum!
Cur non purgas reatum
sine mora,
cum sit hora tibi
mortis incognita!
Et in vita
caritas, que non proficit,
prorsus aret et deficit
nec efficit beatum.

Zurechtweisung der Menschen

Besinne dich,
Mensch du, mit elendem Los!
Warum verschmähst du das Leben?
Was widmest du dich den Lastern?
Was frönst du der Schlechtigkeit?
Warum richtest du deine Fehler
nicht gerade und lenkst deine Schritte
auf den schmalen Weg der Gerechtigkeit,
sondern wühlst stattdessen tagtäglich
Gottes Zorn gegen dich auf?
Fürchte, dass die Wurzeln deinen
Feigenbaums in dir abgehen werden,
weil du keine Frucht trägst!
O elendes Los!
Bedenke, wie hart
dieses Leben ist, eine andere Art von Tod,
weil es so wechselhaft ist!
Warum entsühnest du deine
Schuld nicht
ohne Aufschub? Und dir doch die Stunde
deines Todes kann kommen.
Und im Leben
vertrocknet und ermaut der Jüngling
ganz und gar, wenn sie nichts
und erkennt keine Seligkeit.

A command for humanity
Revert to your heart, O wretched lot!
of the mind, you withdraw from miserable life?
Why do you give up the pursuit of vice?
Why are you given over to the pursuit of vice?
Why do you indulge in wickedness?
Why do you not set right your errors
and follow the steps
to the narrow path of righteousness,
of every day arousing
the wrath of God against you?
Be afraid that the root of the barren
fig tree within you will be struck off,
for you bear no fruit.
Oh miserable life!
Contemplate how hard
this life is, it looks another form death,
because it is so capricious!
Why do you not atone
for your sins
without delay, for you do not know
the hour of your death!
And in life,
love withers and becomes utterly jaded
if it serves nothing and
does not bring happiness.

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Giovanni Bonato wurde 1961 in Schio/Italien geboren. Er studierte Komposition bei Fabio Vacchi, Adriano Guarnieri und Giacomo Manzoni am Giuseppe Verdi Konservatorium in Mailand. Giovanni Bonato komponiert vor allem Kammermusik, Chor- und Orchesterwerke, die international für Aufsehen sorgen und von renommierten Interpreten wie dem Arditti Quartet, den Neuen Vocalsolisten Stuttgart, dem Estonian National Male Choir, der Vokalna Akademja Ljubljana, Mario Brunello, Julius Berger, Gary Graden und Kazushi Ono aufgeführt werden. Seine Kompositionen wurden mit zahlreichen Preisen ausgezeichnet (z.B. 2004 Uuno Klami in Finnland und Reine Marie José in Genf, 2009 Reina Sofia in Madrid, 2012 F. Siciliani in Perugia, 2017 GMCL/J. Peixinho in Lissabon, 2018 K. Szymanowski in Katowice). Seine Werke werden von den führenden europäischen Radioanstalten gespielt. Seit 1992 lehrt er Komposition am Conservatorium Cesare Pollini in Padua.

Giovanni Bonato was born in 1961 in Schio, Italy. He studied composition with Fabio Vacchi, Adriano Guarnieri and Giacomo Manzoni at the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatory in Milan. Giovanni Bonato composes mostly chamber music, choirs and orchestral works that cause great internationality and are performed by renowned interpreters such as the Arditti Quartet, the Neue Vocalsolisten Stuttgart, the Estonian National Male Choir, Vokalna Akademja Ljubljana, Mario Brunello, Julius Berger, Gary Graden and Kazushi Ono. His compositions have been awarded numerous international prizes (e.g. Uuno Klami in Finland and Reine Marie José in Genf 2004, Reina Sofia in Madrid 2009, F. Siciliani in Perugia 2012, GMCL/J. Peixinho in Lissabon 2017, K. Szymanowski in Katowice 2018). His works are broadcasted by the major European radio stations. Since 1992 he has been teaching Composition at the Cesare Pollini Conservatory in Padua.

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