

J.S. Bach - Church Cantatas BWV 82

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Symmetrical Form: B Aria - B Recit - B ARIA - B Recit - B Aria.

No chorus at all, not even a closing chorale. The fact that Bach created another version for soprano and one for mezzo-soprano, along with the fact that Anna Magdalena copied the recitative "Ich habe genug" and the following aria ("Schlummert ein") into her 2nd "Clavierbüchlein (1725; the "Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook")" demonstrates the works's wide appeal even in Bach's day.

NBA I/28; BC A169/a-d

Mary's Purification (Candlemas) (BWV 83, 125, 82, 157, 158, [161], [200])

*Malachi 3:1-4 (The Lord will suddenly come to his temple and purify his people)

*Luke 2:22-32 (Mary presents Jesus at the temple; Nunc Dimittis)

Librettist: Perhaps Christoph Birkmann (see side note). The libretto is almost identical to one by Bach's cousin, Johann Elias Bach in Schweinfurt before he returned to Leipzig. This libretto may, in turn, be a revision of a libretto by Johann Jacob Rambach. See Martin Petzoldt, citing Peter Wollny, "Bach Kommentar," vol. 3, pp. 31-33.

FP: 2 February 1727 (St. Nicholas, and St. Thomas at Vespers). Bach revised the cantata numerous times. The last revision (for bass) was very similar to the first one. For an English summary, see Carus Verlag collected edition of the vocal works, vol. 7, p. 4.

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The primary motive with its leap of a sixth is derived from the opening vocal phrase. To see how Bach transforms his motive and unifies the movement, see Dürr/Jones, pp. 663-64.

82/1. 1. **ARIE** Ritornello

Oboe carries tune in ritornello. Oboe.

Vlns in parallel 3rds & 6ths

piano sempre

C-minor

The pulsing bass line, with its repeated notes, contributes to a sense of calm resignation.

For the significance of C, see side note.

6.

11.

C minor

15.

B-flat 7



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19.

E-flat major

23.

avoiding F minor...

C minor

28.

C minor

Simeon's statement echoes that of Jacob, after he learned that his son Joseph was alive. See Genesis 45:28: "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive; I will go and see him before I die."

33. **BASS.**

NBA (following the autograph score) has the old German "genung."

Ich ha - be ge - nug,
I ask for no more,

C minor

38.

ich ha - be ge - nug, ge -
in peace I de - part, de -

C minor

43.

nug, ich ha - be ge - nug, ich
part, in - peace I de - part, mine

47.

ha - be den Hei - land, das Hof - fen der Frommen, auf mei - ne be -
eyes have - held Him, - have seen Thy sal - va - tion, the - hope and the -

F7

F7

B-flat major

52.

gle - ri - gen Ar - me ge - nom - men; ich ha - be ge -
Sav - iour of - all Thy cre - a - tion in - peace I de -

57.

nug, ich ha - be den Heiland, das Hoffen,
part, mine eyes have - held Him, have seen Him,

D major

D7

G minor

N6

G major

63.

das Hoffen der From - men, ich ha - be den Hei - land, das
have - seen Thy sal - va - tion, mine eyes have be - held Him, have

C minor

68.

Hof - fen der From - men, auf mei - ne be - gie - ri - gen Ar - me ge -
seen Thy sal - va - tion, the hope and the Sav - iour of all Thy cre -

D7

G minor

73.

nommen; ich ha - be ge - nug!
a - tion; in peace I - de - part!

Ritornello

G minor

79.

G minor

85.

G minor

G7

C minor

90.

F7 B-flat major

94.

B-flat major B-flat 7 (E-flat major) C minor G7 C minor

98.

Figura corta

G minor

Figura corta
"...besteht aus drey geschwinden Noten, deren eine allein so lang ist, als die übrigen beyde"
Johann Gottfried Walther "Musicalisches Lexicon." [Leipzig, 1732]
("...consists of 3 fast notes, of which one has the same value as the other two put together.")

103.

D7 G minor

107.

G minor G7 C7 F minor

Ich hab' ihn er - blickt, mein Glau - be hat
 Mine eyes have be - held, be - held the sal -

Contrasting middle section.
 Opening motive modified to "look upward."

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112.

Je - sum an's Her - ze ge - drückt, ich
 va - tion that - Thou hast pre - pared, mine

E-flat major B-flat 7 E-flat major

117.

hab' ihn er - blickt, mein Glau - be hat Je - sum an's
 eyes have be - held, be - held the sal - va - tion that

E-flat 7 F minor F minor

122.

Her - ze ge - drückt, nun wünsch' ich noch
 Thou - hast pre - pared; and I in - my

E-flat 7 A-flat major F minor

127.

heu - te mit Freu -
 arms with re - joic

C7 F minor

Text painting: Extravagant melisma for "joy," reminiscent of earlier oboe lines.
 Figura corta

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131.

den von hin-nen zu schei-den: ich ha-be ge-nug!
-ing, have tak-en my Sav-iour: in peace I-de-part!

Ritornello shortened

F minor

F minor

137.

avoiding B-flat minor...

142.

Figura corta

A-flat 7

F minor

C7

C7

F minor

147.

Ich hab' ihn er-blickt,
Mine eyes have be-held,

Third section combines elements of first two sections.

Recurrence of opening motive provides cyclic unity.

F minor

F minor

B dim.7

152.

mein Glau-be hat Jesum an's Her-ze ge-drückt,
be-held the sal-va-tion that Thou hast pre-pared;

B dim.7

C minor

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Recurrence of opening motive provides cyclic unity.

158.

ha - be ge - nug, ich ha - be ge - nug,
nough have I here, e - nough have I here,

C minor C7 F minor

163.

ich ha - be ge - nug, nun wünsch' ich noch
in peace - I de - part, and I in my

D7 G7 C minor

Extravagant melisma for "joy."
Figura cotta

168.

heu - te mit Freu - arms, with re - joic

G7 C minor

172.

- den von hin - nen zu scheiden: ich ha - be ge - nug!
- ing, have tak - en - my Sav - iour: in peace I - de - part.

C minor C minor

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• Yearning to depart with Simeon & be with Christ (82/2).
 Repeating the motto text (the words of both Simeon & Jacob) from the first movement at beginning and end of the movement provides cyclic unity.

Secco recitative moves into arioso on two occasions.

82/2. RECITATIV.

1. BASS.

Major tonality at beginning and end signals a positive affect.

Ich habe genug! Mein Trost ist nur allein, dass Jesus mein und ich sein eigen möchte
I ask for no more, for I am wholly Thine, my joy, O Je - sus, is that I may call Thee

A-flat major

4.

sein. Im Glauben halt' ich ihn, da seh' ich auch mit Si-me-on die Freude jenes Lebens
mine. By faith am I sus-tained, that I may know, like Si-me-on, the joy that lies in heav-en

A-flat major B-flat 7

E-flat major

Arioso. Andante.

Text painting: Vocal bass imitates continuo to illustrate "ziehn" (to follow). = "imitatio Christi."

Recitativ.

7.

schon. Lasst uns mit diesem Manne ziehn! Ach! möchte mich von meines Leibes
yon. Ah, let us be like Si-me-on! Yea, Lord, from these my bod-y's irk-some

F minor

10.

Ket-ten der Herr er-ret-ten. Ach! wä-re doch mein Abschied hier, mit
fet-ters, do Thou, now free me. Oh, that my part-ing soon may be, with

F# dim.7

G minor

(B-flat 7)

12.

Freu - den sagt' ich, Welt, zu dir: Ich ha-be ge-nug!
joy de - clar - ing, World, to Thee: "In peace I de - part!"

E-flat major

F7

B-flat major

B-flat major

"Diesem Manne" is ambiguous. It could refer to Simeon or Jesus. The canonic writing could represent "imitatio Christi." In this regard, see John 11:16: "Thomas... said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him [i.e., Jesus].' The phrase may also allude to Genesis 24:58, where Rebecca chooses to leave her home and follow Isaac's servant to marry Isaac. Text painting: Chromatic chord for "chains of earthly body."

Text painting: Melisma for "Freuden" (joys). Joy was also Jacob's reaction when he learned that his son Joseph was alive (Genesis 45:27).

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Central Movement is essentially a lullaby. Ritornello Aria in section incorporates the opening material.
Form: Rit-A-Rit — B-A-C — da capo (Rit-A-Rit)

Quasi-galant style:
-song-like melody
-major harmonies
-periodic phrases
-courtly, syncopated rhythm

82/3. **ARIE.** •Yearning for the sleep of death: Here is only misery, there peace (82/3).

Instrumentation:
Vln 1, II
Via
Continuo & Organ

1. Ritornello

E-flat major E-flat 7 A-flat major B-flat 7 C minor B-flat 7

Repeatedly, movement to the flat side of the circle of fifths, perhaps to signify weariness.

5.

E-flat major E-flat 7 A-flat major C7 F minor B-flat 7 E-flat major

Form: (Rhyme Scheme: ABCCADDA)
Ritornello (mm. 1-9) E M
A. Lines 1-2 (10-27) E M
Rit. (28-36) E M (Fine)
B Lines 3-5 (37-48) E M
A Lines 1-2 (49-66) E M
C Lines 6-8 (67-85) A M
da capo

10. **BASS.**

Schlummert ein, ihr mat - ten Au - gen, fal - let sanft und se - lig zu, schlum -
Close ye now, ye wea - ry eye - lids, - soft - ly - rest - on - wea - ry eyes, close -

Text painting: Descending line and sustained notes for "falling asleep."

Text painting:
Descending lines that constantly slip to the subdominant (followed by a fermata) for "nodding off."

14.

E-flat major E-flat 7 A-flat major B-flat 7 C minor B-flat major

18.

E-flat major E-flat 7 A-flat major B-flat 7 C minor E-flat 7 A-flat major

4 fermatas (mm. 19, 25, 58, 64) appear to signify nodding off to sleep.

Text painting: Sustained note for "sleeping."

18. fal - let sanft und se - lig zu, schlum - - - - mert ein, ihr
soft - ly rest - on - wea - ry eyes, close - - - - ye now, ye

B-flat 7 B-flat major B-flat 7 E-flat major E-flat 7 A-flat major

Text painting: Sustained note followed by drooping figure (with fermata) for "nodding off to sleep."

22. *fr.*
 mat - ten Au - gen, — fal - let sanft und se - lig zu,
 wea - ry eye - lids, — soft - ly rest - on - wea - ry eyes,

E dim.7 F minor B-flat 7 E-flat major E-flat 7 (A-flat major) E-flat 7

26. *fr.*
 fal - - - let sanft — und se - lig zu. Ritornello
 soft - - - ly rest — on - wea - ry - eyes.

Continuo alone for 2 mm. to depict having fallen asleep.

F minor B-flat 7 B-flat 7 E-flat major E-flat major E-flat 7 A-flat major

30.

F minor B-flat 7 C minor B-flat major B-flat 7 E-flat major E-flat 7 A-flat major

34. **Contrasting B Section.** Fine
 Welt, ich blei - be
 World, with thee - I

Continuo alone mm. 37-48.

E dim.7 F minor B-flat 7 E-flat major E-flat major F7 B-flat major

38.
 nicht mehr hier, hab' ich doch kein Theil an dir, das der See - le
 would not - stay, — far from thee - I would a - way, care - be - hind me,

(G minor) B-flat major F# dim.7 G minor G minor F7

42.

könn - te tau - gen, das - der Seele könnte tau - - gen; Welt, ich
rest - to find me, care - be - hind me, rest to find - me; World, with

(B-flat major) D (7) G minor G minor

45.

bleibe nicht mehr hier, hab' ich doch kein Theil an dir, - das - der Seele könn - te -
thee I would not stay, far - from thee I would a - way, - care - be - hind me, rest - to -

G7 C7 D7

48.

"A" material is inserted in the middle of contrasting middle section.

tau - - gen. Schlummert ein, - - - - - Voice drops out as if fallen asleep.
find - me. slum - ber on, - - - - - Ritornello mm. 1-4 returns.

G minor E-flat 7 E-flat major E-flat 7 A-flat major F minor B-flat 7

52.

Vocal Part A, mm. 14-27, returns.

schlum - mert ein, schlum - mert ein, schlummert ein, ihr
slum - ber on, slum - ber on, close - ye now, ye

B-flat major B-flat 7 E-flat (7) E-flat 7 A-flat major B-flat 7 C minor

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56.

mat - ten Au - gen, fal - let sanft und se - lig zu, schlum -
wea - ry eye - lids, soft - ly rest on wea - ry eyes, close

E-flat 7 A-flat major B-flat 7 C minor B-flat major B-flat 7 E-flat major

60.

- - mert ein, ihr mat - ten Au - gen, fal - let sanft und se - lig zu,
ye now, ye wea - ry eye - lids, soft - ly rest on wea - ry eyes,

E-flat 7 A-flat major E dim.7 F minor B-flat 7 E-flat major E-flat 7

64.

fal - let sanft und se - lig zu.
soft - ly rest on wea - ry eyes.

Contrasting material (C).

Continuo alone for 2 mm.
to depict having fallen
asleep.

E-flat 7 A-flat major B-flat 7 E-flat 7 A-flat major (B-flat 7)

68.

Hier muss ich das E - lend bau - en, a - ber dort, dort werd' ich schau - en
Mis - er - y is here and wail - ing, there, is peace and rest un - fail - ing,

Dim. 7 for "Elend"

Continuo alone mm. 68/2-73/2

E-flat major B dim.7 E-flat (7) A-flat major

72.

sü - - ssen Frie - den, stil - le Ruh;
 bless - - ed rest and per - fect peace;

pp Strings enter.

E dim.7 F minor F7 B minor C7

75.

hier muss ich das
 mis - er - y is

f

F minor F minor

78.

E - lend bau - en, a - ber dort, dort werd' ich schauen sü - - ssen Frie - den,
 here and - wail - ing, there, - is peace and rest un - fail - ing bless - - ed rest and

E-flat 7 (A-flat major) C7 F minor G7 C minor C minor

82.

stil - le Ruh, sü - ssen Frieden, stil - le Ruh.
 per - fect peace, bless - ed rest and per - fect peace.

Adagio. p

F minor G7 C minor A-flat major A-flat major

C major (positive affect) E-flat 7 Da Capo.

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The recitative focuses on the word "now" in the Gospel reading (Luke 2:29, Canticle of Simeon): "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace."

Secco recitative that ends with arioso section (like 82/2).

82/4. **RECITATIV.** •Yearning to die and begin rest; farewell to world (82/4).

NBA: im Friede

1. **BASS.** NBA: wenn

Mein Gott! wann kommt das schö-ne: Nun! da ich in Frie-den fah-ren
Oh Lord, when may my trou-bles cease? when may I from this world be

B dim.7 G7 C minor G dim.7

3.

wer-de, und in dem San-de küh-ler Er-de, und dort, bei dir, im Schoosse
fly-ing? my bod-y in the cool earth ly-ing; when, safe with Thee, may I find

E dim.7 F minor B dim.7

5. **Arioso. Andante.** Text painting: Descending continuo scale to depict earthly farewell.

ruhn? Der Abschied ist ge-macht. Welt! gu-te Nacht!
peace? With Thee, Lord, would I dwell. World fare-thee-well

Text painting: major for "ruhn" (rest).

G major C minor C minor

82/5. **ARIE. Vivace.** •Yearning for death as escape from woe (82/5).

1.

Ritornello Oboe returns, mostly doubling Vn I.

Rising C minor scale in close imitation, probably signifying ascent to heaven. For the significance of C, see note at no. 1.

6.

C minor F7 B-flat major D major G minor

Ritornello Aria Joyous dance in triple meter instead of a closing chorale. The work has progressed psychologically, emotionally, and spiritually from lament and world-weariness to joyful anticipation. Connections to first movement include -fast tempo, -triple meter, -full instrumentation -C minor key, -Melisma on "joy."

In contrast to the opening movement, where the text speaks of clinging (to Jesus), this text speaks of loosening (the bonds of earth). The circling motions of movement 1 are here contrasted with centrifugal, dance movement in the instruments. See Martin Petzoldt, "Bach Kommentar" 3:36.

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12.

Ich
All

p *f* *p*

G major

Text painting: Melisma for "joy."

18.

freu - - - e mich auf
joy - - - ous I, this

Oboe

p *f*

C minor

24.

mei - nen Tod, ich freu - - e mich auf mei - nen Tod!
day - to die, all joy - - ous I, this - day - to die!

Rit. 2.

C minor Rising C minor scales in close imitation.

30.

Ritornello

p *f*

C major C7 F minor B-flat 7 E-flat major E-flat major

36.

p *f*

G major C minor

42.

Ich freu - - - e mich auf meinen Tod, ach!
 All joy - - - ous I, this day to die, ah,

Rising C minor scales.

48.

hätt' er sich schon ein - ge - fun - den, ach! hätte er sich schon
 tar - ry not, come, death, and find me, ah, tar - ry not, come,

C minor

B-flat (7)

E-flat major

54.

ein - ge - fun - den, ach! hätte er sich schon ein - ge - fun - den;
 death and find me, ah, tar - ry not, come, death, and find me;

E-flat major

F(7)

B-flat major

D7

G minor

Dominant: mm. 59-64/2)

60.

ich freu - e mich auf mei - nen Tod, ach! hätte er sich schon ein -
 all joy - ous I, this day to die, ah, tar - ry not, come, death,

G minor

66.

- ge - fun - den.
 and find me.

Ritornello

G minor

Rising G minor scales in close imitation.

72.

G major G7 C minor C minor F7 B-flat major

78.

D7 Dominant pedal of G minor (mm. 79-83)

84. Contrasting B section.

Da ent - komm' ich al - ler Noth, da ent -
 For with thee - would I - now go, for with

G minor G minor A7 D minor G7 C minor

90.

komm' ich al - ler Noth, die mich noch auf der Welt ge -
 thee would I - now go, leav - ing - this world of woe be -

F7 B-flat major B-flat major D7

96.

bun - den, da
 hind me, for

G minor B-flat (7) E-flat major A-flat major

102.

entkomm' ich al - - ler Noth, die mich noch auf - - der Welt ge -
with thee would I - - now go, leav - ing - - this world - - of woe - - be -

108. B-flat (7) E-flat 7 A-flat major B-flat 7 E-flat major

bun - - den, auf der Welt
hind - - me, leav - ing woe

Parallel 3rds, perhaps signifying the intertwining of "gebunden."

114. B-flat (7) Dominant pedal (108-112)

ge - bun - den. Ich
be - hind me. All

Ritornello material
Rising C minor scales in close imitation.

E-flat major C minor

120.

freu - - e mich auf
joy - - - ous I, this

126. C minor

mei - - nen Tod, ich freu - - e mich auf meinen Tod!
day - - to die, all joy - - ous I, this - - day - - to die!

Rising C minor scales
in close imitation.

Ritornello

C minor

C minor

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132.

138.

144.

Ich freu - - - e mich auf mei-nen Tod, ach!
 All joy - - - ous I, this day to die, ah,

Rising C minor in close imitation.

150.

hätt' er sich schon - - ein - ge - fun - den, ach! hätte' er sich schon - -
 tar - ry not, come, - - death, and find me, ah, tar - ry not, come, - -

156.

ein - ge - fun - den, ach! hätte' - - er sich schon ein - ge - fun - den;
 death, and find me, ah, - - tar - ry not, - - come, - - death, - - and - - find - - me;

162.

ich freu - e mich auf mei - nen Tod, ach! hätt' er sich
all joy - ous I, this day to dis, ah, tar - ry not,

pp

C minor

167.

schon ein - ge - fun - den. Ritornello
come, death, and find me.

Rising C minor scales in close imitation.

C minor

173.

C major C7 F minor F minor

178.

B-flat (7) E-flat major G(7). Dominant pedal (mm. 181-185/1)
(C minor)

183.

p *f* *tr*
(C minor) C minor C major