

## Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach

What does the title mean?

The title is a hymn from the Lutheran church. This piece, from a cantata, usually has organ, strings, and choir.

What key is this in?

G major

Bar 34 to D major (dominant)

Bar 37 to A minor

Bar 41 to C major

Bar 45 back to G major

Notation:

Moderato - moderate tempo

BWV - catalogue Bach-Werke-Verzeichnis


Ma non troppo - but not too much

Metronome marking - 72 crotchets per minute  $\downarrow = 72$

3/4 - simple triple - 3 crotchet beats per bar


Mp - mezzo piano - moderately soft *mp*

Triplet - 3 notes in the time of 2

Pedal marking - use the damper pedal 

Ped. Simile - keep similar patten with the pedal


Slur - play legato

Crescendo - gradually getting louder 

Forte - loud *f*

Dotted line bar 9 - melody moves from LH to RH 

Mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud *mf*

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer 

Sharp - raise the note a semitone *#*

Natural - cancel sharp or flat *n*

Flat - lower the note a semitone *b*

2/4 - simple duple - 2 crotchet beats per bar

Ritard. - ritardando - gradually getting slower

Arpeggiando - roll the chord 