

Act II.

Lillas Pastia's Inn. When the curtain rises, Carmen, Frasquita, and Mercedes are discovered seated at a table with the officers. Dance of the Gypsy-girls, accompanied by Gypsies playing the guitar and tambourine.

No 12. Gypsy Song.

Andantino.

Frasquita.
Mercedes.

Carmen.

Andantino. (♩ = 100.)

Piano. *pp*

Curtain rises. (Dance.)

This musical score page contains measures 1811 through 1817 of Bizet's *Carmen*. The music is written for piano in 2/4 time, featuring a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score is organized into six systems, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The first system begins with a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking. The melody in the right hand is characterized by rapid sixteenth-note passages and sustained chords, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The second and third systems continue this melodic and harmonic development. The fourth system introduces a change in the right-hand melody, featuring more distinct eighth-note patterns. The fifth system shows a dynamic shift, starting with a *f* (forte) marking and transitioning to a *p* (piano) marking. The final system, measures 1816-1817, concludes with a *f* marking and a return to the rapid sixteenth-note texture. The page number 18117 is printed at the bottom left.

Carmen.

(Gypsy Song.)

*ben ritmato.**p*

(The dance ceases.)

Les
The

tringles des sistres tin - taient A - vec un é - clat mé - tal -
 sound of sis - trum - bars did greet Their ears with dry, me - tal - lic

li - que, Et sur cette é - tran - ge mu - si - que Les
 ring - ing, To this strange mu - sic soon up - spring - ing The

Zin - ga - rel - las se le - vaient. Tam -
 Gyp - sy girls were on their feet. The

bours de Bas - que allaient leur train, Et les gui - ta - res for - ce -
 rat - tling, ring - ing tam - bou - rine, And twangling of gui - tars now

né - es Grin - çaient sous des mains ob - sti - né - es, Même chan -
 min - gle, And, pinch'd and pound-ed, throb and jin - gle, A - like in -

son, — mê-me re - frain, Mê-me chan - son, — mê - me re -
 time, — A - like in - tune; A - like in time, a - like in

molto rit. dim.

colla voce.

a tempo. (♩ = 108) *pp*

frain! — Tra la la la,
 tunel —

sempre pp

tra la la la, tra la la

la, tra la la la la la la la,

Frasquita, Mercedes.

pp

tra la la la, tra la la la,

pp

tra la la la, tra la la la,

(Dance.)

pp

tra la la la, tra la la la la la la la.

tra la la la, tra la la la la la la la.

(The dance ceases.)

sempre p

Les Set

anneaux de cuivre et d'ar - gent Re - lui-saient sur les peaux bi -
off by taw - ny skins, are rings Of sil - ver and of cop - per



stré - es D'o - range et de rou - ge zé - bré - es; Les é -
flash - ing, In measure with the mu - sic clash - ing: Man - tles

é - tof - les flot - taient au
man - tles fly like wav - ing

tof - fes flottaient au vent.
fly - ing like wav - ing wings.

La danse au chant se ma - ri - ait, La
The sing - ers' mood the dancers feel, The

dim. *pp*

danse au chant se ma - ri - ait, D'a - bord in - dé - cise et ti -
sing - ers' mood the dancers feel: With slow and tim - id step be -

cresc. - *molto. rall.* -

mi - de, Plus vive en - sui - te et plus ra - pi - de. Ce - la mon -
gin - ning; Then fast and fast - er they are spinning, And wild - er,

cresc.

- a tempo animato. (♩ = 126.)

tait, mon-tait, mon-tait, mon - tait! Tra la la
wild - er, wild - er grows the reell

colla voce. *f* *mf*

la, tra la la la, la,

tra la la la, tra la la la la la la la:

tra la la la, tra la la

tra la la la, tra la la

(Dance.)

cresc.

la, tra la la la, tra

la, tra la la la, tra

The first system of the musical score for 'Carmen'. It consists of three staves. The top two staves are vocal parts with lyrics 'la, tra la la la, tra'. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes.

la la la la la la la

la la la la la la la

The second system of the musical score. It continues the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a 'cresc.' (crescendo) marking.

(The dance ceases.)

Les Bo-hémiens à tour de bras De
With fingers fleet the gyp-sy - boys On

The third system of the musical score. It begins with the instruction '(The dance ceases.)'. The vocal parts have lyrics 'Les Bo-hémiens à tour de bras De' and 'With fingers fleet the gyp-sy - boys On'. The piano part has a 'p' (piano) marking.

leurs in-struments faisaient ra - ge, Et cet é-blou - is-sant ta -
string and leather romp and ri - ot; No Gyp - sy maid-en can sit

The fourth system of the musical score. The vocal parts have lyrics 'leurs in-struments faisaient ra - ge, Et cet é-blou - is-sant ta -' and 'string and leather romp and ri - ot; No Gyp - sy maid-en can sit'. The piano part has 'p' and 'f' (forte) markings.

pa - ge En - sor - ce - lait les Zin - ga - ras.
qui - et Who hears that glorious, merry noise!

f *p* *p*

Sous le rythme de la chan - son, Sous le rythme de la chan -
And, to the measure of the song, And, to the measure of the

cresc. *f* *p* *f* *p*

son, Ar - den - tes, fol - les, en - fié - vré - es, El - les
song, All join the glowing, wanton rev - el; Round and

f *p* *cresc.*

se lais - saient, en - i - vré - es, Em - por - ter par le tour - bil -
round the ring, how they trav - el, Borne on whirl-winds of joy a -

ff *f*

Più mosso. (♩ = 138.)

lon! _____ Tra la la la, _____
long! _____

tra la la la, _____ tra la la

la, _____ tra la la la la la la la: _____

Frasquita, Mercedes. *sempre animando e cresc.* - - -

Tra la la la, _____ tra la la la, _____

Tra la la la, _____ tra la la la, _____

(Dance.)

sempre animando *e cresc.*

tra la la la, tra la la la la la la

tra la la la, tra la la la la la la

The first system of the musical score features two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics 'tra la la la, tra la la la la la la'. The piano accompaniment consists of a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand and a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand.

la: tra la la la, tra la la la, tra la la

la: tra la la la, tra la la la, tra la la

The second system continues the vocal melody with the lyrics 'la: tra la la la, tra la la la, tra la la'. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic pattern as the first system.

la, tra la la la.

la, tra la la la.

Presto.

(Carmen, Frasquita and Mercedes join the dance.)

The third system begins with the lyrics 'la, tra la la la.' and includes a dynamic marking of *ff* (fortissimo). A note indicates that Carmen, Frasquita, and Mercedes join the dance. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

Presto. (♩ = 152.)

The fourth system is marked **Presto. (♩ = 152.)**, indicating a faster tempo. The piano accompaniment becomes more complex, featuring sixteenth-note patterns in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

This musical score is for Bizet's *Carmen*, measures 124 through 127. It is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The score consists of five systems, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clef).
- **Measures 124-125:** The first two systems. The right hand features a rapid sixteenth-note scale in the first measure, followed by chords and arpeggiated figures. The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.
- **Measures 126-127:** The third and fourth systems. The right hand continues with complex chordal textures and arpeggios. The left hand maintains its rhythmic accompaniment.
- **Measure 128:** The fifth system. The right hand has a melodic line with accents (^) over the first three measures. The left hand continues with eighth notes.
- **Measures 129-131:** The final system. It includes a first ending bracketed over measures 129 and 130, marked with an '8' (octave). Below the staff, the instruction *tutta forza.* is written. The system concludes with a second ending marked *sec.* and a repeat sign.