

# Duos from Cantata 31.4

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arr. for Violin or Viola or Cello and Cello,  
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1 Violin for Bass Solo up 8va  
Duo with Viola or Cello  
bwv 31.4

1 Viola for Bass Solo up 8va  
Duo with Viola bwv 31.4

1 Viola for Bass Solo  
Duo with Cello bwv 31.4

1 Violoncello for Bass Solo  
Duo with Cello  
bwv 31.4

2 Viola for Bc up 8va  
Duo with Violin  
bwv 31.4

2 Violoncello for Bc  
Duo with Violin or Viola or Cello  
bwv 31.4

The musical score consists of two staves of music for string instruments. The top staff contains five parts: Violin (Bc), Viola (Bc), Violoncello (Bc), 2nd Violin (lead), and 2nd Violoncello (lead). The bottom staff contains five parts: Violin 1, Viola 1, Viola 2, Violoncello 1, and Violoncello 2. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f*, *V*, *mp*, and *mf*, and performance instructions like "lead" and "simile". The music is in common time, with a tempo of *J = 44 Molto adagio*.

10

Vln. 1  
Vla.  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
Vla.  
Vcl.

*mf*      *V*      *tr*  
*mf*      *V*      *tr*  
*mf*      *V*      *tr*  
*mf*      *V*      *tr*  
*p*      *mf*  
*p*      *mf*

13

Vln. 1  
Vla.  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
Vla.  
Vcl.

*f*  
*f*  
*f*  
*f*  
*mp*  
*mp*

15

Vln. 1  
Vla.  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
Vla.  
Vcl.

*V*  
*V*  
*V*  
*V*  
*mf*  
*mf*

18

Vln. 1

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vla.

Vc.

21

Vln. 1

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vla.

Vc.

24

Vln. 1

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vla.

Vc.

26

Vln. 1

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vla.

Vc.

28

Vln. 1

*p*

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vla.

Vc.

30

Vln. 1

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vla.

Vc.

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2 Bc

6 V

8 V mf

11 tr f

14 V

16

19 V 3

25 f

27 ad lib. col Bc p

30 rit. pp

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Bc

f

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V

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10

mf

tr

13

f

15

18

22

3

f

27

4

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The sheet music consists of ten staves of musical notation for two cellos. The first staff begins with a bass clef and a 'Be' dynamic. Measure 2 starts with a bass clef and a 'Bc' dynamic. Measures 6, 8, 11, 14, 16, 19, 25, and 27 each begin with a bass clef. Measures 3, 4, and 5 begin with a treble clef. Various dynamics are indicated throughout, including 'f' (fortissimo), 'mf' (mezzo-forte), 'tr' (trill), and slurs. Measure numbers are placed above the staves at the beginning of each system.

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lead  $\Downarrow$  simile

**$f$**

3

5

7

9

11

13

15

17

**$mf$**

**$p$**

**$mf$**

**$mp$**

**$mf$**

**$mp$**

## 2 Viola for Bc up 8va Duo with Violin bwv 31.4

3

The sheet music consists of six staves of musical notation for two violas. The violas are written in bass clef and 3/4 time. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Various dynamics and performance instructions are included:

- Measure 19: Measure number 19.
- Measure 21: Measure number 21, dynamic *f*.
- Measure 23: Measure number 23.
- Measure 25: Measure number 25, dynamic *mp*.
- Measure 27: Measure number 27, dynamic *f*.
- Measure 29: Measure number 29.
- Measure 31: Measure number 31, dynamic *p*, with markings "rit." and a fermata over the last note.

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lead simile

**$f$**

3

**$= mp$**

5

**$= mf$**

**$p$**

7

**$mf$**

**$mp$**

11

**$mf$**

13

**$mp$**

15

17

## 2 Violoncello for Bc Duo with Violin or Viola or Cello bwv 31.4

3

19

21 *f*

23

25 > *mp*

27 *f*

29

31 *rit.* - *p*