

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sonatas for four hands

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Sonata for piano four hands in B-flat major, KV 358

1	Allegro	4:15
2	Adagio	5:53
3	Molto presto	3:08

Sonata for piano four hands in F major, KV 497

4	Adagio — Allegro di molto	9:16
5	Andante	11:21
6	Allegro	8:02

Sonata for piano four hands in C major, KV 521

7	Allegro	9:21
8	Andante	7:27
9	Allegretto	7:30

Total playing time 1:06:17

'I'll just have to' - a screenplay

Pianist 1 — 18 years of age, energetic and enthusiastic as a puppy, invariably grinning very broadly.

Pianist 2 — 22 years old, a little cynical, with a dark look in which, nevertheless, fun lights often twinkle.

Act 1

Scene 1 *Indian summer, late afternoon. The house of Pianist 2 in the medium-sized provincial town of H. Pianist 1 enters, grinning broadly as ever, with two large bags full of groceries; the gentlemen are both avid amateur cooks and have agreed to spend this evening together cooking, drinking good wine, smoking cigars and discussing the current state of the universe. Yes, some people discover the true pleasures of life at an early age! It is all the stranger that Pianist 2 puts on a rather grumpy face when he sees that his younger comrade, in addition to a stalk of celery, a net of onions, a bottle of excellent Barolo, a couple of jalapeños and a few other such things, has also fished a score out of one of the bags, which, to Pianist 2's dismay, judging from its lying format, can only contain music for four hands.*

Pianist 2: Oh, no way!

Pianist 1: Yes, it is! Come along, it's fun! *(sits down, grinning broadly behind the grand piano)*

P2: Can't we open that Barolo fir...

P1: No, I've known you longer than today, you'll just take two sips and say you 'really can't play now'. I'm not falling for that one. Come on.

P2 casts his eyes skyward melodramatically and mumbles something unintelligible.

P1: Now get a move on! *(slides the piano stool to the bass side of the keyboard)*

P2, with demonstrative reluctance, grabs a chair from the dining table and places it next to his comrade behind the keyboard. He does not sit on it, however. Not at all. P1 puts the book on the music stand and flips it open.

P2: *(looking the other way)* Not that eternal Fantasy by Schubert again, is it? There's no end to it.

P1: No, not Schubert. Although that's the most magnificent piece in the world.

P2: Yeah, yeah. I agree. It just takes a long time.

P1: Now stop whining and sit down.

P2: Alright, alright. I'll just have to. *(sits down sighing demonstratively)*

P1 suddenly bursts into laughter.

P2: *(yelling)* What is it now!

P1: I suddenly imagine that fifty years from now, when we're old men, we'll still be having these kinds of evenings where I have to make every effort to get you to play quatre-mains, and you'll still be resisting so much, while in the end you'll always be the one shouting: One more time!

P2: *(grins suddenly)* Yeah, I'll admit. I also do it just for the heck of it. That grumbling is part of the tradition.

P1: You're such a goofball.

P2: I can't deny that. Alright! What do we have here?

P1: Mozart sonatas!

P2 instantly gets up and leaves.

P1: *(dryly)* Come back here.

P2: Alright, alright. I'll just have to. *(sits back down again)*

P1: Get off the pedal. It's my pedal.

P2: *(Mumbles something unintelligible)*

And so the friends begin Mozart's Sonata in B flat major, KV 358. After the first movement, which lasts barely three minutes, P2 says:

P2: *There. That was a lot of fun! That's quite enough. (stands up)*

P1 simply starts the second movement and repeats the first bar until P2 sighs and sits down again, and starts his part as well.

Scene 2 *We see, in fast forward, that this procedure, in which P2 is always gets up and is summoned back behind the keyboard by P1, is repeated. We see the years pass by (TIME LAPSE): with the turning of the pages the two boys become older and older.*



Act 2

Scene 1 *Ten years later. Indian summer again, late afternoon. The house of P1 in the Capital A. The two friends are sitting behind the grand piano. Little has changed, except that that both gentlemen are now in possession of fearsome facial vegetation, and that they consume considerably less Barolo, for they have now grown old and responsible. Who could ever have foreseen that! They're playing Mozart. Which doesn't stop them from talking right through the music.*

P1: You didn't even resist. Are you alright?

P2: I'm also getting older. Time's a cruel mistress and rushes on mercilessly. And resisting is time-consuming. That's why.

P1: Plausible.

P2: Say, we've been playing these pieces for such a long time already. Maybe we should play a concert.

P1: That's the best idea you've ever come up with. Also the only idea involving playing quatre-mains, by the way, so that's somewhat of an easy score.

P2: Fair enough. But shall we do so?

P1: You bet we're doing it! (*thinks for a moment, and then adds:*) And let's also just record it for a CD.

P2: I'll just have to.

P1: You'll just have to!

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