

# Salute to Bach (aka The Bach Suite) - 1. Allegro

Oscar Peterson

As played live in Berlin 1985 and on "Live!" (Los Angeles 1986).  
Part 1 follows the version from 1986, part 2 the version from 1985.

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(A1) Intro to part 1 (only in the 1985 version)

5

with swing feeling ---

9

(= A <sup>7/b9/b5</sup>)

12

with swing feeling

15

(A2)

19

23

2

3

*pp*

\*

27

29

*p*

*pp*

*pp*

\*

33

Part 1 (B1)

*mf*

\* 1985 version

2nd time with bass

38

42

45

(B2)

50

First system of music (measures 50-53). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody in the right hand features eighth and sixteenth notes with various accidentals. The bass line consists of eighth notes and rests.

54

Second system of music (measures 54-56). The right hand continues with eighth notes and some beamed sixteenth notes. The bass line features chords and eighth notes.

57

C1

Third system of music (measures 57-60). Measure 57 is marked with a circled 'C1'. The right hand has long notes with slurs. The bass line has eighth notes and chords. Below the bass line, there are markings: 'Ped.' under measure 57, '\* Ped.' under measure 58, and '\* etc.' under measure 59.

61

Fourth system of music (measures 61-64). The right hand includes triplets of eighth notes. The bass line has eighth notes and chords. At the end of the system, there are markings for triplets: '3' over a group of notes and '3' under a group of notes.

65

Fifth system of music (measures 65-68). The right hand features chords and eighth notes. The bass line has eighth notes and chords. At the end of the system, there is a marking for a triplet: '3' over a group of notes.

69

Sixth system of music (measures 69-72). The right hand has chords and eighth notes. The bass line has eighth notes and chords. Below the bass line, there are markings: 'Ped.' under measure 71 and '\*' under measure 72.

73 C2

77

81

85

89 1. repeat with improvisation

94 2. guitar

The musical score is written for guitar and piano. It consists of five systems of music. The first system (measures 73-76) is marked 'C2'. The second system (measures 77-80) features triplets in the right hand. The third system (measures 81-84) also features triplets. The fourth system (measures 85-88) continues the piano accompaniment. The fifth system (measures 89-94) is divided into two parts: '1. repeat with improvisation' (measures 89-92) and '2.' (measures 93-94). The 'guitar' part is indicated in measure 93. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass staves, notes, rests, triplets, and dynamic markings like 'p' and 'f'.

98

Ped. \*

105 *faster* Intro to Part 2, only in the 1985 version

110

114

(D1) Part 2 - Theme

119 Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

\* adjusted, actually A - E

123 G<sup>7</sup> Cm A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>

127  $Gm$   $A^7$   $D$   $Gm$   $D^7$

8 Bass (Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen)

8va

131  $G^7$   $Cm$   $Gm$   $D^7$   $Gm$

8

8va

135  $G^7$   $Cm$   $C^7$   $F^7$   $B^b$

altern.:  $G^b7$   $F^7$

8

8va

139  $E^b$   $A^b$   $Am$   $D^7$

8

8va

143 Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8va

8

147 G Cm Gm D<sup>7</sup> Gm

8va

8

(D2) Theme, varied repeating

151 Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8

155 G<sup>7</sup> Cm A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>

8

159 Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8

163 Gm G<sup>7</sup> Cm Gm D<sup>7</sup> Gm

8

167 G<sup>7</sup> Cm C<sup>7</sup> (F<sup>7</sup> (G<sup>b7</sup>)) F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

8

171 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Am D<sup>7</sup>

8

175 Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8

179 G Cm Gm D<sup>7</sup> Gm

8

(D3) 1st. Chorus Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8

187 G<sup>7</sup> Cm A<sup>7</sup> (Am<sup>7</sup>) D<sup>7</sup>

8

191 Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8

195 G<sup>7</sup> Cm Gm D<sup>7</sup> Gm

8

199 G<sup>7</sup> Cm C<sup>7</sup> F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

8

203 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Am D<sup>7</sup>

8

207

Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8

211

G Cm Gm D<sup>7</sup> Gm

8

one more piano chorus

215

( - - - - ) (D4) 1st Bass Chorus Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8

220

G<sup>7</sup> Cm A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>

8

224 Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8va

8

sic!

228 Gm G<sup>7</sup> Cm Gm D<sup>7</sup> Gm

8va

8

232 G<sup>7</sup> Cm C<sup>7</sup> (F<sup>7</sup> G<sup>b7</sup>) H<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> (E<sup>9</sup>)

8va

8

236 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Am D<sup>7</sup>

8va

8

240 Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8va

8

244 G Cm Gm D<sup>7</sup> Gm

8

3

one more bass chorus

(D5) Last Chorus - Reprise

248 Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8

252 G<sup>7</sup> Cm A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>

8

256  $G^m$   $A^7$   $D$   $G^m$   $D^7$

8

260  $G^7$   $C^m$   $G^m$   $D^7$   $G^m$

8

264  $G^7$   $C^m$   $G^b7$   $F^7$   $B^b$

8

268  $E^b$   $A^b$   $A^m$   $D^7$

8

272

Gm A<sup>7</sup> D Gm D<sup>7</sup>

8

276

G Cm Gm D<sup>7</sup> Gm 8va

8

# Salute to Bach (aka The Bach Suite) - 2. Andante

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*rubato*

*rit.*

\*\* 1985 version Bb-E-C

*a tempo*

*riten.*

*a tempo*

1)

*rit.*

*a tempo*

*rit.*

*a tempo*

*rit.*

*f*

\* The transcription follows mainly the version from 1985. Some variants of the from the version from 1986 are shown as small notes or in the appendix.

11 *mp* *a tempo* *riten.* *a tempo*

13 *rit.* 2)

15 3) 8va

18 1. repeating only in the 1986 version 2. attacca

Appendix: Variants of the version from 1986:

20 1) 2) 3)

# Salute to Bach (aka The Bach Suite) - 3. Bach's Blues

Oscar Peterson

as played live in Berlin 1985 and on "Live!" (Los Angeles 1986).

The transcription follows the version from 1985 with some annotations for the version from 1986.

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## Theme

8va bassa

8 Bass 2nd time

This system contains the first 8 measures of the piece. It features a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The right hand plays a complex melody with many triplets, indicated by '3' and a bracket. The left hand plays a steady bass line with long notes and some triplets. A label '8va bassa' is placed below the bass staff. A measure rest is shown at the end of the system.

8va bassa

8

This system contains measures 9 through 16. It continues the musical themes from the first system, with the right hand maintaining its intricate triplet-based melody and the left hand providing a consistent bass accompaniment. A measure rest is shown at the end of the system.

8va bassa

8

This system contains measures 17 through 24. The musical development continues with the same melodic and harmonic patterns. The right hand's melody remains highly active with triplets, while the left hand's bass line provides a solid foundation. A measure rest is shown at the end of the system.

8va bassa

8

This system contains measures 25 through 32. It concludes the first section of the piece. The right hand's melody and the left hand's bass line follow the established patterns. A measure rest is shown at the end of the system.

17

\* (Los Angeles 1986)

*Red.*

8

8va bassa

21

2nd time

8va bassa

8

Repeating with bass and drums

1st chorus (Berlin 1985)

25

D

8

28

D

8

31  $G^7$

8

34 delayed - - - - -

8

37 D

8

40  $F^{\#7} (C^7)$   $B^7$   $E^7$

8

43  $A^7$   $D$

8

46

8

one more chorus, then to Reprise

Reprise (Berlin 1985)\*

49

8

51  $8va$  gliss. on white keys

8

\* In the version from 1986 the reprise is identical to the theme.

53

Measures 53-54: Treble and bass staves with triplets and a single bass line below.

8

55

Measures 55-56: Treble and bass staves with triplets and a single bass line below.

8

57

Measures 57-58: Treble and bass staves with triplets and a single bass line below.

8

59

Measures 59-60: Treble and bass staves with triplets and a single bass line below.

8

This musical score page contains measures 61 through 70. It is written for piano with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and a separate bass line. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 8/8, indicated by a large '8' at the start of each system.

Measures 61-62: The right hand features complex triplet patterns. The left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

Measures 63-64: Similar triplet patterns in the right hand. A glissando on white keys is indicated in the right hand at measure 64, marked with '8va' and a diagonal line. The left hand continues with eighth notes and some triplet figures.

Measures 65-66: The right hand continues with triplet patterns. Another glissando on white keys is indicated in the right hand at measure 66, marked with '8va' and a diagonal line. The left hand features more triplet patterns.

Measures 67-68: The right hand continues with triplet patterns. A glissando on white keys is indicated in the right hand at measure 68, marked with '8va' and a diagonal line. The left hand continues with eighth notes and triplet figures.

Measures 69-70: The right hand continues with triplet patterns. A glissando on white keys is indicated in the right hand at measure 70, marked with '8va' and a diagonal line. The left hand continues with eighth notes and triplet figures. A '8va bassa' marking is present in the left hand at measure 70.

69

8va bassa

8

71

8va

gliss.

8

You can find the video of the version from Berlin 1985 here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uTDC8pU9A0>

The version from L.A. 1986, now called "The Bach Suite", is released on the album "Live!".

- 1st movement Allegro:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXVYpMjVdoU>

(The title mentions all three movements, but the video contains only the first)

- 2nd movement Andante:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLKXb2aQB-c>

3rd movement Bach's Blues:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnLncD67WAE>