

A re-invented tune?

Music & English words written down just after noon on Saturday, 8 July 2000,
by Siegfried Knöpfler, right as it occurred to him while plucking his autoharp.

The musical score consists of eight staves of music for autoharp, arranged in two systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 16, and the second system contains measures 17 through 24. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The chords used include G, D7, A7, E7, C, and D. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some measures containing both English and German text. Measure numbers are placed above the staff at the start of each measure.

Measures 1-4: G, D⁷, 2 G, Gm, G, Gm, 3 G, D, E⁷, D, E⁷.
A re-in- vention this may be, a va- ri-a-tion, ac-tual-

Measures 5-8: D, A⁷, 6 D, E⁷, D, E⁷, 7 D, G, D⁷, G, D⁷.
ly? But may-be 'tis yet re-al- ly a whol- ly new made me- lo-

Measures 9-12: G, D⁷, 10 G, Gm, G, Gm, 11 G, D, E⁷, D, E⁷.
dy! Un-til some- bo-dy tells me so, I do not care to real- ly

Measures 13-16: D, A⁷, 14 D, E⁷, D, E⁷, 15 D, C, D⁷, 16 G, D⁷.
know, be-cause I like the boun- cy flow of this my litt- le dit- ty,

Measures 17-20: G, D⁷, 18 G, 19 D⁷, G, 20 C.
oh! Ja, a-ber, mein Lie-ber, das sag' ich dir im Ver- trau'n: das hört - doch ein

Measures 21-24: G, 22 D⁷, G, 23 D⁷, C, 24 G, D⁷.
je- der, das hast du ge- klaut, ge- stoh- len, ich weiß nur nicht, von

(Actually, the "bridge" between the song proper and its repetition was composed a few days after, and supplied - for the author's easier memorizing of the tune - with the German words at some time later.)

(PS: To fit it to my new ZephvrHill 'harp. I've shifted the tune from the key of F to the key of G. Nov. 2001)

Musical score for a harp, featuring six staves of music with lyrics in German and English. The score includes measures 25 through 48, with chords indicated above the notes.

Measure 25: G, Em, B⁷, Em, 2Am, B⁷, Em, 2Am, B⁷, Em
wem! So dumm, so trau- rig das klingt, wenn schon mal et - - was ge-

Measure 29: B⁷, Em, 30B⁷, C, 31G, D⁷, 32G, C, D⁷, G, D⁷
lingt, ist's doch ein and'- rer, der zu Recht das Lied- chen singt! A re- in-

Measure 33: G, Gm, G, Gm, 34G, 35D, E⁷, D, E⁷, 36D, A⁷
ven- tion this may be, a va- ri- a- tion, ac- tual- ly? But may- be

Measure 37: D, E⁷, D, E⁷, 38D, 39G, D⁷, G, D⁷, 40G, D⁷
'tis yet re- al- ly a whol- ly new made me- lo- dy! Un- til some-

Measure 41: G, Gm, G, Gm, 42G, 43D, E⁷, D, E⁷, 44D, A⁷
bo- dy tells me so, I do not care to real- ly know, be- cause I

Measure 45: D, E⁷, D, E⁷, 46D, C, D⁷, 47G, D⁷, 48G
like the boun- cy flow of this my litt- le dit- ty, oh!