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Chopin was a magnificent pianist, and was often called “The Poet of the Piano.” Sadly, he died from tuberculosis before the age of 40. Chopin’s brilliance lies in his exquisite melodies and groundbreaking harmonies. Perhaps no other composer has ever written so elegantly for the piano.

NOCTURNE

Frédéric Chopin
(1810–1849)

Moderately slow

Chord progression: G, F#7/G, G, G/F#

Fingerings: 1, 5, 5, 3, 1

Chord progression: E7, D°/A, Am

Fingerings: 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 5

Chord progression: D7, B/D#, Em, C#°7

Fingering: 5

Wagner's opera *Lohengrin*, first produced in 1850, is set in medieval Antwerp. Lohengrin is a Knight of the Holy Grail who defends and then marries Elsa of Brabant. In the opera, this march is used to announce the arrival of the bridal procession. In modern weddings, as "Here Comes the Bride," it announces the arrival of the bride at the head of the aisle.

BRIDAL CHORUS

(from the opera *Lohengrin*)

Complete Version

Richard Wagner
(1813–1883)

Maestoso

The musical score is written for piano and consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is common time (C). The tempo marking is **Maestoso**. The score includes various chords and fingering instructions:

- System 1:** Chords: B \flat (2/1), F7, B \flat . Fingering: 1, 4.
- System 2:** Chords: E \flat /B \flat , B \flat , B \flat /D, C7, F. Fingering: 5.
- System 3:** Chords: B \flat , F7, B \flat .
- System 4:** Chords: B \flat /D (2/1), Dm, Gm, Cm/E \flat , F7 (4/2), B \flat . Fingering: 3, 3, 1.