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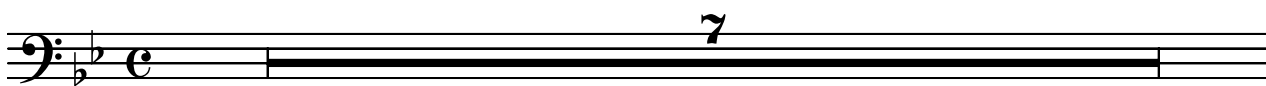
SLOVENIA: Zdravljica

The National Anthem of the Republic of Slovenia was adopted on March 29, 1990 and used the seventh stanza of a famous poem by France Prešeren. He was a widely known figure of European Romanticism, and through his vast literary work became the focus for Slovenia's emerging nationalism. The poem *Zdravljica* (A Toast) was written in autumn 1844, intended a collection of poems *Poezije* (1847) but was removed by the censors. It was eventually published on April 26, 1848 in the newspaper *Novice*. For a national anthem the words are somewhat unusual. Rather than praising the Slovenian nation, it entreats the listener to make a toast with wine to world peace, equality and friendly coexistence of all nations.

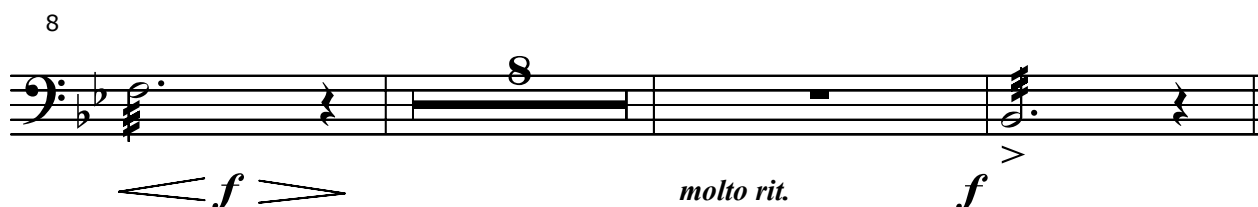
Stanko Premrl was a very active musician and priest. After studying at grammar school in Ljubljana he entered theological college and was ordained in 1903. For many years he held responsible positions in the Slovene Church and was also a gifted organist and improviser. He published many articles on music and was well known in music education. His prodigious musical output consists of over 1,200 religious works and 800 secular ones.

♩ = 120

Stanko Premrl (1880-1965)
Arranged by Colin Kirkpatrick



In Bb and F



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