

Richard Wagner is well known as a composer of opera and for his many innovations to the operatic medium. His opera *Tannhäuser*, written in 1845, tells the story of a young knight who forsakes the goddess Venus for the love of a pure maiden, Elisabeth. "Evening Star" is sung by Tannhäuser during a love contest, the winner of which wins the fair Elisabeth's hand.

# Evening Star

from *Tannhäuser*

Richard Wagner (1813–1883)

Arr. Allan Small

**Andante espressivo**

*mp*

*with pedal*

5

9

13

5

17

Musical score for measures 17-20. The piece is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The right hand features a melodic line with dotted rhythms and slurs. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines. Measure 17 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

21

Musical score for measures 21-24. The piece continues in G major and 4/4 time. The right hand has a melodic line with slurs and a four-measure rest in measure 24. The left hand includes a dynamic marking of *f* (forte) in measure 21 and a four-measure rest in measure 24. Measure 21 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.