

G: Grace

noun

1. elegance or beauty of form, manner, motion, or act.
2. a pleasing or attractive quality or endowment.
3. favour or goodwill...
9. *Theology*
 - a. the free, unmerited favour and love of God.
 - b. the state of being in receipt of such unmerited favour and divine love.
 - c. the influence or spirit of God operating in a person to regenerate or strengthen.
 - d. a virtue or excellence of divine origin: *the Christian graces*.
10. spiritual strength: *the grace to perform a duty*.

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Speaker's commentary

Grace is an enigmatic term. It is a state that often belies what's hidden. A sense of grace can come from feelings of resignation, when one accepts and surrenders. And through this surrender the soul is strengthened. How does one express grace in music? Rising scales refer to ascent... the soul floating up to a view of the world that transcends the current turmoil. 'Gracefulness' is optimism. It floats above the turmoil of existence and conflict. In this rendition, a single fragile note gracefully holds the rest of the work together.

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