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Minuet in D minor, from the *Anna Magdalena Bach*
Notebook

This minuet, by an unknown composer, is part of a collection of short keyboard compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach and others. The collection appears in a notebook that Bach gave to his second wife, Anna Magdalena, in 1725. In the early eighteenth century, such notebooks were useful tools for teaching performance and composition, and Bach assembled several for his family.

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is D minor (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. Measure numbers 1, 5, 9, and 13 are indicated at the start of their respective systems. The first system contains measures 1-4. The second system contains measures 5-8, with first and second endings starting at measure 7. The third system contains measures 9-12. The fourth system contains measures 13-16, also with first and second endings starting at measure 15. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the second ending of the fourth system.