

Violin Sonata No. 5 in A Minor

Aria

Élisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre
(1665-1729)

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.) and the bottom staff is for the Basso Continuo. The score is in common time (indicated by 'c'). The key signature changes throughout the piece, indicated by Roman numerals below the staff: #6, 6, #, 6, #6, 6, 7. The Basso Continuo staff uses bass clef and has a bass staff below it. Measures 1-3 show the Violin playing eighth-note patterns and the Basso Continuo providing harmonic support. Measures 4-6 show the Violin continuing its eighth-note pattern and the Basso Continuo providing harmonic support.

Élisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre (1665-1729) was the first woman in France to have an operatic work performed at the Académie Royale de Musique. Louis XIV supported her musical training and career from the time she was a small child until his death. In addition to being a virtuosic harpsichordist, Jacquet de la Guerre composed chamber and solo harpsichord works and hosted a popular salon in her Parisian home.