

String Quartet No. 5 in G Minor

Rondeau

Joseph Bologne, Op. 1
(1745-1799)

The musical score is for a string quartet in G minor, 2/4 time. It consists of four staves: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Violoncello. The score begins with a repeat sign. The Violin I part has a melodic line with a fermata on the first measure. The Violin II part has a rhythmic accompaniment. The Viola part has a rhythmic accompaniment. The Violoncello part has a rhythmic accompaniment.

Joseph Bologne (1745-1799) was born to an enslaved African and her Guadeloupean master. His father moved the family to France in 1753, where Joseph became a skilled fencer and was dubbed chevalier at age nineteen. As an acclaimed professional violinist, he premiered his own concerti and published string quartets, operas, and symphonies. He founded the Concert de la Loge Olympique, directed the Amateurs, and was a colonel of the Légion des Américains et du Midi.