



First Movement (Allegro) of Concerto Op.8 no. 3 (“Autumn”) by Antonio Vivaldi

4/4 time - key: F major

Descriptive poem: With dance and song the villagers celebrate their fine pleasure at the good harvest. And many succumb to Bacchus’ liquor. They finish their merry-making in sleep.

<u>Bar nos.</u>	<u>Key</u>	<u>Ritornello/Episode?</u>	<u>Description of the Music</u>
1 -13	F major	Opening statement of ritornello theme	<i>Tutti</i> - 5 short phrases, each restricted to mainly the I, IV & V chords harmonically. Phrase 2 is a repeat of phrase 1 an 8ve lower; Phrase 5 a repeat of phrase 4 an 8ve lower. In phrases 4 & 5 constant 1/8-notes replace the staggered rhythm of phrases 1 & 2. The 3rd phrase contrasts with more melodic leaps and is a 2-bar sequence. Violin 2 always plays a 3rd below Violin 1. Very dance-like.
14 - 27	F major	1st episode	Solo violin (double stopping) supported by b.c. First 2 phrases as in opening ritornello. 3rd & 4th phrases employ the same rhythm, but a new melody evolves. 4th phrase repeats the 3rd an 8ve lower.
27- 32	F major	Ritornello	<i>Tutti</i> - only the final two phrases of the opening ritornello.
32 - 57	F major A minor D minor G minor	2nd episode	