On Hemiolic Resonance

Abstract

In this installment of my ongoing study of the hemiola, I address borderline instances of twonote groupings that might, in time, coalesce into full-fledged hemiolas, or might not. Before the hemiola materializes, these two-note groups project the sense of an impending hemiola: hence the term *hemiolic resonance*. I also address the difference between genuine hemiolas, which are often prepared in advance by hemiolic resonance, and *imbroglio* (the 18th-century term for unnotated temporary changes in meter), which is not prepared in advance.