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Cantata BWV 20

"O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort". Autograph Score and Performing Parts in the Possession of the Bach Archive, Leipzig. Commentary by Peter Wollny

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