

# Vorspruch<sup>\*)</sup>

## Preface

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**Gemächlich einleitend (1)**      **Mäßig rasche ♩. (2)**      **\*\*)**

S  
1. Wer die Mu - sik sich er - kiest, hat ein himm - lisch Gut be -  
2. Wenn einst in der letz - ten Zeit al - le Ding' wie Rauch ver -  
1. If it's mu - sic that you choose, you've a heav'n - ly gift dis -  
2. And if, at the end of time, ev - 'ry - thing were bombed to

A  
1. Wer die Mu - sik sich er - kiest, hat ein himm - lisch Gut be -  
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1. If it's mu - sic that you choose, you've a heav'n - ly gift dis -  
2. And if, at the end of time, ev - 'ry - thing were bombed to

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2. Wenn einst in der letz - ten Zeit al - le Ding' wie  
1. If it's mu - sic that you choose, you've a heav'n - ly  
2. And if, at the end of time, ev - 'ry - thing were

B  
1. Wer die Mu - sik sich er - kiest, hat ein himm - lisch  
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2. And if, at the end of time, ev - 'ry - thing were bombed to

1) A leisurely introduction

[The composer's performance notations are translated in numbered footnotes.]

2) Moderately fast

\*) Den in Mörikes "Vermischten Gedichten aus späterer Zeit" mitgeteilten Spruch überschreibt der Dichter:  
"Altes Verslein, von einer ehelichen Malershand auf den Kaften der Orgel in der Kirche zu Güglingen  
geschrieben, welche vor etwa 20 Jahren abbrannte."

[Note in Mörike's "Vermischten Gedichten aus späterer Zeit": "An old couplet by an honest hand written  
on the organ case in the church in Güglingen, which burned down about 20 years ago."]

\*\*\*) In the English, "brought" may be preferred to "bombed." [Ed.]

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S  
 kom - men, denn ihr er - ster Ur - sprung ist von dem Him - mel  
 ge - hen, blei - bet in der E - wig - keit doch die Mu - sik  
 cov - ered; for her birth, you may sup - pose, was in heav - en,  
 ru - in, mu - sic would re - main sub - lime and the most be -

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 kom - men, denn ihr er - ster Ur - sprung ist von dem Him - mel  
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 ru - in, mu - sic would re - main sub - lime and the most be -

T  
 8  
 — Gut be - kom - men, denn ihr er - ster Ur - sprung ist von dem Him - mel  
 — Rauch ver - ge - hen, blei - bet in der E - wig - keit doch die Mu - sik  
 — gift dis - cov - ered; for her birth, you may sup - pose, was in heav - en,  
 — bombed to ru - in, mu - sic would re - main sub - lime and the most be -

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 cov - ered; for her birth, you may sup - pose, was in heav - en,  
 ru - in, mu - sic would re - main sub - lime and the most be -

14 (♩ = ♩) **Rascher (3)**

S  
 selbst ge - nom - men, von dem Him - mel selbst ge - nom - men. Weil die En - gel ins - ge - mein  
 noch be - ste - hen, doch die Mu - sik noch be - ste - hen. for the an - gels, you'll re - call,  
 I've un - cov - ered, was in heav - en, I've un - cov - ered, for the an - gels, you'll re - call,  
 loved so - lu - tion, and the most be - loved so - lu - tion,

A  
 selbst ge - nom - men, von dem Him - mel selbst ge - nom - men. Weil die En - gel ins - ge - mein  
 noch be - ste - hen, doch die Mu - sik noch be - ste - hen. for the an - gels, you'll re - call,  
 I've un - cov - ered, was in heav - en, I've un - cov - ered, for the an - gels, you'll re - call,  
 loved so - lu - tion, and the most be - loved so - lu - tion,

T  
 8  
 selbst ge - nom - men, von dem Him - mel selbst ge - nom - men. Weil die En - gel ins - ge - mein  
 noch be - ste - hen, doch die Mu - sik noch be - ste - hen. for the an - gels, you'll re - call,  
 I've un - cov - ered, was in heav - en, I've un - cov - ered, for the an - gels, you'll re - call,  
 loved so - lu - tion, and the most be - loved so - lu - tion,

B  
 14  
 selbst ge - nom - men, von dem Him - mel selbst ge - nom - men,  
 noch be - ste - hen, doch die Mu - sik noch be - ste - hen,  
 I've un - cov - ered, was in heav - en, I've un - cov - ered,  
 loved so - lu - tion, and the most be - loved so - lu - tion,

B  
 selbst ge - nom - men, von dem Him - mel selbst ge - nom - men.  
 noch be - ste - hen, doch die Mu - sik noch be - ste - hen.  
 I've un - cov - ered, was in heav - en, I've un - cov - ered,  
 loved so - lu - tion, and the most be - loved so - lu - tion,

3) Faster

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21 *Etwas verzögern (4)* *Im Zeitmaß (5)*

S  
 selb - sten Mu - si - kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si -  
*them-selves are mu - si - cians all, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu -*

A  
 selb - sten Mu - si - kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten,  
*them-selves are mu - si - cians all, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians,*

T  
 selb - sten Mu - si - kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten,  
*them-selves are mu - si - cians all, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians,*

B  
 Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten,  
*are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians,*

B  
 Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten,  
*are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians,*

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S  
 kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten,  
*si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians,*

A  
 Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si -  
*are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu -*

T  
 Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si -  
*are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu -*

B  
 Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si -  
*are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu -*

B  
 Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan - ten, Mu - si - kan -  
*are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si - cians, are mu - si -*

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S  
 Mu - si - kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan -  
 are mu - si - cians all, are mu - si -

A  
 kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan -  
 si - cians all, are mu - si - cians all, are mu - si - cians all, are mu - si -

T  
 8 kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan -  
 si - cians all, are mu - si - cians all, are mu - si - cians all, are mu - si -

B  
 37 kan - ten sein, Mu - si - kan - ten sein,  
 si - cians all, are mu - si - cians all,

B  
 ten sein,  
 cians all,

44 *Recht leicht und fröhlich (6)*

S  
 - - - - - ten sein.  
 - - - - - cians all.

A  
 - - - - - ten sein.  
 - - - - - cians all,

T  
 8 - - - - - ten sein.  
 - - - - - cians all.

B  
 44 *nicht dröhnen (7)*  
 Mu - si - kan - ten sein.  
 are mu - si - cians all.

B  
*nicht dröhnen (7)*  
 Mu - si - kan - ten sein.  
 are mu - si - cians all.

6) Quite light and chererful  
 7) no dull roar