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Song of the Fates

op. 89

CONDUCTOR'S SCORE

Gesang der Parzen

von
GOETHE.

Es fürchte die Götter
Das Menschengeschlecht!
Sie halten die Herrschaft
In ewigen Händen,
Und können sie brauchen
Wie's ihnen gefällt.

Der fürchte sie doppelt,
Den je sie erheben!
Auf Klippen und Wolken
Sind Stühle bereitet
Um goldene Tische.

Erhebet ein Zwist sich,
So stürzen die Gäste,
Geschmäht und geschändet,
In nächtliche Tiefen,
Und harren vergebens,
Im Finstern gebunden,
Gerechten Gerichtes.

Sie aber, sie bleiben
In ewigen Festen
An goldenen Tischen.
Sie schreiten vom Berge
Zu Bergen hinüber:

So sangen die Parzen;
Es horcht der Verbannte
In nächtlichen Höhlen,
Der Alte, die Lieder,
Denkt Kinder und Enkel
Und schüttelt das Haupt.

Aus Schlünden der Tiefe
Dampft ihnen der Athem
Erstickter Titanen,
Gleich Opfergerüchen,
Ein leichtes Gewölke.

Es wenden die Herrscher
Ihr segnendes Auge
Von ganzen Geschlechtern,
Und meiden, im Enkel
Die ehmals geliebten,
Still redenden Züge
Des Ahnherrn zu sehn.

SONG OF THE FATES

by
GOETHE.

*In fear of the Gods shall ye dwell, sons of men!
Sole empire they hold in their hands everlasting
And wield at their pleasure the lightnings of fate.*

*He doubly shall tremble whom they have exalted!
On turrets of cloudland enthroned they banquet,
Pour golden libations.*

*But are they offended, they hurl forth the guest,
To dishonour and ruin, where shadows are deepest.
There vainly he waiteth, in darkness and bondage,
For justice and judgment.*

*But they hold, th'Immortals, eternal carousals,
Pour golden libations.
They stride over height unto height thro' the heavens;
From earthy abysses arises the groaning
Of long smother'd Titans,
A fragrant oblation, saint cloud on the azure.*

*The all-ruling Gods shut the gates of their blessings
On whole generations,
Avoiding the once cherish'd, still speaking features
Of Grandsire in far distant and blameless sons.*

*Thus chanted the Sisters; below, 'mong the Shadows
The Exi'd one hearken'd the Fates' dread foreboding,
He thinks on his children, all darkness and doubt.*

Gesang der Parzen (SONG OF THE FATES)

von
GOETHE.

Johannes Brahms, Op. 89.

Maestoso.

2 Flöten.
(Kleine Flöte.)

2 Hoboen.

2 Clarinetten
in B.

2 Fagotte.

Contra-Fagott.

2 Hörner
in D.

2 Hörner
in F.

2 Trompeten
in D.

Alt- u. Tenor-
Posaune.

Bass-Posaune.
Bass-Tuba.

Pauken in D. A.

Maestoso.

pesante

Johannes Brahms, Op. 89.

Maestoso.

Violine I.

Violine II.

Bratsche.

Sopran.

Alt I.

Alt II.

Tenor.

Bass I.

Bass II.

Violoncell.

Contra-Bass.

Maestoso.

A detailed musical score page, numbered 6 at the top left. The page features ten staves of music, each with a unique key signature and time signature. The instrumentation includes multiple woodwind and brass parts, as well as a bassoon and a cello. The music is characterized by its complexity, with many grace notes, slurs, and dynamic markings such as *f*, *ff*, *cresc.*, *dim.*, *p*, *pp*, and *mf*. The notation also includes various rests and tied notes. The page concludes with a final dynamic marking of *dim.* at the bottom right.

A

p
Es fürchte die Götter das
In fear of the God shall ye
p

p
Es fürchte die Götter das
In fear of the God shall ye
p

A p

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The musical score consists of eight staves of music. The first four staves are mostly silent or contain rests. The fifth staff begins with a dynamic *p* and contains the lyrics "Es fürch-te die Göt-ter das Menschengeschlecht! In fear of the Gods shall ye dwell, sons of men!" followed by a repeat sign. This pattern repeats three more times. The sixth staff begins with a dynamic *p* and contains the lyrics "Menschengeschlecht! dwell, sons of men!" followed by a repeat sign. This pattern repeats three more times. The eighth staff concludes with a dynamic *f*.

p

Es fürch-te die Göt-ter das Menschengeschlecht!
In fear of the Gods shall ye dwell, sons of men!

p

Es fürch-te die Göt-ter das Menschengeschlecht!
In fear of the Gods shall ye dwell, sons of men!

p

Es fürch-te die Göt-ter das Menschengeschlecht!
In fear of the Gods shall ye dwell, sons of men!

Menschengeschlecht!
dwell, sons of men!

Sie hal-ten die Herrschaft in e - wi-gen Hän-den, und
Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e - ver- la-sting, and

Menschengeschlecht!
dwell, sons of men!

Sie hal-ten die Herrschaft in e - wi-gen Hän-den, und
Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e - ver- la-sting, and

Menschengeschlecht!
dwell, sons of men!

Sie hal-ten die Herrschaft in e - wi-gen Hän-den, und
Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e - ver- la-sting, and

f

Sie hal-ten die Herrschaft in e - wigen Hän-den, und kön-nen sie brauchen, wie's Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e-ter-lasting, and wield at their pleasure the

Sie hal-ten die Herrschaft in e - wigen Hän-den, und kön-nen sie brauchen, wie's Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e-ter-lasting, and wield at their pleasure the

Sie hal-ten die Herrschaft in e - wigen Hän-den, und kön-nen sie brauchen, wie's Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e-ter-lasting; and wield at their pleasure the

kön-nen sie brauchen, wie's ih - nen gefällt.
wield at their pleasure the lightnings of fate.

kön-nen sie brauchen, wie's ih - nen gefällt.
wield at their pleasure the lightnings of fate.

kön-nen sie brauchen, wie's ih - nen gefällt.
wield at their pleasure the lightnings of fate.

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V

B.

ih-nen gefällt.
lightnings of fate.

Der fürchte sie doppelt, den
He doubly shall tremble whom

ih-nen gefällt.
lightnings of fate.

Der fürche sie doppelt, den
He doubly shall tremble whom

ih-nen gefällt.
lightnings of fate.

Der fürche sie doppelt, den
He doubly shall tremble whom

Der fürche sie doppelt, den
He doubly shall tremble whom

Der fürche sie doppelt, den
He doubly shall tremble whom

ff

B.

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Stüh - le be - rei - tet um gol - - de - ne Ti - sche, um gol - - - de-ne
thro-ned *they ban - quet,* *pour* *gol - - den li - ba - tions, pour* *gol - - - den li -*

Stüh - le be - rei - tet um gol - - de - ne Ti - sche, um gol - - de - ne
thro-ned *they ban - quet,* *pour* *gol - - den li - ba - tions, pour* *gol - - den li -*

Stüh - le be - rei - tet um gol - - de - ne Ti - sche, um gol - - de - ne
thro-ned *they ban - quet,* *pour* *gol - - den li - ba - tions, pour* *gol - - den li -*

sind Stüh - le be - rei - tet um gol - de-ne Ti - sche, um gol - - de-ne
en - thro-ned *they ban - quet,* *pour* *gol - den li - ba - tions, pour* *gol - - den li -*

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en - thro-ned *they ban - quet,* *pour* *gol - den li - ba - tions, pour* *gol - - den li -*

sind Stüh - le be - rei - tet um gol - de-ne Ti - sche, um gol - - de - - ne
en - thro-ned *they ban - quet,* *pour* *gol - den li - ba - tions, pour* *gol - - den li -*

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C

Ti-sche. Er - he - bet ein Zwist sich, ein Zwist sich, so stür - zen die Gä - ste, ge-schmäht und geschändet, in
ba-tions. But are they of - fen - ded, of - fen - ded, they hurl forth the guest to dis - ho - nour and ru - in, where

Ti-sche. Er - he - bet ein Zwist sich, ein Zwist sich, so stür - zen die Gä - ste, ge-schmäht und geschändet, in
ba-tions. But are they of - fen - ded, of - fen - ded, they hurl forth the guest to dis - ho - nour and ru - in, where

Ti-sche. Er - he - bet ein Zwist sich, ein Zwist sich, so stür - zen die Gä - ste, ge-schmäht und geschändet, in
ba-tions. But are they of - fen - ded, of - fen - ded, they hurl forth the guest to dis - ho - nour and ru - in, where

Ti-sche. Er - he - bet ein Zwist sich, ein Zwist sich, so stür - zen die Gä - ste, ge-schmäht und geschändet, in
ba-tions. But are they of - fen - ded, of - fen - ded, they hurl forth the guest to dis - ho - nour and ru - in, where

Ti-sche. Er - he - bet ein Zwist sich, ein Zwist sich, so stür - zen die Gä - ste, ge-schmäht und geschändet, in
ba-tions. But are they of - fen - ded, of - fen - ded, they hurl forth the guest to dis - ho - nour and ru - in, where

Cff.

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nächt - li - che Tie - - - fen, so stür - zen die Gä - ste, ge-schmäht und geschändet, in nächt - li - che Tie - fen,
 sha - dows are dee - - - pest; they hurl forth the guest to dis - ho - nour and ru - in, where sha - dows are dee - pest.

nächt - li - che Tie - - - fen, so stür - zen die Gä - ste, ge-schmäht und geschändet, in nächt - li - che Tie - fen, in
 sha - dows are dee - - - pest; they hurl forth the guest to dis - ho - nour and ru - in, where sha - dows are dee - pest, when

nächt - li - che Tie - - - fen, so stür - zen die Gä - ste, ge-schmäht und geschändet, in nächt - li - che Tie - fen, in
 sha - dows are dee - - - pest; they hurl forth the guest to dis - ho - nour and ru - in, where sha - dows are dee - pest, when

nächt - li - che Tie - - - fen, ge - schmäht und ge - schän - - det, in nächt - li - che, nächt - -
 sha - dows are dee - - - pest; dis - ho - nour'd and ru - - in'd, where sha - dows, where sha - -

nächt - li - che Tie - - - fen, so stür - zen die Gä - ste, ge-schmäht und geschändet, in nächt - li - che, nächt - -
 sha - dows are dee - - - pest; they hurl forth the guest to dis - ho - nour and ru - in, where sha - dows, where sha - -

nächt - li - che Tie - - - fen, so stür - zen die Gä - ste, ge-schmäht und geschändet, in nächt - li - che, nächt - -
 sha - dows are dee - - - pest; they hurl forth the guest to dis - ho - nour and ru - in, where sha - dows, where sha - -

ff

ff3

ff

ff

D

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D

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. The top system, labeled 'D', features six staves. The first three staves begin with treble clef, the next two with bass clef, and the last one with alto clef. The bottom system also has six staves, all starting with bass clef. The music includes various dynamics such as *p*, *pp*, *dim.*, *pp dim.*, and *div.*. The lyrics, written in both German and English, describe a rainy scene: "nächt - liche Tie - sha - dows are dee - pest. und harren There rainily ver - gebens, he waiteth, har - rain - ren, - ly," followed by a repeat of the first line and a final line: "li - che Tie - dows are dee - pest. und harren There rainily ver - gebens, he waiteth, und har - ren, - ly," and finally "li - che Tie - dows are dee - pest. und harren There rainily ver - gebens, he waiteth, ver - he". The score concludes with a final dynamic of *p*.

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The musical score consists of two systems of staves. The top system starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a tempo marking of $\frac{3}{4}$. It features six staves, each with a different rhythmic pattern and dynamic markings like p , pp , and f . The bottom system begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a tempo marking of $\frac{2}{4}$. It also has six staves, continuing the rhythmic patterns and dynamics from the top system. The lyrics, written in both German and English, describe a scene of judgment and punishment:

har - ren
rain - ly ver - ge - bens
he wai - teth im Finstern ge - bun - den, ge - rechten Gerichtes, ge -
for justice and judgment, for

har - ren
rain - ly ver - ge - bens,
he wai - teth, in darkness and bon - dage, for jus - tice and judgment, for

har - - - ren ver - ge - bens,
rain - - - ly he wai - teth, in Finstern ge - bunden, ge - bun - den, ge - rechten Gerichtes, ge -
in darkness and bondage, in bon - dage, for jus - tice and judgment, for

im Finstern ge - bunden, ge - bun - den, ge - rechten Gerichtes, ge -
in darkness and bondage, in bon - dage, for jus - tice and judgment, for

ge - - - - bens,
wai - - - - teth, im Finstern ge - bunden, ge - bun - den, ge - rechten Gerichtes, ge -
in darkness and bondage, in bon - dage, for jus - tice and judgment, for

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a 2

rechten Gerichtes.
justice and judgment.

Sie a - ber, sie blei - ben in e - wi - gen Fe - sten an
But they hold, th'Im - mor - tals, e - ter - nal ca - rou - sals, pour

rechten Gerichtes.
justice and judgment.

Sie a - ber, sie blei - ben in e - wi - gen Fe - sten an
But they hold, th'Im - mor - tals, e - ter - nal ca - rou - sals, pour

rechten Gerichtes.
justice and judgment.

Sie a - ber, sie blei - ben in e - wi - gen Fe - sten an
But they hold, th'Im - mor - tals, e - ter - nal ca - rou - sals, pour

rechten Gerichtes.
justice and judgment.

Sie a - ber, sie blei - ben in e - wi - gen Fe - sten an
But they hold, th'Im - mor - tals, e - ter - nal ca - rou - sals,

rechten Gerichtes.
justice and judgment.

Sie a - ber, sie blei - ben in e - wi - gen Fe - sten an
But they hold, th'Im - mor - tals, e - ter - nal ca - rou - sals,

rechten Gerichtes.
justice and judgment.

Sie a - ber, sie blei - ben in e - wi - gen Fe - sten an
But they hold, th'Im - mor - tals, e - ter - nal ca - rou - sals,

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molto marcato

molto marcato

f molto marc.

Ber-gen hin - ü - ber: Aus Schlünden der Tiefe dampft ih - nender A - them, der A - them er-stick-ter Ti - ta-nen,dampft ih-nen der height thro' the hea-vens: From ear-thy a-byses a - ri - ses the groaning; the groaning of long smother'd Ti-tans, a - ri-ses the

Ber-gen hin - ü - ber:
height thro' the hea-vens:

Aus Schlünden der Tie - fe dampft ih - nender A - them er - stick - ter Ti - ta-nen,der
From ear - thy a - bys - ses a - ri - ses the groaning of long smother'd Titans, the

Ber-gen hin - ü - ber:
height thro' the hea-vens:

Aus Schlünden der Tie - fe dampft ih - nender A - them er - stick - ter Ti - ta-nen,der
From ear - thy a - bys - ses a - ri - ses the groaning of long smother'd Titans, the

Ber-gen hin - ü - ber: Aus Schlünden der Tiefe dampft ih - nender A - them, aus Schlünden der Tie - fe dampft ih - nender Athem er -
height thro' the hea-vens: From ear-thy a-byses a - ri - ses the groaning,from ear-thy a-bys - ses a - ri - ses the groaning of

Ber-gen hin - ü - ber: Aus Schlünden der Tiefe dampft ih - nender A - them, aus Schlünden der Tie - fe dampft ih - nender Athem er -
height thro' the hea-vens: From ear-thy a-byses a - ri - ses the groaning,from ear-thy a-bys - ses a - ri - ses the groaning of
molto marcato

molto marcato

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F

A - them, der A - them er - stick-ter Ti-ta - nen,
groaning; the groaning of long smother'd Ti-tans,

gleich Op-ferge- rüchen,
a fragrant o - blation,

ein leich tes Ge-wöl-ke, ein
faint cloud on the a - zure, faint

A - them, der A - them er - stick-ter Ti-ta - nen,
groaning; the groaning of long smother'd Ti-tans,

gleich Op-ferge- rüchen,
a fragrant o - blation,

A - them, der A - them er - stick-ter Ti-ta - nen,
groaning; the groaning of long smother'd Ti-tans,

gleich Op-ferge- rüchen,
a fragrant o - blation,

A - them, der A - them er - stick-ter Ti-ta - nen,
groaning; the groaning of long smother'd Ti-tans,

gleich Op-ferge- rüchen,
a fragrant o - blation,

stick - ter Ti-ta - nen, er - stick - ter Ti-ta - nen,
long smother'd Ti-tans, of long smother'd Ti - tans,

gleich Op-ferge- rüchen,
a fragrant o - blation,

stick - ter Ti-ta - nen, er - stick - ter Ti-ta - nen,
long smother'd Ti-tans, of long smother'd Ti - tans,

gleich Op-ferge- rüchen,
a fragrant o - blation,

F *fmp*

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a2.
p *dim.* *pp*

p *dim.* *pp*

p *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*
dim. *pp*

p sotto voce
ke.
zure. *Es*
In
p sotto voce
ke.
zure. *Es*
In
p sotto voce
ke.
zure. *Es*
In
p sotto voce
ke.
zure. *Es fürch-te die Göt-ter das Menschen-geschlecht!*
In fear of the Gods shall ye dwell, sons of men!
p sotto voce
ke.
zure. *Es fürch-te die Göt-ter das Menschen-geschlecht!*
In fear of the Gods shall ye dwell, sons of men!
p sotto voce
ke.
zure. *Es fürch-te die Göt-ter das Menschen-geschlecht!*
In fear of the Gods shall ye dwell, sons of men!

p
pizz.
dim.
pp
dim.
pp

fürch-te die Göt-ter das Menschen-geschlecht! Sie hal-ten die Herrschaft in e - wigen Hän-den, und kön-nen sie brauchen, wie's
fear of the Gods shall ye dwell, sons of men! Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e-ver-lasting, and wield at their pleasure the

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Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e-ver-lasting, and wield at their pleasure the

Sie hal-ten die Herrschaft in e - wigen Hän-den, und kön-nen sie brauchen, wie's
Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e-ver-lasting, and wield at their pleasure the

Sie hal-ten die Herrschaft in e - wigen Hän-den, und kön-nen sie brauchen, wie's
Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e-ver-lasting, and wield at their pleasure the

Sie hal-ten die Herrschaft in e - wigen Hän-den, und kön-nen sie brauchen, wie's
Sole em-pire they hold in their hands e-ver-lasting, and wield at their pleasure the

poco cresc.

(= =)

ih-nen gefällt.
lightnings of fate.

Es wenden die Herrscher ihr seg-nendes
The all-ruling Gods shut the gates of their

ih-nen gefällt.
lightnings of fate.

Es wenden die Herrscher ihr seg-nendes
The all-ruling Gods shut the gates of their

ih-nen gefällt.
lightnings of fate.

Es wenden die Herrscher ihr seg-nendes
The all-ruling Gods shut the gates of their

ih-nen gefällt.
lightnings of fate.

Es wenden die Herrscher ihr seg-nendes
The all-ruling Gods shut the gates of their

ih-nen gefällt.
lightnings of fate.

Es wenden die Herrscher ihr seg-nendes
The all-ruling Gods shut the gates of their

arco
 pp
 arco
 pp

(= =)

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p dolcissimo

pp

pp

pp

p dolcissimo

p dolcissimo

div.

p dolcissimo

p

pp

pp

pp

*An-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*ihr segnendes Au-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
the gates of their blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*Au-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*ihr segnendes Au-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
the gates of their blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*Au-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*ihr segnendes Au-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
the gates of their blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*Au-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*ihr segnendes Au-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
the gates of their blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*An-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*ihr segnendes Au-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
the gates of their blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*An-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

*ihr segnendes Au-ge von ganzen Ge-schlechtern,
the gates of their blessings on whole ge-ne - ra-tions,*

p dolcissimo

p

pp

p

pp

espress.

und a-

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G

Sheet music for orchestra and choir, page 10. The score consists of ten staves. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are on the bottom four staves, with lyrics in German and English. The top six staves are for the orchestra. The key signature is A major (three sharps). Measure 10 begins with a forte dynamic. Measures 11-12 show a transition with eighth-note patterns and dynamics pp and dim. The vocal entries begin in measure 13, starting with a piano dynamic. The lyrics describe a grandfather's voice still speaking features of Grand sire in far distant and blameless sons.

H

1. Kl. Flöte. *pp sempre*

pp dim. *pp dim.* *pp sempre*

pp *pp* *c*

pp *c* *b*

c

arcō *con sordini* *pp sempre, ma marcato* *pp sempre, ma marcato*

pp *con sordini* *pp sempre, ma marcato*

pp *pp sempre, ma marcato*

dim. *pp* *pp sempre* *pp sempre, ma marcato*

- des Ahnherrn zu sehn, des Ahnherrn zu sehn, zu sehn. So sangen die Parzen;
- tant and blameless sons, in far distant blame - less sons. Thus chan - ted the Sis - ters;

dim. *pp*

- des Ahn - herrn, des Ahn - herrn, des Ahn-herrn zu sehn. So
- tant and blame - less, far dis - tant and blame - less sons. Thus

pp sempre

dim. *pp*

- des Ahn - herrn, des Ahn - herrn, des Ahn-herrn zu sehn. So
- tant and blame - less, far dis - tant and blame - less sons. Thus

pp sempre

dim. *pp*

- zu sehn, des Ahn - herrn, des Ahn-herrn zu sehn. So
- less sons, in far dis - tant and blame - less sons. Thus

pp sempre

dim. *pp*

- zu sehn, des Ahn - herrn, des Ahn-herrn zu sehn. So sangen die Parzen;
- less sons, in far dis - tant and blame - less sons. Thus chan - ted the Sis - ters;

con sordini *pp*

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II. Gr. Flöte. *pp sempre*

pp sempre

pp sempre

sempr. pp

pp sempre

dim.

dim.

dim.

pp

in nächt - li-chen Höh - len,
the Ex - ill'd one hear - kend,

san-gen die Par - zen;
chan-tered the Sis - ters;

in nächt - li-chen Höh - len,
the Ex - ill'd one hear - kend

san-gen die Par - zen;
chan-tered the Sis - ters;

in nächt - li-chen Höh - len,
the Ex - ill'd one hear - kend

Es horcht der Ver - bann - te
Be - low, 'mong the Sha - dows,

in nächt - li-chen Höh - len,
the Ex - ill'd one hear - kend,

san-gen die Par - zen;
chan-tered the Sis - ters;

in nächt - li-chen Höh - len,
the Ex - ill'd one hear - kend

Es horcht der Ver - bann - te
Be - low, 'mong the Sha - dows,

dim.

pp

