

## Des Liebsten Schwur [dɛs 'li:ps.tŋ ʃvu:ɕ] (The lover's oath)

Text by *Josef Wenzig* (1807-1876), after a Czech folksong text

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**Ei, schmolte mein Vater nicht wach und im Schlaf,**  
[ʔa:e ʃmɔl.tə ma:en 'fa:.tə niçt vax ʔunt ʔɪm ʃla:f]  
Ay, if-sulks my father not when-awake and in sleep,  
(*Ay, if my father did not sulk my waking and sleeping,*)

**So sagt' ich ihm, wen ich im Gärtlein traf.**  
[zo za:kt ʔɪç ʔi:m ve:n ʔɪç ʔɪm 'gɛr.tə.la:en tra:f]  
so would-tell I him, who I in-the little-garden met.  
(*I would tell him, who I met in the little garden.*)