

Gott! welch' Dunkel hier!... In des Lebens Frühlingstagen

Florestan's aria from the opera *Fidelio* (tenor)

Text by *Joseph Sonnleithner* (1766–1835) and *Georg Friedrich Treitschke* (1776–1842)

Set by *Ludwig van Beethoven* (1770–1827)

Recitative:

Gott!	welch'	Dunkel	hier!
[gɔt	vɛlç	'dʊŋ.kəl	hi:ɐ]
God!	what	darkness	here!

O	grauenvolle	Stille.
[ʔo:	'gra:o.ən.fɔ.lə	'ʃtɪ.lə]
Oh	horror-filled	silence!

