

“Ach, ich fühl’s” (Ah, I feel), DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE (The Magic Flute), W.A. Mozart, Act II, 1791

SYNOPSIS: In a strange, magic kingdom, Pamina, in love with Tamino, has just confided in him her horror at a terrible nightmare she has had, seeking some comfort from her beloved. He turns away without responding and she thinks, uncaring. (She doesn’t know that he has had to take a vow of silence as part of his initiation rites.)

PAMINA

Ach, ich fühl’s, es ist verschwunden, Ewig hin mein ganzes Glück, Ewig hin der Liebe Glück! Nimmer kommt ihr Wonnestunde *Meinem Herzen mehr zurück! Sieh’, Tamino, diese Tränen, Fließen, Trauter, dir allein! Fühlst du nicht der Liebe Sehnen, *So wird Ruhe *im Tode sein.	Ah, I feel it’s gone forever; all my joy has flown away, love’s delight will never stay. No more the hour of rejoicing will return to fill my heart See, Tamino, how I’m crying -- tears I shed for you, my own... If you don’t feel my love and yearning, I’ll find peace in death alone.
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