

***The Magic Flute (Die Zauberflöte)*** by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Libretto by Emanuel Schikaneder

**“Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön”**

*Sung by Tamino shortly after he first meets Papageno. Papageno has just presented the picture of Pamina, and Tamino is completely enchanted by the image.*

TAMINO

This portrait is bewitching,  
no eye has ever seen anything like it.  
I feel as if this angelic picture  
were filling my heart with a new emotion.

This something I cannot name,  
but I feel it burning here.  
Can this sensation be love?  
Yes, yes! This can only be love.

Oh, if only I might find her!  
If only she stood before me!  
I would... would warmly... chastely...  
What would I do?  
I would, in ecstasy,  
press her to my ardent heart,  
and she would be mine forever!