

## Rose Softly Blooming

English translation of Zemire's aria *Rose, wie bist du reizend* from the opera *Zemire und Azor* (mezzo)  
German text by *Johann Jakob Ihlée* (1762–1827), after *Zémire et Azor* by *Jean-François Marmontel*  
(1723–1799)

Set by *Louis Spohr* (1784–1859)

**Rose**     **softly**     **blooming,**     **form'd**     **to**     **allure,**  
[rɔ:ʊz     'sɔft.li     'blum.ɪŋ     fɔɹm'd     tu     ə.'ljʊə]

Emblem of Nature, lovely and pure!  
Thorns press around thee, yet, gentle flow'r,  
Smiles still are thine, the charm of the bow'r.

Nurtured of Heav'n! Thy beauties I'll wear;  
Pride of my bosom! I'll cherish thee there:  
Smiles still are thine, in the day's wasting hour;  
So, gentle flower, peacefully smiling, oh, let me be,  
Living and dying, sweet rose, like thee!

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IPA transcription is available for download.

*Thank you!*

