

## Warum musst du schlafen

Rezia's vison from the first act of the opera *Oberon* (soprano)

Original English libretto by *James Robinson Planché* (1796–1880) after the poem *Oberon* by *Christoph Martin Wieland* (1733–1813) and the 13th-century French romance *Huon de Bordeaux*, German libretto by *Theodor Hell* (1775–1856)<sup>1</sup>

Set by *Carl Maria von Weber* (1786–1826)

<b>Warum</b>	<b>musst</b>	<b>du</b>	<b>schlafen,</b>	<b>o</b>	<b>Held</b>	<b>voll</b>	<b>Mut?</b>
[va.'rum	must	du:	'ʃla:.fən	ʔo:	helt	fəl	mu:t]
Why	must	you	sleep,	oh	hero	filled-with	courage?

Ein Mädchen sitzt weinend an Babylons Flut.

Auf, rette sie dir, eh' als Opfer sie sinkt!

Güenne, zu Hilfe, die Schönheit dir winkt!

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IPA transcription and translation is available for download.

*Thank you!*



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<sup>1</sup> The original Hill translation is the standard German translation of Planché English text and can be found in numerous editions. Newer German translations (by *Gustav Brecher* and others) are not presented on IPA Source.