

Ging heut morgen übers Feld

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Ging **heut** **morgen** **übers** **Feld,**
[gɪŋ] [hɔ:yt] ['mɔr.gən] ['?y:.bəs] [fɛlt]
I-walked this morning across-the field;

Tau **noch** **auf** **den** **Gräsern** **hing;**
[ta:o] [nɔx] [?a:of] [de:n] ['grɛ:.zən] [hɪŋ]
dew still on the grass-blades hung;
(dew still hung on the grass;)

Sprach **zu** **mir** **der** **lust'ge** **Fink:**
[ʃpra:x] [tsu:] [mi:ɐ] [de:ɐ] ['lust.ge] [fɪŋk]
said to me the merry finch:

"Ei **du!** **Gelt?** **Guten** **Morgen!** **Ei** **gelt?** **Du!**
[?a:e] [du:] [gelt] ['gu:.tən] ['mɔr.gən] [?a:e] [gelt] [du:]
"Hey you! Isn't-it? Good morning! Hey, isn't-it? You!

Wird's **nicht** **eine** **schöne** **Welt?**
[vrts] [nɪçt] ['?a:e.nə] ['jø:.nə] [vɛlt]
Becomes-it not a beautiful world?
(Isn't the world going to be beautiful today?)

Zink! **Zink!** **Schön** **und** **flink!**
[tsɪŋk] [tsɪŋk] [ʃø:n] [?unt] [flɪŋk]
Chirp! Chirp! Fair and quick!

Wie **mir** **doch** **die** **Welt** **gefällt!"**
[vi:] [mi:ɐ] [dɔx] [di:] [vɛlt] [gə.'fɛlt]
How me then the world pleases!"
(How the world pleases me!"")

Auch **die** **Glockenblum'** **am** **Feld**
[?a:ox] [di:] ['glɔ.kən.,blu:m] [?am] [fɛlt]
Also the bluebell in-the field
(And also the bluebell in the field)

Hat **mir** **lustig,** **guter** **Ding',**
[hat] [mi:ɐ] ['lus.tɪç] ['gu:.te] [dɪŋ]
had to-me merrily, good things,
(had merrily to me good things,)

Mit den Glöckchen, klinge, kling,
 [mɪt de:n 'glœk.çən 'kliŋə kliŋ]
 with the little-bells, ding, ding,
(with the ringing of its little bells,)

Ihren Morgengruß geschellt:
 ['i:..rən 'mɔ:r.gən.,gru:s ɡe.'ʃelt]
 their morning-greeting pealed:
(pealed their morning greeting:)

"Wird's nicht eine schöne Welt?
 [vɪrt̩ nɪçt 'ʔa:e.nə 'ʃø:.nə velt̩]
 "Becomes-it not a beautiful world?
(Isn't the world going to be beautiful today?)

Kling, kling! Schönes Ding!
 [kliŋ kliŋ 'ʃø:.nəs dɪŋ]
 Ding, ding! Beautiful thing!

Wie mir doch die Welt gefällt! Heia!"
 [vi: mi:r̩ dɔx di: velt̩ ge.'fɛlt̩ 'ha:e.ja]
 How me certainly the world pleases! Hooray!"
(Oh, yes! How the world pleases me! Hooray!")

Und da fing im Sonnenschein
 [?unt̩ da: fɪŋ ?im 'zɔ:nən.,ʃa:en]
 And then began in-the sunshine,

Gleich die Welt zu funkeln an¹;
 [gla:eç di: velt̩ tsu: 'fʊŋ.kən ?an]
 suddenly the world to sparkle –;
(And then suddenly the world began / to sparkle in the sunshine;)

Alles Ton und Farbe gewann im Sonnenschein!
 ['ʔa:ləs to:n ?unt̩ 'far.be ɡe.'van ?im 'zɔ:nən.,ʃa:en]
 all sound and color gained in-the sunshine!
(In the sunshine everything gained sound and color!)

Blum' und Vogel, groß und klein!
 [blu:m̩ ?unt̩ 'fo:.gəl gro:s ?unt̩ kla:en]
 Flower and bird, great and small!

"Guten Tag, ist's nicht eine schöne Welt?
 ['gu:.tən ta:k ?ısts 'nɪçt 'ʔa:e.nə 'ʃø:.nə velt̩]
 "Good day, is-it not a beautiful world?
("Good day, isn't the world beautiful?)

¹ *anfangen* = a verb and separable prefix meaning to begin or start.

Ei du, gelt? **Schöne Welt?"**
[?a:e du: gelt] ['ʃø:.nə vɛlt]
Hey you, isn't-it? (A)-beautiful world?"

Nun fängt auch mein Glück wohl an?
[nu:n fɛŋt ?a:ox ma:en glʏk vo:l ?an]
Now begins also my happiness then -?
(*Will now my happiness also begin?*)

Nein, nein, das ich mein',
[na:en na:en das ?iç ma:en]
No, no, that I mean,
(*No, no, the happiness I mean,*)

Mir nimmer blühen kann!
[mi:ɛ 'nɪ.mɛ 'bly:.ən kan]
for-me never bloom can!
(*will never bloom for me!*)

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