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[The opening theme song with a poetic paraphrase begins:]

Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe,
O Pow'r of love, all else transcending,
Die sich in Jesu offenbart;
In Jesus present evermore,
Ich geb' mich hin dem freien Triebe,
I worship thee, in homage bending,

Elegy (from *Stabat Mater*, 1999)

Lyrics: Sally M. Gall (b. 1941)

Music: Frank Ferko (b. 1950)

Artists: Nancy Gustafson (soprano)

His Majestie's Clerkes, Anne Helder (dir.)

This ensemble commissioned Ferko's *Stabat Mater*

My child has said her farewells.
She has stretched out her arms to the sun
—Sun, will it be warm where I lie?
She has stretched out her arms to the moon
—Moon, will you wrap me in silver?
She has stretched out her arms to the river
—River, do not flow over me long.

Now she is alone with the earth.
She lifts her face to the wind
and remembers organ-scented trees
—Earth, I shall bring you soft blossoms
unwithered and fragrant
and you shall not harm me.

[Closing words to our Lenten theme song:]

O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,

O! that every sinner would know this,

Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.

His heart must soon surely love You.

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