2022-01-11 Taizé, *Bei Gott bin ich geborgen*

Today’s Taizé chant in German, can be translated: “In God I am secure / quiet as a child. / In Him is consolation and salvation. / Yes, my soul yearns for God, / I rest in Him.”

Each of these ideas resonates with thoughts expressed in various Psalms. For example, Psalm 131 has verses which read, “I do not occupy myself with things too great for me, but I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother.” These words, and those of today’s song, are inward-looking, thoughts which invite our restless minds to enter a realm filled only with peace; a mental landscape in which everything is good, and all difficult thoughts and worries can be set aside.

These thoughts are sung by the chamber ensemble of about a dozen singers who call themselves “elbcanto”. This group was formed in 2006 by students at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Hamburg.

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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,

***Bei Gott bin ich geborgen***

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Lyrics: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Artists: Vokalensemble Elbcanto, Hamburg, Germany

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuYKCs5WGz8>

*Bei Gott bin ich geborgen,*

In God I am secure,

*Still, wie ein Kind.*

Quiet as a child.

*Bei ihm ist Trost und Heil,*

In Him is consolation and salvation.

*Ja hin zu Gott verzehrt sich meine Seele,*

Yes, my soul yearns for God,

*Kehrt in Frieden ein.*

I rest in Him.

[Closing words to our 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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