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Theme song (7th-century hymn for Advent):
Creator of the stars of night
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call

In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe

Gott in der Natur, D. 757

Lyrics: Christian Ewald von Kleist (1715-1759; pub. 1759)
Trans: Malcolm Wren: <https://www.schubertsong.uk/text/gott-in-der-natur/>
Music: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Artists: Female section of the Rundfunkchor Berlin, Dietrich Knothe (dir.)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AA3azCz_uwI&list=RDAA3azCz_uwI&start_radio=1

Gross ist der Herr! Die Himmel ohne Zahl
Great is the Lord! The heavens without number
Sind Sähle seiner Burg,
Are rooms in his castle,
Sein Wagen Sturm und donnerndes Gewölk'
His chariot is a storm and thundering clouds,
Und Blitze sein Gespann.
And it is pulled by lightning.

Die Morgenröt' ist nur ein Widerschein
The red glow of dawn is simply a reflection
Von seines kleides Saum;
Of the hem of his clothing;
Und gegen seinen Glanz ist Dämmerung
And compared to his brightness
Der Sonne flammend Licht.
The flaming light of the sun is twilight.

Er sieht mit gnäd'gen Blick zur Erd' herab,
He looks down on the earth with a gracious glance:
Sie grünet, blüht und lacht.
It turns green, it blossoms and laughs.
Er schilt; es fährt Feuer von Felsen auf,
He frown: fire emerges from the rocks,
Und Meer und Himmel bebt.
And the sea and sky quake.

Lobt den Gewaltigen, dem grossen Herrn,
Praise the almighty, great Lord.
Ihr Lichter seiner Burg,
You lights of his castle.
Ihr Sonnenheere! flammt zu seinem Ruhm!
You hordes of suns, blaze to his glory!
Ihr Erden singt sein Lob!
You earths, sing his praise!

[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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