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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,

Rest (1902)

Lyrics: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894; *Goblin Market and Other Poems*, 1865)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Artists: Tenebrae, Nigel Short (dir.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2LV6qsdP_o&list=RDW2LV6qsdP_o&start_radio=1

1 O Earth, lie heavily upon her eyes;
2 Seal her sweet eyes weary of watching, Earth;
3 Lie close around her; leave no room for mirth
4 With its harsh laughter, nor for sound of sighs.
5 She hath no questions, she hath no replies,
6 Hushed in and curtained with a blessed dearth
7 Of all that irked her from the hour of birth;
8 With stillness that is almost Paradise.
9 Darkness more clear than noon-day holdeth her,
10 Silence more musical than any song;
11 Even her very heart has ceased to stir:
12 Until the morning of Eternity
13 Her rest shall not begin nor end, but be;
14 And when she wakes she will not think it long.

[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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