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***Ein deutsches Requiem: Denn wir haben***, Op. 45, No. 6 (1866)

Lyrics: Hebrews 13:14, 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52, 54, 55; Revelation 4:11 (translation by Martin Luther)  
Music: Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)  
Artists: Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Swedish Radio Choir, Daniel Harding (dir.)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=taMt8v52M20&list=PL9yl-ZQyD9w8r4v8hUBjTC-gEdhu9hZWn&index=6>

**No. 6 *Denn wir haben hie keine bleibende Statt***

**A Section**

[Choir, sung quietly twice.]

*Denn wir haben hie keine bleibende Statt,*

For here we have no continuing city,  
*sondern die zukünftige suchen wir.*

But we seek one to come. [Hebrews 13:14]

**B Section**

[Bass soloist, answered by choir]

*Siehe, ich sage euch ein Geheimnis:*

Behold, I tell you a mystery;  
*Wir werden nicht alle entschlafen,*  
We shall not all sleep,  
*wir werden aber alle verwandelt werden;*  
But we shall all be changed;

[Becomes more urgent, music changes]

*und dasselbige plötzlich, in einem Augenblick,*

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,  
*zu der Zeit der letzten Posaune.*

At the time of the last trump.

**C Section** (final judgement and victory over death)

[Very rhythmic, authoritative]

*Denn es wird die Posaune schallen,*

For the trumpet shall sound,  
*und die Toten verwandelt werden.*

And the dead shall be raised incorruptible,

[Bass soloist]

*Dann wird erfüllet werden das Wort,*

Then shall be brought to pass  
*das geschrieben steht:*

the saying that is written,

[Choir, with pronounced rhythmic beats on the timpani]

*Der Tod is verschlungen in den Sieg.*

Death is swallowed up in victory.

[Choir calls out to death without fear . . . wo . . . wo . . . where . . . where . . .]

*Tod, wo ist dein Stachel? Hölle, wo ist dein Sieg?*

O death, where is thy sting? O grave/hell, where is thy victory?

[2 Cor. 15:51-52, 54-55]

**D Section** (giving praise to our Creator for providing victory over death)

[Choir, fugue: altos—sopranos—basses—tenors]

*Herr, du bist Würdig zu nehmen Preis und Ehre und Kraft,*

Lord, you are worthy to receive glory and honour and power,

[More quiet, more lyrical]

*denn du hast alle Dinge geschaffen,*

For you have created all things,  
*und durch deinen Willen haben sie das Wesen und sind geschaffen*

And for your pleasure they are and were created. [Revelation 4:11]

[Then these lines will be answered with the earlier line, “zu nehmen Preis und Ehre”.]

[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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