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For Karl VanDevender

Sprecher: Ihr Fremdlinge! was sucht oder fordert ihn von uns?

Tamino: Freundschaft und Liebe.

Sprecher: Bist du bereit, es mit deinem Leben zu erkämpfen?

Tamino: Ja.

Speaker: Stranger, what do you seek or ask from us?

Tamino: Friendship and love.

Speaker: And are you prepared even if it costs you your life?

Tamino: I am.

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