

So wünsch ich nun ein gute Nacht

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The text 'So wünsch ich nun ein gute Nacht', contains three verses which refer to the close of day and a prayer for safety, a reference to Psalm 42, 'Like as the hart' and a verse of hope in paradise. In this setting, the symbolic ascending of stairs, the yearning for a safe night and the longing of the soul for Christ and a place in paradise encloses a quote from the Easter melody 'Christ lag in Todesbanden', Luther's reminder that Christ lay in death's dark grip because of our sins. After some harmonic tension caused by this sobering thought, the piece ends restfully.