

Beethoven's secular vocal works, many rarely heard today, were composed for a variety of reasons. Some were written for marriages, to mark the departure of a friend or to celebrate a name day, while others allude to Masonic imagery or set the words of great literary contemporaries, such as Schiller. The larger canvas of *Mehrstimmige italienische Gesänge* reflects Beethoven's studies of Italian word-setting with Antonio Salieri, revealing insights into Beethoven's achievements during his early years in Vienna.

Ludwig van  
**BEETHOVEN**  
(1770–1827)

1	<b>Der freie Mann</b> (1792)	0:41	8–32	<b>Mehrstimmige italienische Gesänge</b> (1793–1802)	30:08
2	<b>Opferlied</b> (1824–25)	5:17	33	<b>Die laute Klage</b> (c. 1814–15)	2:06
3	<b>In allen guten Stunden</b> (1824–25)	4:16	34	<b>In questa tomba oscura</b> (1806)	3:08
4	<b>Die Stunde schlägt</b> (1814)	3:46	35	<b>Klage</b> (1790)	1:55
5	<b>Un lieto brindisi</b> (1814)	6:56	36	<b>Lied aus der Ferne</b> (1809)	2:26
6	<b>Rasch tritt der Tod</b> (1817)	1:08	37	<b>Vom Tode</b> (1798–99)*	1:06
7	<b>Hochzeitslied</b> (1819)	1:57	38	<b>An die Geliebte</b> (1811)	1:00

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Ensemble Tamanial

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Nicolas Frémy, Tenor • Alex Gazda, Baritone

Claudia Schlemmer, Paula Sophie Bohnet, Soprano

Stefan Tauber, Daniel Johannsen, Tenor • Georg Klimbacher, Baritone

Martin Weiser, Ricardo Bojórquez Martínez, Bass

Diána Fuchs, Bernadette Bartos, Piano

Cantus Novus Wien • Thomas Holmes, Musical Director

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