

Zeller Side #1

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FRAU SCHMIDT

Herr Detweiler, can you help me, please? The Gulleiter is here. He wants to know why we aren't flying the new flag.

ZELLER (*entering, saluting MAX*)

Heil!

FRAU SCHMIDT

I tried to explain –

ZELLER

Keep quiet. (*to MAX*) When is Captain von Trapp returning?

MAX

Who knows? When a man is on his honeymoon –

ZELLER

These are not times for joking! It's been four days since the Anschluss. This is the only house in the province that is not flying the flag of the Third Reich.

BRIGITTA

You mean the flag with the black spider on it?

ZELLER

Do you permit such remarks in this house? Who are you?

MAX

I am Maximilian Detweiler, First Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

ZELLER

That was in the old regime.

MAX

In the old regime I was Third Secretary. Now I'm the First Secretary.

ZELLER

Good! Then you will order them to fly the flag.

FRAU SCHMIDT

Captain von Trapp wouldn't – I mean, I can take my orders only from Captain von Trapp.

ZELLER

You will take your orders from us – and so will the Captain.

(*to MAX, saluting*)

Heil!

MAX

(*reluctantly saluting*)

Heil.

(*Zeller exits*)

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(*end of side*)

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*(The CAPTAIN enters with VON SCHREIBER and ZELLER)*

**CAPTAIN**

This way, Admiral, we can talk in here. Admiral von Schreiber, may I present Herr Detweiler . . . Max, I think you know Herr Zeller. Would you gentlemen care to sit down?

**ZELLER**

We are here on business.

**VON SCHREIBER**

Captain von Trapp, a telegram was sent to you three days ago.

**CAPTAIN**

I have just received it. I've been away. I've just returned from my honeymoon.

**VON SCHREIBER**

Congratulations, Captain. Your record in the war is very well remembered by us, Captain.

**CAPTAIN**

It's good to hear you say that, sir.

**ZELLER**

Let's get to the point.

**VON SCHREIBER**

*(to ZELLER)*

If you don't mind.

*(to the CAPTAIN)*

In our Navy we hold you in very high regard. That explains why I am here. Having had no answer to our telegram, the High Command has sent me in person.

**CAPTAIN**

That's very flattering, Admiral. But I've had no time to consider –

**VON SCHREIBER**

I am here to present you with your commission –

**CAPTAIN**

I am deeply conscious of the honor, sir, but –

**VON SCHREIBER**

And your orders are to report immediately to the naval base at Bremerhaven.

**MARIA**

Immediately? Oh, I'm afraid that would be impossible for you, Georg.

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**CAPTAIN**

Admiral, may I present my wife, the Baroness von Trapp, Admiral von Schreiber.

**VON SCHREIBER**

Madame!

**MARIA**

What I meant sir, is that we are all singing in the Kaltzberg Festival Friday night. You see – the Von Trapp Family Singers – here in the program.

*(SHE hands a program to VON SCHREIBER, then to ZELLER)*

**VON SCHREIBER**

Friday night? This is Wednesday. That's only a matter of two days. It might be possible. You could report to Bremerhaven by Monday . . .

**ZELLER**

Admiral!

**VON SCHREIBER**

Is there a telephone I could use?

**MAX**

This way, Admiral! If there is any question, perhaps adding the weight of my voice –  
*(VON SCHREIBER and MAX exit)*

**ZELLER**

*(to CAPTAIN)*

It gives here only the names of the children.

**CAPTAIN**

It says the Von Trapp Family Singers. I'm head of the Von Trapp Family.

**ZELLER**

It's hard to believe, Captain von Trapp – you singing in a concert.

**CAPTAIN**

Herr Zeller, you may believe what you choose.

**ZELLER**

It doesn't say here what you're going to sing. What are you going to sing, Captain?

**CAPTAIN**

It's your privilege to come to the concert and hear us.

**ZELLER**

I'd like to hear you sing now. Sing what you're going to sing in the concert. Sing!

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