

Side #9: Captain and Maria

MARIA. I'm sorry if I said something I shouldn't have said.

CAPTAIN. You did say the wrong thing - but you said it at the right time.

MARIA. The children told me that you were going to marry Frau Schraeder.

CAPTAIN. We found we just couldn't go the same way. That door is shut.

MARIA. Sister Margareta always says, "When God shuts a door -"

CAPTAIN. I know - "He opens a window." Maria, why did you run away to the abbey? What made you come back?

MARIA. The Mother Abbess - she said that you have to look for your life.

CAPTAIN. Often when you find it, you don't recognize it.

MARIA. No.

CAPTAIN. Not at first. Then one day - one night - all of a sudden, it stands before you.

MARIA. Yes.

CAPTAIN. I look at you now and I realize this is not something that has just happened. It is something I've known - deep inside me - for many weeks. You knew it, too. (*MARIA nods.*) What was it that told you?

MARIA. Brigitta. She said - when we were dancing - that night -

CAPTAIN. She was quite right. That was not just an ordinary dance, was it?

MARIA. I hadn't danced since I was a very little girl. It's quite different after you're grown-up, isn't it?

CAPTAIN. Your whole life will be different now, Maria. I'll take you anywhere you want to go - give you anything you wish.

MARIA. But I don't want to go anywhere. All I could wish for...is right here.