

Schneider, Schultz

FRAULEIN KOST

Three weeks!

SCHULTZ

So a little respect for the future Frau Schultz -- if you please!

FRAULEIN KOST

Ja! Ja! Frau Schultz?

(FRAULEIN KOST -- chastened -- exits into her room)

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

Thank you -- Herr Schultz. You were -- supreme.

SCHULTZ

But what else could I do?

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

Such a magnificent lie to preserve my reputation.

SCHULTZ

But why did I say three weeks? Why not three months? Three years? This way she will find out the truth so quickly.....Unless.....

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

Unless?

SCHULTZ

Unless what?

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

You said: "unless."

SCHULTZ

But it is foolish! I mean -- after all -- who would have me? An elderly widower -- balding -- with heartburn -- and a little fruit ...

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

Am I such a bargain then? An unbeautiful spinster with some rooms to let -- poorly furnished.

SCHULTZ

I work fourteen hours a day.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

I do my own scrubbing.

SCHULTZ

My right leg bothers me.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

I have such palpitations.

SCHULTZ

I'm not a well man.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

Am I a well woman?

SCHULTZ

What are we talking about? We're alive! And what good is it -- alone?

So if you would even consider -- marriage?

(A long pause)

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

I will consider it.

SCHULTZ

But take your time, by all means. No hurry.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

We should discuss it. We must not marry merely to humiliate Fraulein Kost.

SCHULTZ

I assure you, Fraulein Schneider. This is not the case.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

But let us be honest. Had she not seen us -- you would not have proposed today.

SCHULTZ

Then tomorrow.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

You mean this?

SCHULTZ

(nods)

I had it in my mind.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

It is all so impulsive.

SCHULTZ

(shakes his head)

You hesitate because you have never been married. It frightens you.
But believe me, it can work wonders ...

Lead

(Sings)

HOW THE WORLD CAN CHANGE,
IT CAN CHANGE LIKE THAT --
DUE TO ONE LITTLE WORD:
"MARRIED".

SEE A PALACE RISE
FROM A TWO ROOM FLAT
DUE TO ONE LITTLE WORD:
"MARRIED".

AND THE OLD DESPAIR
THAT WAS OFTEN THERE
SUDDENLY CEASES TO BE
FOR YOU WAKE ONE DAY,
LOOK AROUND AND SAY:
SOMEBODY WONDERFUL
MARRIED ME.

CHANTEUSE

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NICHTS IST SO WIE-ES-WAR,
DURCH EIN WIENSIG-ES WORT:
"HEIRAT"

AUF DEM ERD-GE-SCHOST
DURCH EIN MARCHEN SCHLOSS
MIT EIN WIENSIG-ES-WORT:
"HEIRAT"

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WIRD AUF EIN MAL BLAU,
WIE NOCH KEIN BLAU JEMALS WAR.
UND DANN STEHT MAN DA
SAGT BESELIGT 'JA'
HEUT WIRD MEIN TRAUM NICHT SO GRAU IN GRAU

(Spoken)
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BOTH