

Ernst, Schneider, Kost, Cliff

ERNST

Thank you.

SCHULTZ

Nothing for me?

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

You have had enough.

SCHULTZ

You hear? You hear? Not even married yet -- and already she is in charge.
And it is -- pleasant. At last, someone who cares if I am foolish.

ERNST

Many, many happy years to an outstanding couple.

SCHULTZ

Beautiful dancing!

(FRAULEIN KOST approaches ERNST)

FRAULEIN KOST

Herr Ludwig -- remember me? Fraulein Kost? You must dance with me! Come!

ERNST

A pleasure, Fraulein.

(To CLIFF)

Clifford, bitte -- will you watch the briefcase? And my coat?

(He takes off his coat, revealing a Nazi armband.

CLIFF grabs him and stares)

I am sorry, since you did not wish to know my politics.

CLIFF

Is this the good cause?

ERNST

Our party will be the builders of the new Germany.

CLIFF

Yes. I've been reading your leader's book

ERNST

But enough politics. What does it matter? We are friends -- close friends. Buddies!

(ERNST returns to dance with FRAULEIN KOST)

With your permission?A delightful party. Herr Schultz is a most generous host. Ja?

FRAULEIN KOST

He should be. He could afford ten times as much. They have all the money -- the Jews. (ST)

ERNST

Herr Schultz?

(FRAULEIN KOST nods)

I think -- I have changed my mind. If you will excuse me, Fraulein ...

(ERNST goes to FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER)

Fraulein Schneider -- I must speak to you. (ST) You and I are old acquaintances. I have sent you many new lodgers. So let me urge you -- think what you are doing. (ST) This marriage is not advisable. I cannot put it too strongly. For your own welfare...(ST)

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

What about Herr Schultz's welfare?

ERNST

He is not a German.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

He was born here.

ERNST

He is not a German. Good night. (ST)

(He goes to CLIFF for his briefcase and coat)

Sorry, Clifford. Good night.

(FRAULEIN KOST sees them)

FRAULEIN KOST

Herr Ludwig -- wait! You are not leaving so early?

ERNST

I do not find this party amusing.

end

FRAULEIN KOST

Oh -- but it is just beginning. Come, we will make it amusing -- you and I -- ja? Ladies and gentlemen -- Wait -- ! Herr Ludwig -- this is for you:

(Sings)

THE SUN ON THE MEADOW IS SUMMERY WARM.
THE STAG IN THE FOREST RUNS FREE.
BUT GATHER TOGETHER TO GREET THE STORM,
TOMORROW BELONGS TO ME.