

Middletown, Conn., March 20, 1890.

Hon. A. W. Tougee,  
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Brother in Psi Upsilon:-

A new edition of the Psi U song-book is being prepared. We desire to incorporate in it several new songs by some of our well-known songwriters.

We should like very much an earnest, "solid" song - keeping with the character of the music - to be set to that grand old German tune known as "Freiheit". I presume you are familiar with it. A verse runs thus:

"Freiheit die ich meine,  
die mein Herz erfüllt,  
Komm mit deinem Lächeln,  
Süßes Engel-bild:  
Magst du nie dich zeigen  
Der bedrängten Welt?  
Führest deinen Reigen  
Nur am Sternen-zelt?"

(Of course 4 double lines instead of these 8 single ones would do as well, if you prefer; i.e. 4 of 11 syllables, or 8 alternating 6 syllables + 5 syllables.) It will give us

great pleasure, as it will, doubtless, the whole Fraternity  
to have you compose for us such a song. Perhaps  
we may assume that, unless we hear speedily from to  
the contrary, you will add this to your many previous  
favours to "her we love most".

Fraternally Yours,

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Editor.

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