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(Von ihm: den 15. Oktbr. 1861.)

»Ich sage die Todtenklage,  
Ich sage sie alle Tage,  
Ich sage sie jede Nacht  
An Königs Sarkophage  
In geist'ger Ritterwacht.

Hab' ja in schweren Tagen  
Die Wehr der Wacht getragen  
An meines Königs Thron:  
Da hab' ich Recht zu klagen  
In tiefster Trauer Ton.«

Das war sein letztes Singen,  
Eh' mit gebrochnen Schwingen  
Der wunde Schwan verschied.  
Und fort und fort umklingen  
Wird mich dies Trauerlied.

(Von mir: Dezbr. 1861.)