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Gedichte

Paul Heyse

(1865)

alphabetisch nach Titeln sortiert:

Ueber ein Stuelein  
Auf der Heimfahrt  
Novelle  
Vorfruehling

Ueber ein Stuelein.

Dulde, gedulde dich fein!  
Ueber ein Stuelein  
ist deine Kammer voll Sonne.  
Ueber den First, wo die Glocken hangen,  
ist schon lange der Schein gegangen,  
ging in Tuermers Fenster ein.  
Wer am naechsten dem Sturm der Glocken,  
einsam wohnt er, oft erschrocken,  
doch am fruehsten troestet ihn Sonnenschein.

Wer in tiefen Gassen gebaut,  
Huett' an Huettlein lehnt sich traut,  
Glocken haben ihn nie erschuettert,  
Wetterstrahl ihn nie umzittert,

aber spaet sein Morgen graut.

Hoeh' und Tiefe hat Lust und Leid.  
Sag ihm ab, dem toerigen Neid:  
anderer Gram birgt andre Wonne.

Dulde, gedulde dich fein!  
Ueber ein Stueendlein  
ist deine Kammer voll Sonne.

Auf der Heimfahrt.

Es steht ein Haus im Garten,  
kuehl an ein Waeldchen angelehnt.  
Auf allen meinen Fahrten  
hab' ich nach ihm mich heimgesehnt.  
Wie suess erklang  
dort Vogelsang,  
wie lachten Blumen ringsumher!  
Wie ging's im Lauf  
die Stieg' hinauf--  
Nun graut mir vor der Wiederkehr.  
Im Haus, da ist ein Zimmer,  
so luftig hoch, so blank und rein.  
Was nur an Sonnenschimmer  
ums Haeuschen streifte, drang herein.  
Wie lustig klug  
dort Kindersang,  
kein Winkel war von Spielen leer;  
dort fand ich Rast  
nach Tageslast--  
Nun oeffn' ich seine Tuer nicht mehr.

Im Haus erklug ein Name  
von allen Lippen fort und fort,  
der hatte wundersame  
Gewalt, schier wie ein Zauberwort.  
Auf jedem Mund  
ein Laecheln stund,  
als ob's des Fruehlings Namen waer'--  
Jetzt geht er stumm  
gespenstig um,  
und wer ihn ausspricht, lacht nicht mehr.

Novelle

Sie kannten sich beide von Angesicht,

Sie sprachen sich nie und liebten sich nicht.  
Er nahm ein Weib, das die Mutter ihm wählte,  
Als sie sich mit einem Vetter vermahlte.  
Er war zufrieden mit seinem Los;  
Sie wählte sich recht in des Glückes Schoss.  
Nur manchmal, zur Zeit der Fliederblüte,  
Was wollte da Knospen in ihrem Gemüte?

Und einst nach Jahren am dritten Ort  
Da sagten sie sich das erste Wort,  
Am selben Tische zum ersten Male--  
Der Flieder duftet' herein zum Saale.

Was er sie gefragt, was sie ihm gesagt,  
Es war nicht neu und war nicht gewagt;  
Doch plötzlich, mitten im Plaudern und Scherzen,  
Erschraken sie beide im tiefsten Herzen.

Sie hatten mit tödlichem Staunen erkannt,  
Wie seltsam eins das andre verstand,  
Auch das, was beiden im stillen Gemüte  
Erwachte zur Zeit der Fliederblüte.

Sie sahen sich an einen Augenblick  
Und sahn einen Abgrund von Missgeschick,  
Dann blickten sie weg, und beide verstummten,  
So munter rings die Gespräche summten.

Drauf ging sie nach Haus mit dem eigenen Mann,  
Er führte sein Weib, so schieden sie dann  
Und sagten, sie würden sich glücklich schätzen,  
Die erte Bekanntschaft fortzusetzen.

Doch wie er am andern Morgen erwacht,  
Was hat ihn so bitter lachen gemacht?  
Und wie sie auffuhr von ihrem Kissen,  
Was hat sie so heimlich weinen müssen?

Sie haben sich niemals wiedergesehn,  
Sie wussten sich klug aus dem Weg zu gehn.  
Nur immer zur Zeit der Fliederblüte  
Wie Spätfrost schauert's durch ihr Gemüte.

Vorfrühling.

Stürme brausten ueber Nacht,  
und die kahlen Wipfel troffen.  
Fruehe war mein Herz erwacht,  
schuechtern zwischen Furcht und Hoffen.  
Horch, ein trautgeschwaetz'ger Ton  
dringt zu mir vom Wald hernieder.

Nisten in den Zweigen schon  
die geliebten Amseln wieder?

Dort am Weg der weisse Streif--  
Zweifelnd frag' ich mein Gemuete:  
Ist's ein spaeter Winterreif  
oder erste Schlehenbluete?

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