

## Schmiedshau Demos Notes

**Track 1:** An einem Strom  
Key of C  
English title: Along a Stream

A love ballad in which the girl flings herself into a stream after learning of her love's unfaithfulness.

**Track 2:** An einem Strom  
Key of A  
English title: At a Stream

Same tune as Track 1, different key signature.

**Track 3:** Auf Ihr Hirten  
Key of G  
English title: Arise, Shepherds

A Christmas song in which shepherds learn of the Christchild's birth.

**Track 4:** Bi hooch est dar Himmoa  
Key of A  
English title: How high the Heavens

A lullaby, with lyrics in the local Schmiedshau dialect.

**Track 5:** Dornroeschen  
Key of G  
English title: Sleeping Beauty

A children's song based on the fairy tale of Sleeping Beauty.

**Track 6:** Dort oben am Berge  
Key of G  
English title: There, up in the Mountains

A Christmas lullaby, with Mary rocking her baby.

**Track 7:** Dort unterm Nasenstein  
Key of C  
English title: There, below Mt. Nasenstein

A song of joy at returning to one's hometown, in this case, Schmiedshau, nestled in the valley below Mt. Nasenstein.

**Track 8:** Drohtanz  
Key of G  
English title: Whirling Dance

An instrumental folk dance tune.

**Track 9:** Es geht ein Waechter  
Key of G  
English title: There goes a Watchman

A 19<sup>th</sup> century song of unrequited love and infidelity.

**Track 10:** Es schlief ein Graf  
Key of D  
English title: A Count lay sleeping

A peasant girl seeks the love of the noble count, who refuses her.

**Track 11:** Es war einmal ein huebscher Schmied  
Key of D  
English title: Once there was a handsome (black)smith

A pretty girl tries unsuccessfully to win the affections of a handsome smith. The tune is Slovak in origin.

**Track 12:** Fein's Liebchen  
Key of C  
English title: Sweet Darling

A young man from a foreign land seeks the love of a girl.

**Track 13:** Fein's Liebchen  
Key of G  
English title: Sweet Darling

Same as Track 12, in a different key.

**Track 14:** Herr des Himmels  
Key of G  
English title: Lord of Heaven

A song of thanks for a good harvest.

**Track 15:** Ich ging einmal spazieren  
Key of G  
English title: I went a-wandering

A wandering song, akin to the American song lyric, The Happy Wanderer.

**Track 16:** In Russland sind viele Soldaten  
Key of A  
English title: There are many soldiers in Russia

A sad song of two friends fighting side-by-side in Russia, one of whom falls in the war.

**Track 17:** Kindlein mein  
Key of C  
English title: Child of mine

A cradle song.

**Track 18:** Kindlein mein  
Key of A  
English title: Child of mine

Same as Track 17, in a different key.

**Track 19:** Mutter liebste Mutter  
Key of G  
English title: Mother, dearest Mother

A song for Mother's Day. In Schmiedshau, Mother's Day is a day of remembrance for mothers who have passed away.

**Track 20:** Schaetzelein ich will dich lieben  
Key of C  
English title: Darling, how I love you

A song for an engaged couple in advance of their wedding, in a celebration known as Polterabend. It is the custom to break a porcelain dish as good luck gesture.

**Track 21:** Schloof Pi'wla schloof  
Key of A  
English title: Sleep, Baby, Sleep

A lullaby, in the dialect of Schmiedshau.

**Track 22:** Sei gegruesst O teure Heimat  
Key of G  
English title: Dear Homeland we greet you

An anthem honoring the town of Schmiedshau.

**Track 23:** Tanz nur  
Key of C  
English title: Just Dance

A folkdance of Slovak/Hungarian origins.

**Track 24:** Tanz nur  
Key of G  
English title: Just Dance

Same as Track 23, in a different key.

**Track 25:** Treue Liebe hast du mir geschworen  
Key of A  
English title: True love you have promised me

A ballad of unending love.