

EDELWEISS, EDELWEISS,
BLESS MY HOMELAND FOREVER.
EDELWEISS, EDELWEISS,
EV'RY MORNING...

(He is looking at MARIA intently and stops singing.)

MARIA & CHILDREN.

SMALL AND WHITE, CLEAN AND BRIGHT –

(The CAPTAIN picks up the song again.)

ALL.

YOU LOOK HAPPY TO MEET ME.

CAPTAIN.

BLOSSOM OF SNOW,
MAY YOU BLOOM AND GROW,
BLOOM AND GROW FOREVER –
EDELWEISS, EDELWEISS,
BLESS MY HOMELAND FOREVER.

(MAX enters left and addresses the applauding audience over the microphone.)

MAX. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you.

(The VON TRAPP FAMILY starts offstage right. MAX stops them.)

Just a moment. I have an announcement that concerns you.

(Into the microphone.)

Ladies and gentlemen, the festival concert has come to its conclusion – except of course, we don't know what the conclusion is going to be. The judges are putting their heads together to arrive at their decision, and while we are waiting I think there should be an encore. It seems this may be the last opportunity the von Trapp Family will have to sing together for a long, long time.

(MARIA and the CAPTAIN exchange a troubled glance.)

MAX. I have just been informed that Captain von Trapp leaves immediately after the concert for his new command in the naval forces of the Third Reich. A guard of honor has arrived to escort him directly from this hall to the naval base at Bremerhaven.

(He looks offstage left, indicating the presence of the guard of honor.)

And now, ladies and gentlemen, the Family von Trapp again.

*(The **CAPTAIN** and **MARIA** confer briefly and hurriedly. Then **MARIA** goes to the **CHILDREN** and whispers some instructions to them. They line up across the stage and sing with a slight edge of apprehension. **MARIA** nods to the conductor.)*

[MUSIC NO. 43 "SO LONG, FAREWELL (REPRISE)"]

MARIA.

THERE'S A SAD SORT OF CLANGING
FROM THE CLOCK IN THE HALL
AND THE BELLS IN THE STEEPLE, TOO.
AND UP IN THE NURS'RY
AN ABSURD LITTLE BIRD
IS POPPING OUT TO SAY "COO-COO"

CHILDREN.

COO-COO, COO-COO

*(The **CHILDREN** continue to sing "coo-coo.")*

CAPTAIN.

REGRETFULLY THEY TELL US
BUT FIRMLY THEY COMPEL US
TO SAY "GOODBYE" TO YOU.

ALL.

SO LONG, FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHEN, GOOD NIGHT.
KURT & MARTA.

WE HATE TO GO, AND MISS THIS PRETTY SIGHT.