THE ROSARY

[LE CHAPELET: DER ROSENKRANZ]

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ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND GERMAN TEXT. SET TO MUSIC BY

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The hours I spent with thee, dear heart,
Are as a string of pearls to me;
I count them o'er every one apart,
My rosary, my rosary!

Each hour a pearl, each pearl a prayer
To still a heart in advance yearning:
I roll each bead unto the end,
And there a Cross is hung!

O, memories that kissed and burn!
O barren gain and bitter loss!
I kiss each bead, and strive at last to learn
To kiss the Cross, sweetheart! to kiss the Cross.

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