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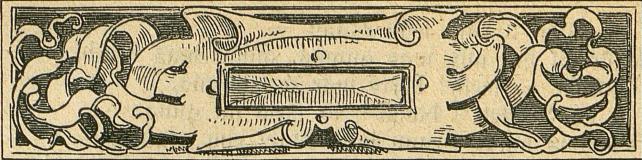
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P. Marcus Holter.

Dö heili Nacht.¹⁾

Erzählung einer alten Bäuerin.

As is do, wann má's recht betracht,
A schene Sach um dö heili Nacht.
Draußt pfeift dā Wind, alsdick fällt dā Schnee,
Wias halt dā Wintā treibt, má woäf voneh.
Schaut's enf abár á hißl um
Drin in dā warmā Stubn,
Da is's glei andás — d' Kindá hupfen und springán
Und lärmán und singán,
Und hellroth vor freud dö Wängerl gloßen,²⁾
Ös is wir á Garten vo lautá Rosen.
Wia kummt's denn á nur andás sein?
Kummt denn s' Christkindl nöt und löggt eahn was ein?
A Kind bin i á gwön, 's is freili schan á schene Zeit,
Alwá ös steht nix auf übá á rechte Kindäfreud,
Und wann Weihnachten kummt, ast wir i gschwind
Auf án ötlá Stund á fernfrischs Kind. —
Van heili Nacht awá, wann i stoanalt wir,³⁾
Gane vägiß i mein Löbtá nia.

¹⁾ Die heilige (Christ-)Nacht. ²⁾ glühen. ³⁾ wenn ich auch das höchste Alter erreiche
(steinalt werde).