The Great Conversation

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Guten Abend, Herr Beethoven With these words I've interwoven inspiration from Moonlight Since you parted much has changed but your melodies remain Like flamingos in full flight Please forgive me and be assured I'm only using all your chords To illustrate that nothing's ever new But it seems these days there's very little left that people have to say As they pay for emperor's new clothes

But I refuse to take my hat to an era near extinction Without question or complaint The dialogue is growing weak, some forgetting how to speak, Or stand up and show restraint They're all sick with common sense Riddled thick with complacence Where there's nothing left to push against

So, dear Ludwig, that is why I choose the great gig in the sky Where there are greater minds beyond mine

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Is it me, or has humanity turned slave to the convenience Of this, so called, 'Techno Age'? I speak to you, Ludwig, because you represent a time so opposite, When music filled the page For example: this song here may be too much to please the ear Because it's wordy and demonstrative, But my might is not to entertain the plight of human thought, Though some may think I ought to

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Dare I say, as a landscape fades to grey That a sword of Damocles hangs heavy overhead Of all our voices great.

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