

## Elisabeth mach auf - Hear me, my angel

### **FRANZ JOSEPH**

Elisabeth?  
Hear me, my angel  
I, your husband  
Would be with you  
Let me be with you  
I leave behind a day full of strife  
France threatens us ever more  
And our dear land finds itself rife  
With scandals, bankruptcy and war  
Revolution, dissolution  
Let me drop my armor  
Like a ship that's found its harbor  
Help me fall asleep tonight  
Without a thought, without a fight  
Let me inside  
Don't leave me waiting  
Be the wife who understands  
Elisabeth

### **ELISABETH**

Why don't you go cry to your mother?  
You have always loved her more than me

### **FRANZ JOSEPH**

Angel-

### **ELISABETH**

Spare me

### **FRANZ JOSEPH**

What have I done?

### **ELISABETH**

You allow her to torment Rudolf

### **FRANZ JOSEPH**

Rudolf? Tormented?

### **ELISABETH**

I know everything  
Your mother left him to her cruel lackeys

### **FRANZ JOSEPH**

She's raising him to be emperor, like me  
He is still too weak

### **ELISABETH**

She wants to destroy him!  
But no longer will I stand idly by  
It's her or me!

*[spoken] I have written a formal ultimatum. If you don't want to lose me, fulfill it. I want to be in control of the education of my children, and only I will decide what I do, and what I will allow. Read my letter, and make your decision between your mother and me.  
And now, leave me alone.*

**DEATH**

Elisabeth, do not despair so  
Rest yourself in my embrace  
I want to save you  
Freedom lies before you  
Leave your battles far behind you  
I'll take you to a better place  
Where the world cannot give chase  
Elisabeth  
Elisabeth  
I love you

**ELISABETH**

No! I want to live on!  
It's too soon for hope to be gone!  
I know I can break myself free  
My weapon will be my beauty  
Go!  
I don't want you!  
I don't need you!  
Go!

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