## "sie sammelt sich in süße Stille"

The "z" of "sich" is connected seamlessly to the "t" of "sammelt" that precedes it—brought forward as if stroking the word's onset.

There is a blooming of "sich" on the first triplet quaver—the richer, rounder colours of 'u' blending with the "I" vowel—while the breath surges into the body of the sung pitch.

The weight is taken out of the voice following the emphasised syllable—the triplet quavers grouped in a 2–1, 2–1 pattern in accordance to the underlay.

A gentle lilting descent, like the final falling leaves of late autumn is emulated, preparing the change of verse (season).

This shaping is replicated on " $\underline{s\ddot{u}Be}$ ", highlighting the alliteration of the "z" sounds.

The vowels "sich in süße" are formed through a single u-shaped embouchure, forming a pathway for the vowels to travel through without resistance.

As the line descends into the lower middle voice, the lengthened, heady quality of the upper register is carried down, cultivating a softness that foreshadows "Stille".