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1382. FRANZ XAVER WOLFGANG MOZART¹ TO HIS BROTHER CARL THOMAS,² MILAN

EXCERPT:

[Podkamia, Galicia, 30th March, 1809]

. . . I prefer to hear | just between the two of us | a Selbst Engel Gottes weinen³ or Abend ist's⁴
by our father than a symphony with masterful instrumentation but without feeling or meaning
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¹ BD: Franz Xaver Wolfgang (1791-1844), Mozart's youngest and second surviving son, virtuoso and composer. 1808-1811 private music teacher in Podkamia, Galicia.

² BD: Mozart's second child, Carl Thomas, was born on 21st September, 1784. He was the longest-lived member of the family, dying in Milan on 31st October, 1858. Grammar school in Vienna; mercantile employment in Livorno approx. 1800-1805, after which he moved to Milan. Started musical studies, but ultimately kept music as a hobby and became a civil servant.

³ BD: *Lied der Trennung* KV 519 (1787).

⁴ BD: *Abendempfindung* KV 523 (1787).