

Edelweiss

Oscar Hammerstein II and Richard Rodgers, from *The Sound of Music*
“Edelweiss” was never a German nor an Austrian song. It was written by
two Americans — in English — specifically for the movie.

In German:

The ß is a double-S and pronounced “ss”.

Every syllable is pronounced, including trailing “e” — “meine” = “mine-eh”

The umlaut “ö” lengthens its sound — “Schmücke” = “SchmOOcke”, “Schön” = “SchOHn”

English Lyrics

Edelweiss, Edelweiss,
Every morning you greet me
Small and white,
clean and bright
You look happy to meet me.

Blossom of snow
may you bloom and grow,
Bloom and grow forever.
Edelweiss, Edelweiss,
Bless my homeland forever.

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may you bloom and grow,
Bloom and grow forever.
Edelweiss, Edelweiss,
Bless my homeland forever.

German Lyrics

Edelweiß, Edelweiß,
Du grüßt mich jeden Morgen,
Sehe ich dich,
Freue ich mich,
Und vergess' meine Sorgen.

Schmücke das Heimatland,
Schön und weiß,
Blühest wie die Sterne.
Edelweiß, Edelweiß,
Ach, ich hab dich so gerne.