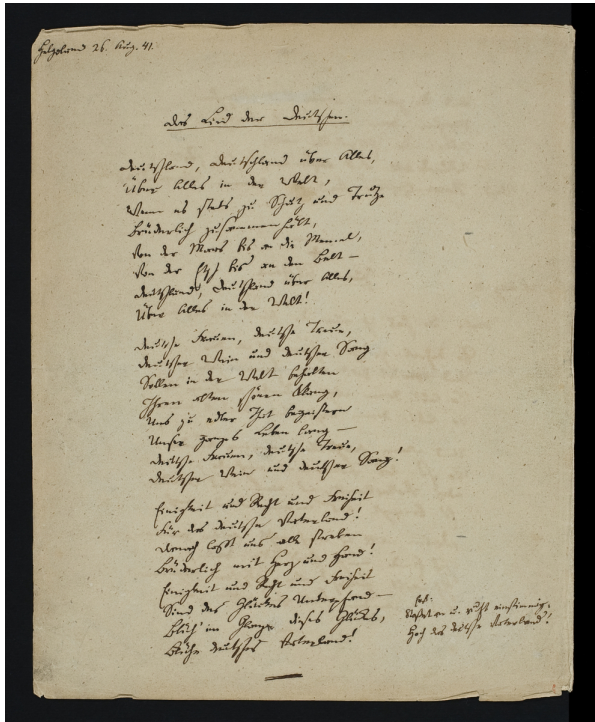


August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben, “Das Lied der Deutschen” (1841)

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