

# POPULAR MUSIC

## AUSTRIA

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PO-AT1 Austria ca.2000

### LA GROTTA ROMANTICA

Popular – Polka – Vocal & Instrumental – Cave Pic Cover

**Mus:** Walter OBERBRANDACTER

**Lyr:** Hans GREINER (LY-PO19)

**Perf:** DIE JAUNTALER

Hubert Dobrounig (vocal)  
Siegfried Dobrounig (accordion)  
Primoz Zvir (harmonica)  
Sebastian Podlesnik (bass)  
Stefan Wrana (drums)

**Prod:** H. Rasinger

**Prod. Co:** Tyrolis

**Time:** 3:05

1. **CD:** EINE HEIMAT ZUM VERLIEBEN  
Tyrolis 351262 (Tk 3)
2. Single (?) **CD:** LA GROTTA ROMANTICA  
(Label & Catalog No. Unknown)

**Notes:** The original CD album “Ein Heimat zum Verlieben” (A Place for Falling in Love) includes this song and later what probably happened is that the song was reissued as a CD single “La Grotta Romantica” (The Romantic Cave) to promote the Austrian show cave, Obir Tropsteinhöhlen, in Bad Eisenkappel (see CD cover photo). Whether the song was inspired by this show cave is not known.

Be forewarned this is a very sentimental, sugary song commonly called “schmaltz.” But one needs to keep in mind that during the Romantic movement in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, due in part to the German poets, Goethe and Schiller, there was a tremendous fascination among Germans for nature and wild, picturesque natural settings including caves. These romantic sentiments carried over into popular music and song and have continued right through to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The third stanza of this song is a good example –

La grotta romantica  
im Herzen der Welt.  
Kein Ort kann schöner sein,  
um zu gestehen,  
ich hab dich lieb.

La Grotta romantica  
in the heart of the world.  
No place could be better  
in order to confess,  
I love you.

The song was also included on a CD of music taken from the television show “Wenn die Musi spielt.”

**Ref:** Duceck, Jochen 2011, Obir Tropsteinhöhlen, [showcaves](#)

Ein Heimat zum Verlieben CD, [Amazon.de](#)

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