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Pronunciation guide for Latvian

Vowels:

a = as in 'park' (but short)
ā = as in 'father' (longer than 'a' on its own)
e = as in 'let'
ē = as French 'er' in 'chanter', as 'a' in 'bare'
i = as in 'bin'
ī = as 'ee' in 'meet'
u = as 'oo' in 'look'
ū = as 'oo' in 'moot'

Diphthongs:

ai = as 'ai' in 'aisle'
au = as 'ow' in 'brown', or as in German 'laufen'
ei = as 'a' in 'late'
ie = as first 'e' in 'mere', or 'ea' in 'fear'
o = as Italian 'uo' in 'uomo'
ui = as in 'doing'

Consonants:

c = as 'ts' in 'bats'
č = as 'ch' in 'chips'
dz = as 'ds' in 'lids'
dž = as 'j' in 'jug'
g = as in 'goat'
ġ = as 'gy' in 'egg yolk'
j = as 'y' in 'yes'
ķ = roughly as 2nd 't' in 'constituent' (a very soft 't')
ļ = roughly as 'll' in 'million'
ņ = as 'n' in 'new'
r = rolled as in German 'Brot'
s = as in 'seven'
š = as 'sh' in 'ship'
t = as in 'lit' (slightly harder than English 't')
z = as 'z' in 'zebra'
ž = as 's' in 'leisure'

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JAUKĀKAIS SAPNIS

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DREAM

Aspazija
(1865-1943)

Rihards Dubra
(*1964)

♩ = 62

mp *poco a poco crescendo*

S Tāl - tā - lu aiz lai - ka, aiz tel - pas,

p *leggiero* *poco a poco crescendo*

S Tāl-tā-lu, tāl-tā-lu... *sim.*

p *leggiero* *poco a poco crescendo*

A Tāl - tā - lu aiz lai - ka, aiz tel - pas,

mp *poco a poco crescendo*

A Tāl - tā - lu aiz lai - ka, aiz tel - pas,

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Kur bez - ga - la jū - ru tik redz, Es sē - žu uz

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kras - ta, un mig - la Ma - ni dzi - ļi ie - tin un sedz.

tāl-tā-lu, tāl-tā-lu, tāl-tā-lu, tā-lu,

kras - ta, un mig - la Ma - ni dzi - ļi ie - tin un sedz.

10 *f* *appassionato*

Zils il - gu vai - nags man gal - vā, Un sap - ņu ro - ze pie sirds,

f *appassionato*

Zils il - gu vai - nags man gal - vā, Un sap - ņu ro - ze pie sirds,

f *appassionato*

14 *mp* *f*

Man ze - mu, ze - mu virs gal - vas, Vie - na vien - tu - ļa zvaig - zne mirdz.

mp *f*

Man ze - mu, ze - mu virs gal - vas, Vie - na vien - tu - ļa zvaig - zne mirdz.

mp *f*

18 *SI^o* *p* *leggero*

Tāl - tā - lu, tāl - tā - lu,

p *leggero*

Tāl - tā - lu, tāl - tā - lu... *sim.*

p *leggero*