Diction & Translation Resources for Singers
A representative list, compiled by the Peabody Career Services, Updated Sept. 2017

General Resources

**Diction**

- **IPA Source** ONLINE
  Transcriptions & translations, arias & song texts

- **Diction**: Italian, Latin, French, German
  John Moriarty (Schirmer 1975)

- **Diction for Singers**
  Wall, Caldwell, Allen, & Gavilanes (Pst... 2009)
  English, Italian, Latin, German, French, Spanish

- **English and German Diction for Singers**
  Amanda Johnston (Scarecrow Press 2011)

- **A Handbook of Diction for Singers**
  David Adams (Oxford 2008)
  Diction in Italian, French, & German

- **International Phonetic Alphabet for Singers**
  Joan Wall (Pst. Inc. 1989)

**Translation**

- **Art Song Central** ONLINE
  Archive of song scores, texts and translations

- **The Lied & Art Song Texts Page** ONLINE
  Texts & translations of art song & choral works

- **Exploring Art Song Lyrics**
  Retzlaff & Montgomery (Oxford 2012)
  Translations & IPA: Italian, French, & German

- **The Ring of Words**
  Philip Lieson Miller (Norton, 1966)
  Texts & translations: Several European countries

**Opera**

- **Aria Database** ONLINE

- **Nico Castel Libretti Series** (Leyerle, 2000-present)
  Translations and IPA

- **Phonetic Readings of Songs and Arias**
  Berton Coffin (Scarecrow Press 1982)

- **Word-by-Word Translations of Songs & Arias Part I – German & French** Part II - Italian
  Berton Coffin (Scarecrow Press 1969)

**Historical Languages**

- **Singing Early Music**
  Timothy J. McGee, Editor (IU Press 2004)

Language-Specific Resources

**Czech**

- **Singing in Czech** (with CD)
  Timothy Cheek (Scarecrow Press 2001)

**English**

- **The Singer's Manual of English Diction**
  Madeleine Marshall (Schirmer 1953)

- **Singing and Communicating in English**
  Kathryn LaBouff (Oxford 2007)

**French**

- **Word Reference** ONLINE
  Pronunciation guide (also in other languages)

- **Singing in French**
  Thomas Grubb (Schirmer 1979)

- **The French Song Companion**
  Graham Johnson & Richard Stokes (Oxford 2002)

- **The Interpretation of French Song**
  Pierre Bernac (Kahn & Averill 1978)

**German**

- **LEO Dictionary** ONLINE
  Gateway to German Diction (with CD)
  John G. Paton (Alfred 1999)

- **German for Singers** (with CD)
  William Odom (Schirmer 1997)

- **The Fischer-Dieskau Book of Lieder**
  Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (Hal Leonard, 1977)

**Hebrew**

- **Omniglot: Hebrew** ONLINE

**Italian**

- **Gateway to Italian Diction** (with CD)
  John G. Paton (Alfred 2004)

- **Singers' Italian**
  Evelina Colorni (Schirmer 1996)

**Latin**

- **Singing in Latin**
  Harold Copeman (Oxford 1990)

**Russian**

- **Russian Art Song** ONLINE

- **Singing in Russian**
  Emily Olin (Scarecrow Press 2012)

- **Russian Songs and Arias**
  Jean Piatak & Regina Avrashov (Pst. Inc. 1991)

- **Tchaikovsky's Complete Song Texts**
  Laurence R. Richter (Indiana Univ. Press 2002)