Danish, Estonian, English: Variations on a theme

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Danish stød

- vao [waː] ‘fair’ (it is mainly real
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