

Vater goes back to putā

Bruder " " " bbrātā

Why t in one case and d in the  
other — both originally t.

In one group of words t came down  
as d in Germanic languages. In the other

an original t preceding the  
accent is preserved — an original  
t following the accent changes to  
d. A thorough-going phonetic  
law in Germanic languages.  
(Verner's law) applying to all stops  
voiced & voiceless.

Sanskrit had same five vowels  
as other languages — discovered for  
palatization. (k changing to s)  
& p & b changed front vowels.  
Three important stops in Indo-Eur.