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Armer Baum! – an deiner kalten Mauer  
fest gebunden, stehst du traurig da,  
fühlest kaum den Zephyr, der mit süßem Schauer  
in den Blättern freier Bäume weilt  
und bey deinen leicht vorübereilt.  
O! dein Anblick geht mir nah!  
und die bilderreiche Phantasie  
stellt mit ihrer flüchtigen Magie  
eine menschliche Gestalt schnell vor mich hin,  
die, auf ewig von dem freien Sinn  
der Natur entfernt, ein fremder Drang  
auch wie dich in steife Formen zwang.