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Wolkenloses himmlisches Gewölbe,  
Unter mächt'gen Palmen Purpurzelt,  
Eine Reiter-Karawane hält,  
Auf dem Boden Wüstensand, der gelbe.

Krachend unterirdisches Gewölbe,  
Fünfzehnhundert Leichen, tiefentstellt, –  
Jede Leiche war ein wackrer Held, –  
Speit die Flamme rasselnd aus, die gelbe.

Solch' ein Traumbild Abdelkader grüßte,  
Trunken er der Heimat Boden küßte:  
»Allah, Allah« – ruft er, – »meine Wüste!«

»Pellissier, Dein fürchterlicher Brand!« –  
Plötzlich sich der Held im Traum ermannt,  
Seine Blicke trafen Kerkerswand! –