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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.