

O JORDAN, HEILGER STROM!
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Nach deiner silbernen Wellen Saume sehnt bang sich unser Herz, so bang!
We yearn ardently for the bank of your silvery waves, so anxious(ly)!

O selige vergangne Zeit,
Oh, blissful bygone time;

da rings dein Strand freudevoll wiederhallt' der Väter frommes Lied!
then your shore again and again sang the forefathers' pious song!

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