

**Va, pensiero, sull'ali dorate;**

*Vah, pen-syeh-ro sool'ah-lee do-rah-teh*  
(Go my thoughts, as if flying on golden wings)

**va, ti posa sui clivi, sui colli,**

*Vah, tee po-zah sooee clee-vee, sooee cawl-lee,*  
(Rest at last on the hillsides of Zion)

**ove olezzano tepide e molli**

*oveh o-let-sah-no teh-pee-deh eh mawl-lee*  
(Soar aloft amid sweet-scented breezes)

**l'aure dolci del suolo natal!**

*l'ahoo-reh dol-chee del swo-lo nah-tah!*  
(to the homeland I left long ago)

**Del Giordano le rive saluta,**

*Del Jor-dah-no leh ree-veh sah-loo-tah,*  
(To the waters of Jordan these greetings,)

**di Sionne le torri atterrate...**

*dee See-awn-neh leh tor-ree ah-ter-rah-teh...*  
(to the ruins of Zion's proud towers...)

**Oh mia patria sì bella e perduta!**

*Oh mee-ah pah-tree-ah see bel-lah eh pehr-doo-tah!*  
(Oh my homeland, so lovely, now lost to me)

**O membranza sì cara e fatal!**

*O mem-brahn-tsah see cah-rah eh fah-tah!*  
(recollections both tender and sad)

**Arpa d'or dei fatidici vati.**

*Ahr-pah d'or day-ee fah-tee-dee-chee vah-tee,*  
(Tell me why golden harps of the prophets,)

**perché muta dal salice pendi?**

*pehr-keh moo-tah dahl sah-lee-chey pen-dee?*  
(why you silently hang on the willow)

**Le memorie nel petto raccendi,**

*Leh meh-maw-ree-eh nel pet-to rah-chen-dee,*  
(Reawaken fond memories in us)

**ci favella del tempo che fu!**

*chee fah-vel-lah del tem-po keh foo!*  
(of those songs we once sang long ago.)

**O simile di Solima ai fati,**

*O see-mee-leh dee So-lee-mah ahee fah-tee,*  
(As you once mourned Jerusalem's passing,)

**traggi un suono di crudo lament,**

*trah-gee oon swo-no dee croo-do lah-men-to,*  
(sound an echo of bitter lamenting)

**o t'ispiri il Signore un concerto**

*o t'ee-spee-ree eel Seen-yaw-reh oon con-chen-to*  
(O, inspired anew by Jehovah)

**che ne infonda al patire virtù!**

*keh neh een-fon-dah ahl pah-tee-reh veer-too!*  
(make our courage endure to the last!)

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