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Mi go zatvorile mladiot Jordanče / mi go zatvorile vo temni zandani. /

Vo zandani ima voda do kolena, / voda do kolena, kosa do ramena. /

Vreme de ké dojde¹ Jordan da se pušta, / pravo on si trga vo negovo selo. /

Koga dojde Jordan do domašni porti, / dva pati mi čukna, tri pati mi vikna. /

Koga go dočula negovata majka, / porti otvorila, sina pregrnila. /

"Kade mi je, majko, mojto verno libe, / porti da otvori, mene da pregrne?" /

"Tvojto verno libe snošti se omaži, / za tvojot komšija, za tvojot pobratim." /

¹ Another version has Koga dojde vreme

Young Jordan was imprisoned, imprisoned in a dark dungeon.

In the dungeon the water reached his knees, and his hair reached his shoulders.

When the time came that Jordan was freed, he went straight to his village.

When Jordan reached the door of his house, he knocked twice and called out three times.

When his mother came, she opened the door and embraced her son.

"Where, mother, is my true love, to open the door and embrace me?"

"Your true love was married last night, to your best friend, to your blood-brother."