

# 4. A Ship Is Coming

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Es kommt ein Schiff, geladen  
Advent

Hugo Distler  
Der Jahrkreis, op. 5, no. 4

Soprano 1

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