For Her That Served Poems

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life-forma new race of men

both humble and proud crawling out from under injustice, shaking off dust standing straight linked troops in serried ranks loving and ready to sacrifice

undetered by body blows personal failings loving and teaching love this new race in this new age

under God

Proof to the Aspirant: the Road is Indeed Real

I aspired to find I found that which had been whispered in my ear from my younger days Assured I was and am now responding.

The message is it's own proof about a messenger, messengers Progressive revelation and the new city on the shore of the ocean of God's will.



He sat in a cold mountain fortress

He sat in a cold mountain fortress
Abandoned by the world
The Lamb that we all awaited
Still He instructed us
Not to treat Him whom God shall make manifest
The same nor cause Him any harm.

He saw by a single flickering light
And had but a single companion
Still He instructed as God wished.
Throughout Iran and Iraq went His tablets.
Letters to letters, Words to words.
He could not be entrapped by those
Who turned away, fearing what He could do.

A Gate in a Wall in a garden
The only way for all to enter paradise.
Where is paradise and where is hell?

but hot was His soul frame He was ready for Questions. But they had nothing to ask. 1270 years they had waited but now they could only feel That they had imprisoned the Qa'im in a mountain Not knowing why they felt so on fire with hate

Cold sat on His bones

(about the Bab in Maku)

An Ode to the Winds of Joy

Many years, generations you struggled. With your own selves knowing the truth Knowing the right and finally getting it right You then raised the call, time now so limited Much is now dependent on His mercy

How He moved that angel in, to save the day Your companion lifted by joy, you followed Finally moved by gladness Door to door you went Tight was the world threatening to squeeze you out

Hosts were calling you and you laughed Crying as you presented the Message They stood before you dumb, but expectant Inviting you in, for dreams had pointed the way The Message, Ruhi now able to make up for your lack of coherence

old friends were waking to the history of God.

When the time comes you are lifted up
Kindly greeted into the other room
Where the purified congregate
To welcome you, to hear your song
They explode in glorious smiles
Their energy blessing you, encouraging
Those positive traits that you brought with.

You laughed through tears as, at last,

He told you in a quiet moment,
"There will be much for you to do here
But for now just rest, now just rest.



The Tender Land

This is where we wish to be in our inner hearts.

That place of quiet and beauty.

This place of our being accepted and loved. Where all is for the building of trust and healing.

That tender land, nothing leads to disturbance and harm.

It is our true mother and our caring father.

It treasures our tears of joy and

washes us in a lake of crystal water.

Would you be surprised if I say that already it is here within our time?

The Servant is King

Do you think it strange That a Warner should come A man much like you With a message from God

He will advise you To keep far from Sin and turn to his advice Be worthy of His Mercy

I seek for no reward Said Noah of the rainbow When he set his sails Weighing anchor on a vast sea

We swept the dead away Like autumn's withered leaves Drownded and forgotten Upon the plains below

(some poems are inspired by verses of the Qur'an)

Pure Spirit

For a pure voice we have no ears to spare.

For those who profess truth and ramble In the sciences of excess we invest real-time.

For those who raise the hair off our heads We step back with fear.

They try as they might, the prophets To only give us a drop, but that is too much for the thirsty, we dissolve, then crawl away.

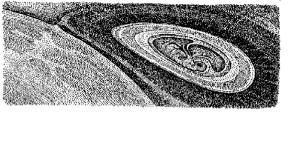
Seeking out the academic to firm up our outsides 'Reassure us please that the world is arright!'
Surely we have not spent our days in vain?

Vanes flap in the wind showing direction where the air of the spirit flows.
We see not, 'our strange uncle was nothing but a kook!

That prophet was but a wave in the sea of 1911.'

He spoke of Peace travelling about the states.
He spoke of Muhammad and the people were impressed.
He spoke of Jesus and the leaders were ashamed
that they could not have understood as well
as this prisoner from the east now free.

Abdu'l-Baha Abbas



That Waiting Spot

Is like a slice out of heaven
Green and shady, cool and sheltered
White house, large front porch
Awaiting the souls of Baha
Providing a place calming
There for meditating and prayer
Making plans for the future
Young girls and old parrots come to visit
Ghosts, curious and needy.

It is a direction to the lost A comfort to me knowing that it stands Strong, in a quiet clearing Looking out on a leg of the sea.

Springing from the Heart

What is my faith?

It is a springing, a gushing, of joy from my heart

A welling of tears from my eyes

It is the inspiration of a slowly developing understanding

It is remembering to read the Word

It is the deliberate teaching of the Word

It is the love which grows as each day unfolds

Watching the signs of God, so clear,

as the old world rolls up.

Rivers of Life

The Words of Jesus form

A strong waterbrook riotous Flowing into a mighty river A guiding Koran most sure Swiftly driving to the sea between Imams Strong rocky pillars, then spreading On reaching the estuary of The Bab's message swirling Dashing to enter the Vast Ocean Of Baha'u'llah's Splendorous Message.

Hujjat

In Zanjan your love leads them to Paradise fields
Back to the sacred Words of God, to the spirit of the Qur'an
Your blood was spilt out upon the ground
As you prayed devotedly, loyal to the covenant

A thousand lives you wished to sacrifice
A thousand of those loyal shed their bodies for
The Mihdi. Mirza Ali Muhammad fulfilling

Not as man wanted it, but as God has willed.

The sun is as a shadow of that supreme globe

Our day is as night when seen from that hereafter The people are as death walking, when they turned away Their world is but kindling for the fires of their infernal desires.

Hujjat, your blood flowed free as if it was nothing If only you had a thousand lives? But these modern leaders with fragments they seek to mislead,

They cling to earthly power, mis-interpreting
They deny your sacrifice as a trifle.
They move away because you demand too much.

No bones have these present idols, rulers of the dust

Your stark sacrifice of the devoted

Means nothing to them, these cowards of the night.

When your act is the very proof that must not be revealed Throngs are mislead, the losers of the kingdom

Hujjat, you will receive their children back Back into the religion of the Mihdi Even as the prophecies say.

Hujjat, you gave wife and children, your friends You gave them as offering to the Qa'im

You are a Babi, enemy of the Persian Empire
And you are a great friend of the Apostle

Five thousand citizens follow you Into the fortified region of that city Men, women and children loyal to the Word Their blood painting the walls of that quarter of Zanjan Attacked by an unfaithful, a treacherous generation.

Muhammad, vou carry his name, Muhammad Ali

Zaynab hero of the hour, youth riding forth Taking the masculine name of Rustam-'Ali Three months you lead the charge in their defence Young girl striking fear into their ill hearts All Persia is humiliation for their debauchery Their destiny tom to shreds

Zanian, the ruined city that slaughtered their best

Two hundred couples pure and strong, joined for a moment Separated to defend, to die, now joined again

The group rises to the tan and is altimated off.

The cream rises to the top and is skimmed off And the milk is spoiled, poisoning the ground.



Strange Mother

What are we to think

Left in the desert, he is enslaved and imprisoned Carried away far to the West But this mother denies her own flesh "It is a child of some evil Russian mother!"

Will she carry on so even to her death bed?

But the child prospers and grows strong
In a foreign land it becomes a father

For the innocent, the poor and the desolate

Of a woman who abandons her pure child

With a new message of love

But she says he is a bloody British spy
He is a bastard of a foreign enemy.
He is a monster that I threw to the wolves

He inspires generations to turn to God

She says such lies and believes them But I think she is looking in a mirror Seeing her own crimes
Blaming them on this spotless youth.

She cries he is a Zionist conspirator

Such great pain has this young one bore

Only for the uplifting of all peoples He even speaks well of his mother And predicts a sweet reunion in time Will the mother finally give up the pretence? The old order is lamentably defective.

She says he works with the CIA to cause her downfall

But he only wants to see his mother happy
The woman sits mornfully upon shifting sands

Grasping dried desiccated bones of an older adoptive son Grow well fresh youth for you are the hope of us all.

Spirit has long left this spot.

The Radiant House

House of learning and truth
Honesty, do not let delusion triumph
Harmony is created by the effort

Shine brightly, rain nutrients Replace hate with love Recognize the wall coming down Open up the house to

House of love and patience

Renovate, rebuild, on the firm foundation.

For what other time, why wait?
For it will get worse
But we teach and learn the methods
Tomorrow we welcome in.

Sing joyfully and be happy

Looking out the windows
The neighbourhood crumbling
As it will. Us growing stronger
Prosperity carried in our hearts
Our inner court flourishing

We are one
And you are the one I am joined to
From that firm foundation

We build, always striving upward Confident in your nearness that we progress Supporting and holding hands

We shall decorate that house together Express all our joys there

A focal point Not mistaking it for anything else

But the truth! So near!

Shining moments, power and purpose supreme Following guidance, then to guide

Weaving meaning into time

Up to the Beauty sublime

Chastity

Chastity in no way implies withdrawal from human relationships.
It liberates people from the tyranny of the ubiquity of sex.
A person who is in control of his sexual impulses is enabled to have profound and enduring friendships with many people, both men and women, without ever sullying

that unique and priceless bond that should unite man and wife.

(From a letter dated 8 May 1979 written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice to an individual believer)

Hosts About Us.

They are guiding
They reveal signs
When we are asking for guidance
And I ask for guidance
This is when they can help

And they leave us alone When we do not ask When we do not invite them Please attend us We are error prone

Hosts, guardians from other realms

They will teach us Each step of the way We must invite teaching That is when they can help

We call on God and He sends his hosts



Baha Boogaloo

Kundalini energy rising up
Through an administrative spine
Into an institution sublime
Raining a new message
Surprising awakening with Joy
Relaxed by laughter
inSight opened in time
God has chosen
And it is now

Chakras awakened A world squirming and rebelling This can not be? It is and will prevail

The dance has begun
Lessons learned
Through six thousand years
Boogaloo among the wallflowers
Richly coloured roses
Moving sharply across the floor

Their fragrance swirling and rising Their beauty startling The writing clear in This new day.

(from the Mystic Muffin)

Salsa Lessons

We will Fred and Ginger across the floor Spirits rising in, falling in, gliding in Unison, but first we practice Lessons.

Pre-conceptions to overcome Prejudices to avoid This will not be as

We imagined, much better Than we can conceive

man we can conceive

Choose the field Prepare the tools Count the inventory

Rules to follow

Guard your health Move foreward, move back In the Salsa of joy

Baha is awaiting The contest to begin

Give the message Then love them until

They respond or reject
The mighty dancers have entered

The field of wallflowers
The hesitant, the unknowers of the caves.

Storms will blow and rip
Attempting to sweep us off our feet
We dance on with fragrance
The music sweet, the rhythm progressive

Closer we approach the sounds Becoming the mystic song

Forgetting that we are two

Glory is in the effort

Results are in God's hands
Loving the nearness
Forgetting who we are
But that person who loves the other.
That is enough in the dance

The Quality of Heaven

Live in Heaven and That it is for us to lose Here among the crowds Of unaware, we love and learn The citizens are linked Supporting and praying for each other and

Could it be that we

the salvation of all

That is what I feel When we are doing services For mankind, we live in paradise

Confluence

I think of it.

A time of confluence

But where is that thought coming from?
A running together of streams

Souls, lifes, cycles coming to completion

The beginning, starting of new programs An atmosphere of joy and resolution

For some new tests, new stirrings It is coming

There, changes in our lives Persons, friends separate, amiably New pairings, new projects, new goals

It is happening

Education a way of life

Tests a way of life but we have To dive into the swirling waters Arts and crafts about to bloom In a new garden

We are learning to build Throw truth at falsehood Until at last falseness is overcome Upon a small planet

Vileness will rally and rage Then fall into dust from exhaustion Wonder, we wonder what it was? God's power again seen to rule

Giants fall in ruin
Clouds clear to reveal the bright sun
Small communities grow
Complexity of excellence



Subtle Powers

There are shadows across the truth

Powers lie in wait for those who choose to seek
Disipline and much of a heartfelt attitude
Will open them out and hide them too
From prying eyes they claim you lie
But I only hint at the value of love
That desires a higher source and a greater mission

Worldly objects lure you onward to greater darkness
Designed as light and glitter it does not deliver
Caught in the flashing lights you bypass the master works

Perplexed you wonder what nonsence this is He cannot know anything for I would have seen Was my thirty years but a smoke screen Perplexed I wonder what nonsence this is?

Faith

The intention of God is His creation The intention of man is his motivation If a man wishes to be close to God To understand about His creation Then he will be carried toward God Throughout all His Worlds.

Faith is not loyalty to a faith but understanding through meditation and praver Loyalty is not faith until you see truth. One truth leads to another This requires giving up fear

and following the path to its end.

That Spirit and that Life

Is this your Faith that I told you That I saw you under a fig-tree? You shall see much greater than this You shall arrive in heaven open to see

The honest man comes to the light Try understanding what I say Put your trust in the God who sent me And a firm hold on life's eternity

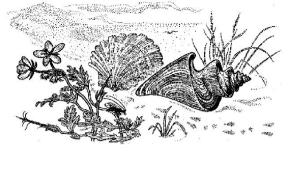
You never heard His voice calling You never saw His form, His face The Father gave me the word flowing

Believe that Word points to me,

Believe in the One who sent me That is what God requires The true spirit alone gives life I am that spirit and that life

The honest man comes to the light Try understanding what I say Put trust in the God who sent me And a firm hold on life's eternity

(roughly from Gospel of John)



Abraham

This Word is a glorious revelation We revealed it to you with love Dragging you from dark to illumination By permit from your Lord

Block not man from heaven's sway Debar men not on God's path Or you will surely go astray Doom will surely come your way

We send you a pure messenger Speaking your language straight and plain A day arriving in times to come When the earth shall change again

Abraham warned you of a new day When a judge shall come to your hearts You will come forth to be confronted The loval ones to receive a new earth

This is a glorious revelation We revealed it to you with love Dragging you from dark to illumination By permit from your Lord

(roughly from the Koran)

Abraham again

Block not man from the hereafter Debar men not on God's path

Or you have surely gone astray Doom will really come your way This Word is a glorious revelation

We have revealed it unto you

Dragging mankind into illumination By permission from your Lord

You may make passion your idol Worship corruption and decay

Can't you hear the Messenger He's calling you away!

We send a pure messenger to them Speaking their language plain

Speaking their language plain
A day will arrive in times to come
When the earth shall change again
Abraham warned mankind of a new day

When doom shall come to their hearts
They will come forward to be confounded
Loyal men receiving a new earth

You may make passion your idol Worship corruption and decay Can't you hear the Messenger

He's calling you away!

Block not man from the hereafter

Debar men not on God's path
Or you have surely gone astray
Doom will really come your way
This is a glorious revelation

We have revealed it unto you
Drawing mankind into illumination
By permission from your Lord

You may make passion your idol Worship corruption and decay Can't you hear the Messenger He's calling you away!

(from the Koran, Sura 11)

A greater day

he won't go astrav nor come to arief come to grief.

whoso follows My counsel.

But he who turns away from guidance from my remembrance. his will be a narrow life. a narrow life

And I shall bring him blind to the assembly on the Resurrection Day Resurrection Day.

When comes to them a new indication direct from their Lord they listen while they play, while they play.

We destroyed many before them and raised up some after them again another people another people!

We hurl the truth against the false Muhammad We inspired And the false did crumble

Praising My name though you deny His men giving caution After Christ We inspired We inspired.

False did crumble

(from the Koran chap 20-21)



Muhammad

He will gather assured men

I am nothing new amoung the messengers nor do I know what will be done with me and you judged that the messenger and the believers would never return

He will gather assured women
Into Gardens residing
Under trees in fields which waterbrooks flow

I follow only what has been disclosed to me my primary duty is to clearly warn you You will discover in the law of God The power to change defeat in victory.

He will gather assured men
He will gather assured women
Into Gardens residing
Under tree in fields which waterbrooks flow

This Koran is truly from Him but you reject it I follow my inspiration I will clearly warn you I am a witness and a bearer of good tidings That you may glorify Him at early dawn

Will the Children of Israel follow and believe You remain too proud, God guides not the blind He sends His messenger with guidance and the religion of truth prevails over all

He will gather assured women Into Gardens residing Under tree in fields which waterbrooks flow

God has endeared the faith to you

He will gather assured men

and has enhanced it in your hearts, and has made disbelief base behavior and rebellion hateful unto you

(koran 46)

A Little Light (1)

Sometimes my sight Is not so clear My direction quirky My spirit mirky

Then I sit down to pray!

(Chorus?) Enlighten my sight

In these dark nights Make me happy

With your love

May I hear your call will you open your doors So I may see the light

Of your glory

I am enkindled with The flame burning In your holy tree

Uttering your praise

Swept up in your breeze

beholding your signs hearing your words Shielded in you arms.

A Little Light (2)

Sometimes my sight Is not so clear My direction quirky My spirit is murky Then I sit down to pray!

(Chorus?)

Enlighten my sight may I hear your call In these dark nights will you open your doors Make me happy so I may see

With your love and your glory

That your love and your giory

I am enkindled with the flame burning In your holy tree uttering your praise A small bird singing upon your branches Scanning a world of wonders next to you

My new body swept up in your breeze
My new eyes beholding your signs
My new ears hearing your guiding words
My refreshed spirit shielded in you arms.

They surrender to Him

God creates you tender: after weakness, He gives you power Then old age and grey hairs conspire He creates whatever He desires

You can not make any to hear save those who believe. In these revelations clear they surrender to Him.

You cannot make the dead hear you.
Nor can you guide the blind
They are a stumbling kind
He creates whatever He desires

You can not make any to hear save those who believe. In these revelations clear they surrender to Him.

You can make none hear except those who believe Our signs and have come to clearly resign. After weakness, He gives power.

You can not make any to hear save those who believe. In these revelations clear they surrender to Him.

Let not those who disbelieve go driving you to despair God seals the hearts of the foolish And opens others to green Gardens.

One and All

People are at various stages.

Some are imperfect - these must be completed.

Some are asleep - they must be awakened; Some are negligent - they must be made vigilant;

but one and all are the children of God

are the children of Goo

are the children of God.

The only real difference

People are at various stages

Love them all with your whole heart:

no one is a stranger to each other

and one and all

are the children of God.

and one and all are the children of God

(from 'Abdu'l-Baha)

the heavens and the earth

It is the promise of your Lord; and God does not fail His promises. Yet most men do not understand Yet many deny they will have

any meeting with their Lord

They only know the show of this world. and are reckless of the Hereafter

God created the heavens and the earth

Yet many deny they will have

any meeting with their Lord

Do they not think for themselves that God created the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them

Yet many deny they will have

any meeting with their Lord

(koran 30)

Pharaoh asked:

And who is the Lord of the Worlds? Moses said:

Lord of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them,

if you believed.

Pharaoh said:
Your messenger is indeed a fool!

If thou chooses other than me, I shall place you among the prisoners.

Even though I show thee something clear? Then Moses flung down his staff and it appeared a serpent writhing, And he drew forth his hand and

Pharaoh said unto the chiefs:

it was white to behold

This is truly a knowing wizard,
Are there wizards with magic comparable?

There will be a great reward for them

And the wizards were flung prostrate, Crying: We believe the Lord of the Worlds, The Lord of Moses and Aaron

we hope that our Lord will forgive us We are the first to believe.

Where your treasures are

That mate and that child The fame and that power Is your heart there Among the rust and moths?

Gather treasures in this world

Gather treasures in this world Watch them leave and complain The fame and power will wain Is your heart there Among the rust and moths?

In another world gather your treasures Distant but not far Take virtues with you Is your heart there?

No rust or moth can spoil them

Where is your heart?
Find the beauty of the beloved
Upon the green branch of the eternal tree
Where your treasures are

There will your heart be!

Where your treasures are (2)

Gather treasures in this world That mate and that child That fame and that power is your heart there with them Among the rust and moths?

Gather treasures in this world

Watch them leave and complain
The fame and power will surely wain
Is your heart there with them

Among the rust and moths?

In another world gather your treasures
Distant but not far

Take virtues with you

Is your heart there with them?

No rust or moth can spoil them

Where is your heart?
Find the beauty of the beloved
Upon the green branch of the eternal tree
Where your treasures are
There will your heart be!

(inspired from the new testament)

Please Stay

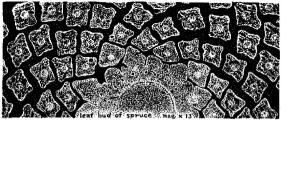
Can't you hear the Messenger He's calling you away! From the things of this world He's warning you away!

All these things are leading you Astray from your Lord Can't you hear the Messenger He's calling you away!

You may make passion your idol Worship corruption and decay Can't you hear the Messenger He's calling you away!

Reach the souls on the hillside This life is just for play Seek the hearts of His loved-ones He's calling you away!

Just government has come from above You can build it with your hands Reach for His unity and love He is asking you to stay!



No man comes

No man comes
To the shores of my ocean
Unless he be detached
from all in the earth
from all in the earth

No man comes
To the shores of my ocean
Unless he be detached
from all in the heavens
from all in the heavens

The ocean of my true understanding The tabernacle raised in the firmament of my Bayan of my Bayan

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The tabernacle raised in the firmament

of my Bayan of my Bayan

(inspired from the writings of the Bab)

Such is the Resurrection

which set the clouds in motion.

We drive them on to some dead land giving fresh life to the earth after it has died.

Such is the Resurrection

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God sends forth the winds

Now here come the clouds
There goes the desecating winds
The Word has gone forth
Awaiting a response
We live among the dead
So must come the resurrection

The good Word assures man The good Deed exalts him Let men know the Glory of Him Awaiting a response We live among the dead So must come the resurrection

The storm is raging far Dryed stocks are responding Gardens are slowly blooming Beauty on right and left So must come the resurrection

The word rains down hard

In a Niche

God is the Light of Heaven and Earth! God composes parables for mankind;

God is Aware of everything!

Compare His light to a niche

In which there is a lamp; a lamp in a glass; a glass as if it were a glittering star kindled from a blessed olive oil.

Neither of the East nor the West, this oil will glow though fire has never touched it

Light upon light,

God guides anyone He wishes to His light.

God is the Light of Heaven and Earth! God composes parables for mankind; God is Aware of everything!

(inspired from the Qur'an)

New senses, New words

Everything has a name We did this, one by one God instructed us to this

We look about us

Hippos and roses Leaves and grass Sun and moon Quarks and neutrinos

The seen world
The smelt world and heard
The felt world, I taste my second cup
Once mysterious is exposed

A reality within un-worded We use old outer words

Of our contingent senses

The inner world

As tools
The need of two persons to communicate
One who knows and one who perceives

When we travel on into fresh worlds We take this old world with us Inner and outer Because we have only one language

In God's heaven
The new senses hardly used
New bodies awaken a new language
A new reality.

First the senses sense, then the language New words, then again Use the language to describe That inner world forcing us to go back And examine the outer reality It seems to be less substantial now Still there but more mysterious

Beautiful the new world, beyond death,

Old reality for a while Until we become comfortable

With our new bodies

Guardians

Every day I move off this planet and glide Sometimes above the misty home but at other times Among the planets and moons of my souls Hearing the music that is within me Waiting to burst out when I learn Lessons.

Learning means more than memory it means change Making efforts to replace habits with obedience Every event will be new as we approach the new worlds Habits will not save us but only mind and spirit. Listening.

Hearing the guiding voices as they speak to us Saying you can not do this even though you made Every plan to function in this one way but No one foresaw these fresh events unfolding As it does before our sensors and it can be That you want to deny, but denial is death Believe.

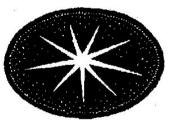
That tune is repeating again in your brain Now think clearly. Is this not what we came here for? We have been freed from habit and given a new life Even imagination will not withstand these realities A man in Persia anticipated a new man becoming whole Messenger.

Shining Tune

I want to write the songs that lift the hearts Music that makes the breath to stop and start Deep it comes up as joy pushing out the tears I want the songs that move lightly across waves Then they dive deep to the root of life's doors.

Words that stop us in the drug mart To listen to the angels footsteps A memory stirs and irritates the brain Breaking forth into a bright shining tune.

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