

"Arise, my love, my beautiful one,  
and come away,  
for behold, the winter is past;  
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of singing<sup>1</sup> has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

The fig tree ripens its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my beautiful one,  
and come away.

O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,  
in the crannies of the cliff,  
let me see your face,

let me hear your voice;  
for your voice is sweet,  
and your face is lovely.

Catch the foxes<sup>2</sup> for us,  
the little foxes  
that spoil the vineyards,  
for our vineyard<sup>3</sup> are in blossom."

My beloved is mine, and I am his;  
he grazes<sup>4</sup> among the lilies.

Until the day breathes  
and the shadows flee,  
turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle  
or a young stag on cleft mountains.<sup>4</sup>

#### Bride's Dream

I was asleep by night,

and sought him whom my soul  
loved, but found him not.

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all of them wearing swords  
and expert in war,  
each with his sword at his thigh  
against terror by night.

King Solomon made himself a carriage<sup>5</sup>  
from the wood of Lebanon.

He made its posts of silver,  
its back of gold, its seat of purple;  
its interior was inlaid with love  
by the daughters of Jerusalem.

Go out, O daughters of Zion,  
and look upon King Solomon,  
with the crown with which his mother crowned  
him

on the day of his wedding,  
on the day of the gladness of his heart.

#### Solomon Admires His Bride's Beauty

Behold, you are beautiful, my love,  
behold, you are beautiful!  
Your eyes are doves  
behind your veil.

Your hair is like a flock of goats  
leaping down the slopes of Gilead.

Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes  
that have come up from the washing,  
all of which bear twins,  
and no one among them has lost its young.

Your lips are like a scarlet thread,  
and your mouth is lovely.

Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate  
behind your veil.

Your neck is like the tower of David,  
built in rows of stone;  
your breasts are like old fields,  
all of them shields of warriors.

Your two breasts are like two fawns,  
twins of a gazelle,  
that graze among the lilies.

Until the day breathes  
and the shadows flee,  
I will go away to the mountain of myrrh  
and the hill of frankincense.

You are altogether beautiful, my love;  
there is no flaw in you.

Come with me from Lebanon, my bride;  
come with me from Lebanon.

Depart<sup>8</sup> from the peak of Amana,  
from the peak of Senir and Hermon,  
from the dens of lions,  
from the mountains of leopards.

You have captivated my heart, my sister, my bride;  
you have captivated my heart with one glance  
of your eyes,  
with one jewel of your necklace.

How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride!  
How much better is your love than wine,  
and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!

#### Solomon Arrives for the Wedding

What is that coming up from the wilderness  
like columns of smoke,  
perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,  
with all the fragrant powders of a merchant?

Behold, it is the litter<sup>5</sup> of Solomon!  
Around it are sixty mighty men,  
Some of the mighty men of Israel,

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<sup>1</sup>Or singing. <sup>2</sup>Or jackals. <sup>3</sup>Or he pastures his flock. <sup>4</sup>Or mountains of Bether. <sup>5</sup>That is, the couch on which servants carry a king. <sup>6</sup>Or sed on chair. <sup>7</sup>The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain. <sup>8</sup>Or Look.