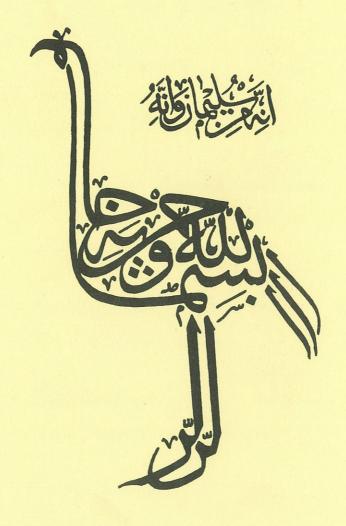
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Today
Love has become manifest
So renouce this self
And become extinct
In the Love of Light.

Loose yourselves And Discover Creation.

Beg your Lover's embrace So that your parched lips May say only Allah.

Invite Him to stay And discover peace.

Lift that veil

And reveal your heart.

Every breath
Sacrificed
In praise of Him
Blossoms into
A song of Union.

Hesitate Not!

Plunge
Into the ocean of bliss
Swimmer or non-swimmer
This water differentiates not.

Each footstep in His direction
Is more than a Hajj
Drink His nector
And blossom into
A flower
Unsurpassed in beauty
And become
The envy of spring.

For what
Do you hesitate
When He is nearer
To you
Than your jugular.

Reach out
And embrace this Lover
So that
The Song of Rum
Be perpetuated
And Hallaj
Justified.

Oh ecstacy
What are you
Compared to
His audience
For He is
The end
And the beginning
And He is
None other than
Shah Karim.

His footsteps echo
The presence of Light.
At His approach
Leave all doors
Open
And invite
Illumination.
Express only joy today
For it is spring
Amidst autumn.

At His approach
The moon vetreats
The veil of stars is lifted
And a new day is born
Proclaiming His glory.

Today My soul Is as light as a butterfly The flight as clear As a dewdrop The path strewn With flowers For today My Love Has arrived And my heart skips a beat In trepidation. The evening glows in my face And my temples Pound with joy.

My mind knows no bounds
With every wish fulfilled
As for logic
It ceased to exist
The minute my eyes
Glimpsed You
For Ours is a
Language of Love
Unspoken
Only understood.

Witness How the stars glow today At this union. Witness The whisper of the wind At this union. Witness the moonlight Dancing in joy At this union. Today All is as One In tawheed

This shore has long awaited
The caress of your waves
Every pebble of my body
Awaits
Vibrating with
The touch of Your waves.

Oh Lord! You have given me speech But my breath Awaits your Word To proclaim the presence of Light. For years Have I traversed this desert Lost, desolate, despairing Thirsting for a glimpse Of Your blessing.

I walked the sands
Until my feet burned
And my heart cried
Agony.
But a voice whispered
Walk on and burn
Not only your feet
But also your heart
For only in total extinction
In this fire
Will you become
Light!

My thirst has remained
Unsatiated
For only the Saqi
Can quench it.

Leave me not

Cuddle me as Your

Child to Your bosom

And suckle me with

Your honey of peace.

Leave me not

For You are my guide

In this desert.

Leave me not For no star Can guide me.

Leave me not
For no other light
Overcometh
My blindness.
Without You is
Darkness
And perpetual night.
Leave me not
For without You
Wisdom is naught.

You have cast me
Like a stone
Into the air
Knowing not it's
Fall or flight.

In trepidation
I await
Your embrace
To nurse me
Back to life

Make this stone
Into a diamond
So that it too may
Reflect
Pure Light
With all facets
Bowed in tawheed

Today is my Navroz
For the Sun of my spring
Has arrived.
Today is my Navroz
For the Message of Ghadir
Is here.
Today is my Navroz
For it is the end of
My pilgrimage.

Today the skies
Have opened their doors
To let us glimpse
The Hidden.

Today is my spring
It is time to sow
The seed of Love
And harvest affection.

Oh Momin!
Today
Gnan has arrived
At your door
Therefore realize
Consciousness.

Listen to this Adhan
For it comes
From the very minaret
Of the Prophet.
It made
Salman see
And Rumi dance
And Hallaj sacrifice
And Hafiz transcend.

Oh Momin
Partake of this Fruit
And attain nobility
Of the companionship of the High

Ascend!
For earth is not your limit
Transcend!
For the sky is not your limit.

Grash
The fragrance of the Flower
Which intoxicated Hafiz!

Grasp
This skirt of Knowledge
Which maddened Rumi with ecstacy!

Grash
The rays of this Sun
To
Which Sadruddin sacrificed!

Why do you hesitate! With each step you take He takes many more! Today
The Breeze from Hejaz
Has come
And Ahmad and Ahad
Only seperated by a mim.

Embrace this Breeze And become ether.

From morning till evening
You laboured for the dollar
Now spare
The dawn
For a nobler Cause!

Taste this Knowledge
And light up as the Sun
Partake of the wine
And become intoxicated.
Become One
Today dissent has no meaning
For the presence
Unifies only.

The moonlight

Has banished all clouds

To reveal

This blanket of stars

And were you

To see the Sun

Under this blanket

You would perish.

So perish
In the name of Love
For who can resist
The countenance of the Sun.

Oh my beloved

I have come home today
At last
The long Journey
Has ended
With Your arrival.
And my flute
Sings only Love.

