THE HOLY MARINER

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"Hely Mariner".

Baha'u'llah (The Pre-Existant Root) and Abdul Baha (The Greatest Eranch, branched from the Root). Those two are ONE."The Counsel of Peace is between them both" (Isaiah). This is the Sadrat El Muntaha. When Baha'u'llah ascended "He Placed His Mantle upon Abdul Baha."

2- "Glorified be our Lord the Most High".

"The Lord of the Throne and the Dust". Even the Manifestations look to the Lord who Manifests through them; and teach us, "The Way, The Truth and the Life" to God.

3- "Glorified be my Lord, the All Glorious".

Again, the Manifestation of God, Glorifies God as His Lord. Just as Baha'u'llah and Abdul Baha sometimes use the pronoun "I" and sometimes "we".

4- "Ark of Eternity".

The Cause of God. The Ark of the Covenant.

5- "Celestial Concourse".

The sameas the Supreme Concourse. Tealms and realms of various planes of consciousnesss beyound the world. Realively all severed Baha'is have some station, even here, in the Concourse.

6- "Ancient Sea". The Sea of the Infinite Spirit upon which the Ark of Truth (THe Cause of God) in every Manifestation has sailed.

7- "In His Name, the Most Glerious."

"Ya Baha UL Abha".

No man can utter its meaning, but all can attain the inner knowledge.

8- "Angelic Spisits".

Severed from all God. The test of this Divine Journey then just begins.

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9- "Ocean of Glory"

Give these spirits the blessed opportunity to attain, "Nearness".

10- The Dwellers therein".

Are those who have turned to God. They, alone, can sincerely become the dwellers in the Ark; and through tests alone, become permanent", "Dwellers".

11- "Retreats of Nearness"

Illumination through obedience; the Crown of the conquest of self through trouble and ordeal.

12- "Everlasting Realm"

When the inner sight is opened, "there is God, and nothing with Him" The Station of Death in God. This Tablet of the Holy Mariner is the Path of the Seven Valleys.

13- "Sacred Strand"

Of the dawn of inner realizations.

14- "Crimson Sea"

The sea of the Mystery of Sacrifice. Upon which we learn how; through test and trail, to draw nearer to that Oneness with God.

15- "Bid them issue forth"

#6 expalins this. "Seek martyrdom in my Path" The responsibility is ours, to be faithful to the end, or be prevented by our own "deeds"

16- "Eternal invisible Station".

Through the seas of test, which Abdul Baha tells us, become "Our stumbling blocks or steeping stones". It is upon us, to make each test, our will the Will of God or to stumble and fall.

17- "Flame of His Beauty".

Understanding of the Glory of His Reality; the Station of At- One- Ness with God through His Manifestation, Th<u>e Tree of Life</u>.

18- "Deathless Tree".

The Light never dies. The Personality passes, but the Tree of Life is that Glory and Love Eternal in each past Manifestation and today, evermore. p3-19- "Embodiments His Cause".

These are souls who have cleansed, through tribulation, the mirrors of their hearts by the burnish of the spirit, so that Rays of His Will, His command, His Nearness, may shine therein and to the world.

20- "Around which the Glory of Moses"

Today, Moses and His heavenly Hosts from the Supreme Concourse are serving the world; as in Christ and His Hosts, Buddha, Mohammed, Zoroaster, erc.

21- "Everlasting Hosts"

Who have allained the hights through having conquered the Satanic inner force, and serve and progress for-evermore, and especially today.

22- "Bosom of Grandeur"

Figuratively the utterance of Command from the Illumined Heart and Spirit of the Prophet Moses (as an example,) and in this Day of God.

23- "Ark of the Cause remaineth motionless"

It would remain without progress if God, knowing the hearts of its dwellers, did not open further advances. To declare and to do are different.

24- "Even though, to its dwellers, be declared all Divine attributes"

The declaration to its dwellers is one step; to possessthese divine attributes, the dwellers must give up their will to His.

25- "them that are within the Ark"

Thus far attained; that they may further arise to the inner glories of the Word- The Ark of the Covenant.

26- "taught thee behind the Mystic Veil"

Jesus said to His Disciples"Unto you it is given to know the Mysteries of the Kingdom" These were what God had taught Jesus. It is the same symbol <u>exactly/</u>.

27- "tarry in the Sacred Snow- White Spot"

The Realization in its purity of outlook, but not yet the Hights.

28- "Station"

The Heights of Oneness, through utter severance. "The Heights of Humility and Supplication" The Seven Valleys clears this. 4-

29- "world below"

Various realms of the purbly material phases of life, compared with Spiritual Stations, as naught.

30- "may wing through space" the Soar to those Heights. "Break Cage" entirely of the ego.

31- "Favored Birds"

The Birds of Heaven. Baha'u'llah's described as the Sacred Souls who have broken that cage of earthly ego; the subtle self.

32. "Realm of Eternal Reunion"

The Spiritual Heights; whether relatively here, or Beyond. Reunion of Spiritual condition is not a thing of place- for each soul is covered thus."I came form God and to him I return, severed from all save Him". This is inscribed on Baha'i burial rings (not yet in use in America) It refers not to place but to condition.

33. "Mysteries hidden in the Seas of Light"

The Sacred Mysteries-All of and upon this planet is a symbol of a Divine Reality.

34. "They passed the grades of worldly limitations".

Thus far had the dwellers in the Ark (believers in the Cause) progressed.

35. "Divine Unity"

Then reached; they were upon its threshold.

36. "Center of Heavenly Guidance"

The Holy Spirit of God in the Manifestation; Baha'u'llah and His appointed Center.

37. "that station which the Lord hath ordained to be above their Station"

Their ego had not been entirely consumed; therefore another of its many appearances broke forth.

38. "Cast them out from Kingdom of His Presence" It raised the barriers of Spiritual separation. p5-39. "Voice of Grandeur"

God Declaring prophetically through His Manifestation the hour of test and judgment to come.

40. "UNseem Pavillion"

The Presence of God Over-Shadowing.

41. "Height of Glory"

The Manfestation; or Center of His Covenant, whose Light He Reflects"

42. "O Guardian Angels"

The Supreme Concousr; or It surrands and serves this world in this Day of God.

43. "Return them etc. below"

Separation and consequently spiritual veiling.

44. "Wings of the Celestial Dove"

Even the Manfestation of God cannot create the Universe. They are His Messengers and His Word through them creates new souls. He creates His messengers to become these empty reeds.

45/ "Ship of Fancy"

Their own ideas, instead of God's Ideal.

46. "minds of them that comprehend cannot grasp"

They- could, they had the ability to comprehend the workings of God-but in this material fall(Environment) they now ennot grasp it.

47. "Maid of Heaven"

Divine Hour; symbol of steadfastness or trustworthiness.

48. "Signed(emblem of the ) to the Celestial Concourse" ( The emblem of her quality)

The symbol of Communication; (recognition) the Hour of Trustworthiness is the symbol of the Station of Abdul Baha.

49. "The Call"

This is the Call othe Center of the Covenant. The Servant- none on earth can understand it.

50. "Fragrance of the love of the Exalted and Glorious Arabian Youth"

Iraki-see other (Persian) translation.

6. p. 51. "Which no ear through all eternity hath ever heard" The Cry of the Martyrdom of the Center of the Covenant, His Broken Heart. 52. "Highest Heaven" Where God alone abides. 53. "One Maiden from her hand-maidens" Here the Center of the Covenant is symolized in condition of Manifestation. 54. "Descent into space" Appears in this Manifestation. 55. "from the Mansions of Eternity" From the Presence of Deity. The sacrificial Station of servitude to the human world. " The Spirit of the Master. 56. "and turn them unto that which... in the innermost of their hearts" The Beloved is the Knower of hearts; find if they have heeded the Word of His Hoilness Baha'u'llah. 57. "Shouldst thou inhale the Perfume of the Robe of the Youth". Baha'u'llah. 58. "hidden within the Tabernacle of Light" The Temple of the Manifestations. 59. "cry within thyself..chambers of Paradise" Condition of progression.. not places. The inner Call of the Center of the Covenant. The SERVANT is heard only by the Supreme Concourse. Earthly ears cannot hear. 60. "Eternal Wealth" The Supreme Concourse. All beyond this earth is for us, placeless, but conditions instead (of heavenly consciousness) 61. "from everlasting chambers and tremble" Should the perfume of fidelity be inhaled, even the Supreme Concourse adores these attained Stations of severed souls. 62. "Heights of faithfullness"

Severance from and death to all save God.

(see Seven Valleys)

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63. "Robes the fragrance of the Beloved One"

Robes of Spirit. (Robes washed and made white in the blaod of the Lanb, i.e. "Spiritual" sacrifices of self. (see Revelation) There are five human senses, Divine "senses are endless.

64. "rose to her full height in the midmost of creation"

The Station of Declaration and Authority in Him who bore the Robe of Baha'u'llah in "Trustworthiness".

65. "Sought to inhale fragrance at a time.. neither beginnings nor end."

Nothing in the Spirit of God knows beginning nor ending. It is from Eternity to Eternity .. This Station in a Manifestation. (Celestial cycle over 500,00 years)

66. "She found not"

They had "sought " to go beyond their limitations and claimed what was not for them.

67 "this verily is but one of His wonderous Tales"

The Manifestation of God knows many wisdoms; and utters but a few-even none when souls are not ready.

68. "cried, wailed and repaired to Her own Station"

So did the Center of the Covenant broken hearted. For years His Teachings grew more reserved in depths-and He said He was "Patienly waiting" and that "His work was done".

69. "Gave utterance to one Mystic Word.

Who knows this but Baha'u'llah and the God of All.

70. "whispered privily by her honied tongue"

Abdul Baha tells us that the Cup of Martyrdom is the Cup of honey.

71. "Call amidst the Celestial Concourse and the Immortal Maids of Heaven." Other Trustworthy(former) Messengers; a symbol.

72. "found not .. Breezes of Faithfulness"

The Breezes of Faithfulness are only found uponthose "Heights of humility" and "Death in God".

p8. 73. "Youth -- lone and forlorn". (Revelation of Truth) Read the last Tablet of the Servant of God to the World ere He Ascended. 74. "Land of exile (this earth) in the hands of the ungodly" The persecutors; the seniers. The unfaithful and negligent believers. 75. "Such a cry the Supreme Concourse grieves for even my (Jenabi's) persecutions. How much more for those of the Servant of God. 76. "fell upon the dust" Passed away; and the bodily temple returned to this earthly dust of neither world. The mineral kingdom. 77. "gave up the Spirit" Accended. 78 "Him that summoned her unto the Realm of High". God summoning his messenger -- to return from the land of exile to the Original Home. The work was done. 79. "Essence of Love -- His Exalted Paradise" Essence of Love -- The Likeness of God. Who can comprehend the Paradise to which a Manifestation of God attains. "Maids of heaven .. Chambers upon whose .. Hightest Paradise" 80. The past Trustworthy Manifestations or Messengers of God ... No one has ever seentheir Reality but God. 81. "Body fallen upon the dust" The Temple deserted by its Center" 82. "beheld her state" Broken of heart, because the "Dwellers" in the Ark have delayed their progress--through veils of egotisem reappearing under test.. 83. "Comprehended a word. One Word was sufficient f or their grief.. for His Sacrifice and for our earthly lessons so little learned. 84. "tales told by the Youth" Of this earthly vale, sacrfiice, persecution and our delayed attainment as a body of Servants in His Path.

85. "Bared their heads, (Reverence) "Rent their garments, (Sorrow)