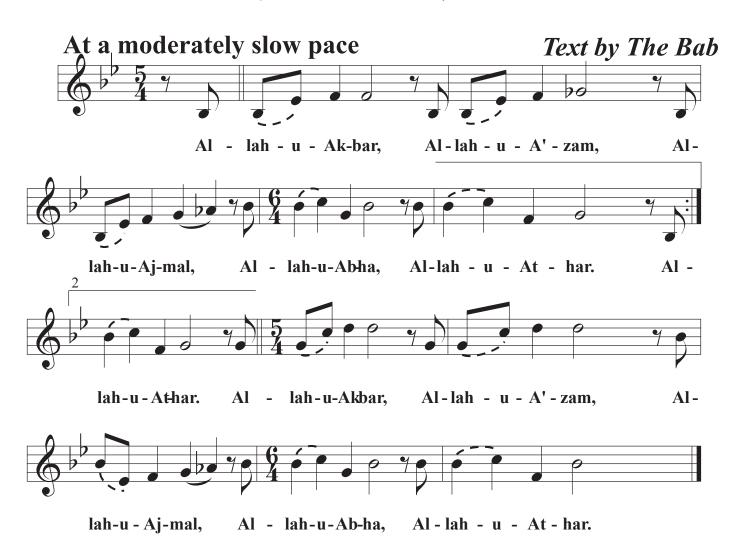
The Zanjan Invocations

(For unison/octave voices)



These invocations were voiced by the defenders of the fort of Ali-Mardan-Khan in Zanjan at the command of Hujjat and in accordance with the istructions of the Bab. The Babis, who spent their time in prayer and chanting the praises of God contrasted with their corrupt and tyrannical enemies, whose camp was thrown into confusion and consternation upon hearing these invocations shouted in unison by the beseiged defenders. They are translated as "God the Great", "God the Most Great", "God the Most Beauteous", "God the Most Glorious", & "God the Most Pure". The dotted line between the sylables of "lah & u" are meant to show that these two sounds should merge into one sound of "lah-o".