

The Zanzan Invocations

(For unison/octave voices)

At a moderately slow pace

Text by The Bab



Al - lah - u - Ak-bar, Al-lah - u - A' - zam, Al-



lah-u-Aj-mal, Al - lah-u-Abha, Al-lah - u - At - har. Al -



lah-u-Athar. Al - lah-u-Akbar, Al-lah - u - A' - zam, Al-



lah-u - Aj-mal, Al - lah-u-Ab-ha, Al - lah - u - At - har.

These invocations were voiced by the defenders of the fort of Ali-Mardan-Khan in Zanzan at the command of Hujjat and in accordance with the instructions 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 besieged defenders. They are translated as "God the Great", "God the Most Great", "God the Most Beautiful", "God the Most Glorious", & "God the Most Pure". The dotted line between the syllables of "lah & u" are meant to show that these two sounds should merge into one sound of "lah-o".