



### The beginning of Prophethood

According to the most reliably reported statements, when he ﷺ completed forty years of age, Allāh Most High conferred prophethood upon him, sending him to all the worlds as a ‘Bringer of Good News’ and as a ‘Warner’, thereby enveloping everything with His mercy. It started with a period of six months of clear truthful dreams; he would not see a dream but that it would come to pass in wakefulness, just as daybreak brings with it its light. The reason it began with dreams was to familiarise him and prepare his human capability in readiness. Thus, when the angel did appear to him, the experience would not be utterly unexpected and shocking, which could be a thing too difficult to bear. Solitude became dear to him and he would thus devote himself to the worship of Allāh in *Hīrā*<sup>35</sup> for varying numbers of nights at a time until the manifest truth came to him and conferred upon him revelation. This was on a Monday, on the seventeenth of the month of the ‘Night of Power’ [in Ramadan]. There are other opinions that it was the twenty-seventh or twenty-fourth of that month or the eighth of the month of his birth, *Rabī al-Awwal*, that month in which the





\*reciter omitted word

وَمَا كَمَلَ لَهُ\* صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ

وَسَلَّمَ أَرْبَعُونَ سَنَةً عَلَى أَوْفِقِ الْأَقْوَالِ

الْمَرْوِيَّةِ ❁ بَعَثَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى لِلْعَالَمِينَ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا

فَعَمَّهُمْ بِرُحْمَاهُ ❁ وَبَدَىٰ إِلَيَّ تَمَامَ سِتَّةِ أَشْهُرٍ بِالرُّؤْيَا

الصَّادِقَةِ الْجَلِيَّةِ ❁ فَكَانَ لَا يَرَىٰ رُؤْيَا إِلَّا جَاءَتْ مِثْلَ

فَلَقِ صُبْحَ ضَاءِ سَنَاهُ ❁ وَإِنَّمَا ابْتَدَىٰ بِالرُّؤْيَا تَمْرِينًا

لِلْقُوَّةِ الْبَشَرِيَّةِ ❁ لِنَلَّا يَفْجَأَهُ الْمَلِكُ بِصَرِيحِ النُّبُوَّةِ فَلَا

تَقْوَاهُ قُوَاهُ ❁ وَحُبِّبَ إِلَيْهِ الْخَلَاءَ فَكَانَ يَتَعَبَّدُ بِحِرَاءِ

الْيَتَامَى الْعَدَدِيَّةِ ❁ إِلَىٰ أَنْ آتَاهُ فِيهِ صَرِيحُ الْحَقِّ وَوَفَاةُ

❁ وَذَلِكَ فِي يَوْمِ الْإِثْنَيْنِ لِسَبْعِ عَشْرَةَ خَلَتْ مِنْ شَهْرِ

الْإِلَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِيَّةِ ❁ وَتَمَّ لِسَبْعِ أَوْ لِأَرْبَعِ وَعِشْرِينَ مِنْهُ

\*also possible

أَوْ لِثَمَانِ خَلَتْ مِنْ شَهْرِ مَوْلِدِهِ الَّذِي بَدَأَ\* فِيهِ بَدْرُ

مُحْيَاهُ ❁ فَقَالَ لَهُ: اقْرَأْ فَأَبَى فَعَطَّهُ غَطَّةً قَوِيَّةً ❁ ثُمَّ

\*reciter omitted word

قَالَ لَهُ: اقْرَأْ فَأَبَى فَعَطَّهُ غَطَّةً\* ثَانِيَةً حَتَّى بَلَغَ مِنْهُ





full moon of his face appeared.

Then he [Gabriel] said to him “Recite!” but he held back so Gabriel embraced and squeezed him strongly and repeated, “Recite!” He again held back so once again was embraced until he reached his limit of strength. Again Gabriel said, “Recite!” but he declined and so was embraced for a third time. This was in order for him to betake himself with all his heart and senses to that which was to come to him and to receive it with seriousness and diligence.

There was then a delay in revelation of either three years or thirty months so that he might yearn for those fragrant breezes. Then, ‘*O he who is shrouded*’<sup>36</sup> was revealed to him through Gabriel who called out to him.

In the verse ‘*Recite, in the Name of your Lord*’ being revealed first, there is a proof that he was made a prophet before being made a messenger.

*O Allāh, perfume his noble grave with the fragrant scent of blessings and peace*





الْجَهْدُ وَغَطَّاهُ ❁ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ:

اِقْرَأْ فَأَبَى فَعَطَّاهُ غَطَّةً \* ثَانِيَةً لِيَتَوَجَّهَ إِلَى مَا سَأَلْتَنِي  
إِلَيْهِ بِجَمْعِيَّهِ ❁ وَيُقَابِلُهُ بِجِدِّ وَأَجْتِهَادٍ وَيَتَلَقَّاهُ ❁ ثُمَّ  
فَتَرَ الْوَحْيَ ثَلَاثَ سِنِينَ أَوْ ثَلَاثِينَ شَهْرًا لِيَشْتَاقَ إِلَى  
أَنْتِشَاقِ هَاتِيكَ الْنَفْحَاتِ الشَّدِيَّةِ ❁ ثُمَّ أَنْزَلَتْ عَلَيْهِ:  
يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُدَّثِّرُ فَرَجَاءُهُ جِبْرِيلُ بِهَا وَنَادَاهُ ❁ فَكَانَ لِنُبُوتِهِ  
فِي تَقَدُّمِ اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ شَاهِدٌ عَلَى أَنَّهَا السَّابِقِيَّةُ ❁  
وَأَلْتَقَدَّمَ عَلَى رِسَالَتِهِ بِالْبَشَارَةِ وَالنِّدَارَةِ لِمَنْ دَعَاهُ ❁

عَطِّرِ اللَّهُمَّ قَبْرَهُ الْكَرِيمِ ❁ بِعَرَفِ شَدِيٍّ مِنْ صَلَاةٍ  
وَتَسْلِيمٍ ❁ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَيْهِ ❁

عَلَيْهِ  
سَلَامٌ





## 12. YĀ ABĀ AL-ZAHRĀ ILAYYA

QASIDA 1  
OF CD 2;  
TRACK 2

*O father of Zahrā, please look at me  
For love has overwhelmed me*

*I cannot find before me  
A pure action that can be hoped for*

The nights have caused my hair to change (grey)  
When will my state become good?

I have become aged in my debasement  
After once having been young

Remove the veils for my heart has  
Become absent in the darkness of my sins

A glance at my life is enough for me  
It would cause the dead to come to life

I was a young boy at the door  
You will not cast me out as one banished

Whoever seeks shelter with you is felicitous  
And will never be wretched



١٢. يَا أَبَا الزَّهْرَاءِ إِلَيَّ



فَأَهْوَى أَسْتَوْلى عَلَيَّ	يَا أَبَا الزَّهْرَاءِ إِلَيَّ
عَمَلًا يُرْجَى نَقِيًّا	لَمْ أَجِدْ بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ
فَمَتَى يَصْلُحُ حَالِي	غَيْرَتْ رَأْسِي إِلَيَّ
بَعْدَمَا كُنْتُ صَبِيًّا	صِرْتُ كَهَلًا فِي ابْتِدَائِي
غَابَ فِي ظُلُمَاتِ ذَنْبِي	زَحْزَحِ الْحُجْبَ فَقَلْبِي
تَجْعَلُ أَلْمِيَّتَ حَيًّا	نَظْرَةً فِي الْعُمُرِ حَسْبِي
لَسْتُ تَرْمِينِي طَرِيدًا	كُنْتُ فِي الْبَابِ وَلَيْدًا
فِيكَ مَا كَانَ شَقِيًّا	مَنْ يُلْذُكَانَ سَعِيدًا





## MAḤBŪBĪ BI L-WIṢĀL

QASIDA 2 OF  
CD 2; TRACK 2

My beloved graciously conferred on me a meeting

And gave a generous gift to me

I have longed for the Green Dome with passion

Whoever loves the beauty melts with intense love





مَحْبُوبِي بِالْوِصَالِ

مَحْبُوبِي بِالْوِصَالِ أَنْعَمَ عَلَيَّ

وَجَادَ بِالْتَّوَالِ مِنْهُ إِلَيَّ

وَالْقُبَّةَ الْخَضْرَاءَ قَدْ هَمَّتْ شَوْقًا

وَمَنْ يَهْوَى الْحَسَنَاءَ يَذُوبُ عِشْقًا

