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Yours truly, The Servant

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Arabic	Transliteration	Translation
جَلَّ جَلَّاهُ	<i>Jalla Jalâluhu</i>	May His Glory be Glorified (In reference to Allah ﷻ)
صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ	<i>Sallallahu' Alaiyhi Wassalam</i>	Peace be upon Him In reference to the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)
رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ	<i>Radi Allahu Ta'ala Anhu</i>	May Allah ﷻ be pleased with Him (In reference to a companion of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ))
رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ	<i>Rahmatu-Allah alaih (male)</i>	May Allah ﷻ have mercy upon Him
رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهَا	<i>Rahmatu-Allahi alaiha (female)</i>	May Allah ﷻ have mercy upon Her (In reference to male and female friends of Allah - Awliyah Allah)

Salawat al-Fatih - Salutations of the Victor

A gift from our Master Muhammad ﷺ to
Sayyiduna Ahmad Tijani عَلَيْهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْفَاتِحِ لِمَا أُغْلِقَ وَالْخَاتِمِ لِمَا
سَبَقَ نَاصِرِ الْحَقِّ بِالْحَقِّ وَالْهَادِي إِلَى صِرَاطِكَ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ حَقٌّ قَدْرُهُ وَمِقْدَارُهُ الْعَظِيمِ

*Allâhumma salli ‘alâ sayyidinâ Muhammadini-l fâtihî limâ ughliq,
wa-l khâtimi limâ sabaq, nâsiri-l haqqi bi-l haqq, wa-l hâdi ilâ
sirâtika-l mustaqîm, wa ‘alâ âlihi haqqa qadrihi wa miqdârihi-l
adheem.*

O Allah ﷻ, bless our liege-lord Muhammad ﷺ who opened
what was closed and who sealed what had gone before; He ﷺ
makes the truth victorious by the truth and He ﷺ is the guide
to the straight path; and bless His ﷺ household as it befits
His ﷺ immense stature and splendour.

A soul entrenched in love:
Yearning for you
O Beloved One صلى الله عليه وسلم
Seeking your pleasure
O Allah جل جلاله

Dedicated to You – The Inspirational Ones

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A letter to the Beloved One ﷺ

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

As-salaamu `alayka ayyuhan-nabiyyu wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh

O Prophet! Allah's peace, blessings and grace be upon You,

As one travels the path to her Creator, as the heart begins to see clarity, the soul begins to speak the words of love for her unseen Beloved One ﷺ. The heart's pen begins to flow and a magnitude of words pierce her soul. Alas! She found her true love!

The journey home, with its trials, tests and tribulations, brings renewed hope. As one finds her feet again, wonders how long before we shall meet again in the garden of lovers, rejoicing and thanking Allah ﷻ for the moments of realisation!

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى حَبِيبِهِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَ أَصْحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Sallallahu `alaa Habeebihi Muhammadiw wa Aalihi wa

As-haabihhi wa Salam

May Allah send blessings upon His Beloved, Muhammad and upon His Family and upon His Companions and Peace.

With blessings in hand, You ﷺ taught her patience. You ﷺ taught her to remain steadfast in times of darkness. You ﷺ taught her humbleness. Yet, this servant keeps yearning.

And in those dark moments, a candle lit its flame - through weeping and repentance, came forth a hand of acceptance. An inspiration - Muhammad ﷺ the Perfect Man. Indeed a gift to You ﷺ by Shaykh Sayyid Muhammad ibn Alawi Al-Maliki Al-Hasani Al-Idrisi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى.

For every word written there is a story to be told. Until she writes again...

Yours truly,
The Servant

A light of inspiration
From a weak servant
Gave birth

~ The Servant

The journey began

Lost seeking worldly gain

Unrealised her soul – trapped and deprived

Happiness lost

A physical body satisfied yet an empty soul

A moment of realisation awakened the soul

Activated the beating of the heart

Not beating for a lover or worldly gain

Beating for the Beloved

~ Prophet Muhammed ﷺ

Now in awe and contemplation

The rosy scent that left the lover breathless

Regained consciousness

Now a lover rejoicing in Your majestic love ﷺ

Yours truly,

The Servant

A woman of Hamdan who performed the pilgrimage alongside the Messenger ﷺ of Allah was asked to compare Him to something.

She said; 'Like the moon when it is full. I saw neither before nor after Him anyone like Him.'¹

¹ Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad ﷺ The Perfect Man, p.13

Intentions
Sincerity
Patience
~ Three words interlinked

When dead hearts become alive
The words begin to flow
The heart begins to cry

When dead hearts become alive
Love becomes blind
The heart yearns and cries

~ For you O Beloved One ﷺ

Yours truly,
A servant

The heart of our Master Muhammad ﷺ is the best of all hearts and the broadest, strongest, holiest, purest, softest and gentlest. It is an illuminated and awakened heart, overflowing with the resplendent light of faith and the Qur'an.²

² Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad ﷺ The Perfect Man, p. 23

A smile can change hearts

Descended from the skies to the lofty lands

Breaking bread with her hands

Feeding us blessings for the journey ahead

Yours truly,
The Servant

Reflection:

*In our journey through life, we meet those whom feed us with
great love for our journey ahead.*

Sayyidah Hajja Zulaykha رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهَا the wife of Shaykh Sayyid
Muhammad ibn Al-Habib Al-Maghrabi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was indeed
one of those great women.

*As she received the freshly baked bread, she would break the bread
according to the sunnah - into four equal pieces. She would then
share the pieces of bread, ensuring everyone received their fill.*

*Indeed there is blessings of great magnitude in the food blessed by
the blessed ones.*

Being sieved and separated from the dirt within

I feared falling in love
That I may lose my mind

Now that I am in love
I fear falling out of love

~ With you O Beloved One ﷺ

Yours truly,
The Servant

Allah ﷻ gave His Messenger ﷺ wakefulness of heart, so that He ﷺ was constantly aware of Allah ﷻ and directed towards Him ﷻ and never overcome by heedlessness. His ﷻ heart was never heedless even as He ﷻ slept, His ﷻ dreams were continuations of the Revelation.³

³ Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad ﷺ The Perfect Man, p. 24

And as the candle of love burns its sorrows
~ Let your love flow for the Beloved One صلى الله عليه وسلم

He sits in love with the Beloved صلى الله عليه وسلم
Reciting verses of the Glorious Qur'an

A lover listened
Simply listened
Drowning in love with the Beloved صلى الله عليه وسلم

Yours truly,
The Servant

The Holy Qur'an is the broadest treasury of knowledge for humanity and the book that 'falsehood cannot approach, neither from the front nor the rear, it is a Revelation from one Wise and All-Praiseworthy [41:42].' It is the mighty tome from which the community of Islam have derived and drawn all manner of sciences, as Allah ﷻ says: 'We have neglected nothing in the Book [6:38]'; and He says: 'And We have sent down on you the Book, making clear all things [16:89]'.⁴

⁴ Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم The Perfect Man, p. 264-265

We are simple a vessel created by Allah ﷻ
~ Strive for Him

When the hearts pen flows
Magnitudes of words pierce the soul

~ Seeking Allah's ﷺ bounty and forgiveness

Yours truly,
The Servant

*To forgive when one has power to punish is like a mirror in which the finest image of the soul, and the loftiest of purposes, are reflected. The Holy Qur'an imparted this noble quality to the Prophet ﷺ when it said: 'Hold to forgiveness, and enjoin what is right, and turn away from the ignorant. He ﷺ manifested this quality in His ﷺ words and His ﷺ deeds and encouraged others to adopt it as well.*⁵

⁵ Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad ﷺ The Perfect Man, p. 108

Outward colours become inward reflections
in our intentions and sincerity

Every experience has a blessing

Every experience has become a lesson

Every experience has become a story to be told

With every entry the pen writes

The story shall unfold

Yours truly,
The Servant

*The prophetic story always had lofty goals and rarefied intentions
and each one encompassed several benefits and outlined a
number of virtues, to which it called us and encouraged us to
aspire.*⁶

⁶ Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad ﷺ The perfect Man, p. 289

On the straight path come many trials
tests and tribulations
~ Remain steadfast and say Allah ﷻ

They came one by one
Friends of Allah جل جلاله

With peace and love
They came bearing gifts
Gifts of smiles
Gifts of love

~ From the Beloved One صلى الله عليه وسلم

Yours truly,
The Servant

Reflection:

And on this path we meet lovers and friends of all kinds, all with a purpose, all bearing gifts of smiles and love. And in every encounter, a seed is planted, hearts awakened and a blossom begins to spring to life.

Gifts are given
~ Gifts are received

Serving	
Sweeping	
Cooking	
Laughing	
	Dhikr
Serving	
Blessings	
Happiness	
	Joy
Serving	
Washing	
Wiping	
	Cleansing
Serving	
Singing	
Loving	
	Smiling

~ Serving

Yours truly,
The Servant

Reflection:

*You are blessed indeed, chosen to serve the best of mankind, our
Master Muhammad ﷺ!*

*Wherever we drifted, we saw the women folk, serving in deep
contemplation of the Beloved One ﷺ.*

Serve
~ And embrace the light

Cloaked in black she stood
With tears of love

~ In love with the Beloved ﷺ

Yours truly,
The Servant

Imam Ahmad and al-Tirmidhi narrate, on the authority of Anas رضي الله تعالى عنه that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: 'I have been threatened in Allah's جله cause as no other has been threatened, and I have been hurt in Allah's جله cause as no other has been hurt; and I have been visited by thirty people in a single night and day, and neither I nor Bilal رضي الله تعالى عنه had any food for the needy person to eat, save something concealed in Bilal's رضي الله تعالى عنه armpit.'⁷

⁷ Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم The perfect Man, p. 152

There is light in every soul
~ Shake off the dust and reveal beauty

Travelling through the valley of love
The hills, the streams, the lakes
Your beauty Allah جل جلاله

Travelling through the valley of love
With a smile, joy and contentment
For you O Beloved One صلى الله عليه وسلم

Travelling through the valley of love
Feeling your peace and tranquillity

Yours truly,
The Servant

Reflection:

As we travel through history, what emerges is a story of mighty empires, stories of love, trials and tribulations and passages of hope. From the Ottomans to the Umayyad, the Abbasid to the Idrisid - what forms is a majestic tapestry of historical wonders all connected with the love of the Beloved One صلى الله عليه وسلم.

Detach to become attached

Lovers rejoicing

From one sip to another

Intoxicated in your love

~ Simply love

Yours truly,
The Servant

[Imam] Ja'far ibn Muhammad [Sadiq] رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is reported to have said; 'I found you unaware of my pre-eternal love for you (that is, you did not know of it), so I blessed you with knowledge of Me.'⁸

⁸ Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad ﷺ The perfect Man, p. 96

When the root is diseased
The blossom shall remain diseased until it is cleansed

“When shall dhikr commence?” I said

“There is dhikr in everything

The walls
The stones
The trees
The food,” she said

Yours truly,
The Servant

Reflection:

*Eagerly awaiting dhikr to commence in the blessed home
of Shaykh Muḥammad Nazim al-Haqqani
ar-Rabbani رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ A woman stood, with a heart full of
love - Summaiyaḥ. Singing odes of love, while cooking, cleaning
and preparing her home for her guests. Then came forth the
women folk from all walks of life - full of joy and light. It was
indeed time for dhikr to commence.*

A purification of the heart
~ Beyond comprehension

From Makkah to Madinah
The strong winds blow
A soft breeze whispers

From Makkah to Madinah
The invitation of love
Your majestic beauty ﷺ

From Makkah to Madinah,
A lover walks in excitement
Rejoicing, sending salawat upon You

O Beloved One ﷺ

Yours truly,
The Servant

It is well established that the Prophet ﷺ was endowed with absolute beauty, but this prophetic beauty is crowned by two immense things: the first is awe-inspiring majesty and second is resplendent light... A poet said:

*Had Zulaykha's ladies seen but the Prophet's ﷺ brow,
They would have not cut their hands, but cut their hearts.⁹*

⁹ Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad ﷺ The Perfect Man, p. 15

Engrave the name of Allah ﷻ in your heart
~ And send countless salutations upon the
Beloved One ﷺ

Covered by darkness

Veiled eyes

Covered by greed

Veiled hearts

We ask you O Beloved One ﷺ

Guide us to the light

Unveil our eyes

Guide us to humbleness

Unveil our hearts

Yours truly,
The Servant

[An] example of His ﷺ humility:

Anas ibn Malik رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ relates that a woman came to the Prophet ﷺ and said to Him ﷺ: 'I have a need of you.' He ﷺ replied: 'Sit in any street of Madinah you wish, and I will come to and sit with you'... Another example of His ﷺ humility: Anas ibn Malik رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is reported to have said: 'The Messenger of Allah ﷺ would visit the sick, attend funerals, ride donkeys and answer the invitations of slaves.'¹⁰

¹⁰ Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad ﷺ The Perfect Man, p. 167

The light shall shine bright when you
seek the light of the Beloved One صلی اللہ
علیہ وسلم

Walking
 Wondering
 Wayfaring

Thinking
 Planning
 Realising

Wanting
 Accepting
 Thanking

~ The trodden path

Yours truly,
The Servant

*Those who would like to have rich souls should make firm in their
souls the knowledge that the Almighty is the Giver and
Withholder and be content with His decree and give thanks to
Him for His blessings and seek refuge in Him for the unfortunate
turns of fate that He ordains.¹¹*

*[Words of Shaykh Sayyid Muhammad ibn ‘Alawi Al-Maliki
Al-Hasani Al-Idrisi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ]*

¹¹ Shaykh Al-Alawi trans. K. Williams, Muhammad The ﷺ Perfect Man, p.281-282

When your soul is overburdened
By overwhelming sorrows
~ Let the calmness of the sea cleanse your soul

The moon shines bright over the Beloved One ﷺ

Yet what lies beneath this chamber

Is brighter like no other ﷺ

Yours truly,
The Servant

Reflection:

As the bright moon set over the great mosque on the night the Beloved One ﷺ was born, a soft breeze quenched the thirst of the lovers - so light and refreshing! All gathered together - rejoicing, rejoicing and rejoicing in Your ﷺ majestic love!

Enter the light within your heart

Hidden manifestations of beauty
Internal majesty
Hearts enveloped
A veil of love

Hidden manifestations of beauty
With your majestic hand of reassurance ﷺ
Your smile of hope ﷺ
An unveiled love

Hidden manifestations of beauty
With your welcome ﷺ
A gentle voice whispered
A lover unveiled from the veiled

~ In your garden we rejoiced ﷺ
The sanctuary of lovers

Yours truly,
The Servant

Reflection:

And it is in deep moments of struggle and distress, a smile full of light and a reassuring handshake, that uplifts the soul and gives hope in taking another step in purifying the soul.

Alas! Spring has come
~ A time for new beginnings

The Readers Space

This is your space, to write a poem or reflection about our
Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Let your hearts pen flow for the
Beloved One ﷺ.