

From the Sweet-Scented Streams

a prayer from the Bahá'í Sacred Writings

revealed by

Bahá'u'lláh



music by Tim FitzGerald

From the sweet-scented streams of Thine eternity give me to drink, O my God, and of the fruits of the tree of Thy being enable me to taste, O my Hope!

From the crystal springs of Thy love suffer me to quaff, O my Glory, and beneath the shadow of Thine everlasting providence let me abide, O my Light!

Within the meadows of Thy nearness, before Thy presence, make me able to roam, O my Beloved, and at the right hand of the throne of Thy mercy, seat me, O my Desire!

From the fragrant breezes of Thy joy let a breath pass over me, O my Goal, and into the heights of the paradise of Thy reality let me gain admission, O my Adored One!

To the melodies of the dove of Thy oneness suffer me to hearken, O Resplendent One, and through the spirit of Thy power and Thy might quicken me, O my Provider!

In the spirit of Thy love keep me steadfast, O my Succorer, and in the path of Thy good-pleasure set firm my steps, O my Maker!

Within the garden of Thine immortality, before Thy countenance, let me abide for ever, O Thou Who art merciful unto me, and upon the seat of Thy glory stablish me, O Thou Who art my Possessor!

To the heaven of Thy loving-kindness lift me up, O my Quickener, and unto the Day-Star of Thy guidance lead me, O Thou my Attractor!

Before the revelations of Thine invisible spirit summon me to be present, O Thou Who art my Origin and my Highest Wish, and unto the essence of the fragrance of Thy beauty, which Thou wilt manifest, cause me to return, O Thou Who art my God!

Potent art Thou to do what pleasest Thee. Thou art, verily, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Highest.

- Bahá'u'lláh

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

solo
mp
From the sweet-scent-ed streams of Thine e-ter - ni-ty give me to

S

A

T

B

6

6

6

6

drink, O my God, and of the fruits of the

solo
p
From the sweet-scent-ed streams of the fruits

solo
p
O and of the fruits

11

S

11

A

tree of Thy be - ing _____ en - a - ble me _____ to taste _____ O _____ my Hope! _____

11

T

8

of the fruits _____ O _____ my Hope! _____

11

B

of the fruits _____ O _____ my Hope! _____

16

S

p Tutti

From the sweet-scent-ed streams of Thine e-ter - ni-ty _____

16

A

p Tutti

From the sweet-scent-ed streams of Thine e-ter - ni-ty _____

16

T

8

p Tutti

From the sweet-scent-ed streams of Thine e-ter - ni-ty _____

16

B

p Tutti

From the sweet-scent-ed streams of Thine e-ter - ni-ty _____

21

S give me to drink, O my God, and of the

A give me to drink, O my God, and of the

T O my God, and of the

B O God, and of the

26

S fruits of the tree of Thy be - ing en - a - ble me to taste

A fruits of the tree of Thy be - ing en - a - ble me to taste

T fruits of the tree of Thy be - ing en - a - ble me to taste

B fruits of the tree of Thy be - ing en - a - ble me to taste

30

S O — my Hope! *mp* From the *cres.* crys - tal springs of Thy

A O — my Hope! *mp* From the *cres.* crys - tal springs of Thy

T O — my Hope! *mp* From the *cres.* crys - tal springs of Thy

B O — my Hope! *mp* From the *cres.* crys - tal springs of Thy

35

S love suf-fer me to quaff, O my Glo - ry — and be - neath the shad-ow of Thine

A love suf-fer me to quaff, O my Glo - ry — and be - neath the shad-ow of Thine

T love suf-fer me to quaff, O my Glo - ry — and be - neath the shad-ow of Thine

B love suf-fer me to quaff, O my Glo - ry — and be - neath the shad-ow of Thine

38

S
 ev - er - last - ing prov - i - dence *mf* let me a - bide O my light

A
 ev - er - last - ing prov - i - dence *mf* let me a - bide O my light

T
 8 ev - er - last - ing prov - i - dence Let *mf* let me a bide O my light

B
 38 ev - er - last - ing pro - vi - dence Let *mf* let me a - bide O my light

42

S
p O

A
p O

T
 42 solo *mf* With-in the mead-ows of Thy near-ness be-fore Thy pres-ence make me a-ble to

B
 42 *p* O

46

S O Be-lov - ed O *mf* of the throne of Thy mer - cy seat me

A *mf* and at the right hand of the throne of Thy mer - cy seat me

T *tutti* *mf* roam O my Be-lov - ed and at the right hand of the throne of Thy mer - cy seat me

B *mf* at the right hand of the throne

50

S *f* O my De - sire! *mp* From the fra - grant breez - es

A *f* O my De - sire! *mp* From

T *f* O my De - sire! *mp* From the fra - grant breez - es

B *f* O my De - sire! *mp* From

55

S of Thy joy _____ let a breath pass _____ o-ver me O my Goal _____

55

A _____ Thy joy let a breath pass _____ o-ver me O my

55

T of Thy joy _____ let _____ breath pass _____ o-ver me O my Goal _____

55

B _____ Thy joy _____ let a breath pass _____ o-ver me O my

60

S _____ and in - to the heights _____ of the par - a - dise of Thy re - al - i - ty

60

A Goal and in - to the heights _____ of the par - a - dise of Thy re - al - i - ty

60

T _____ and in - to the heights _____ of the par - a - dise _____

60

B Goal and in - to the heights _____ of the par - a - dise _____

65

S let me gain ad-mis - sion O my A - dored One! *mf* To the

A let me gain ad-mis - sion O my A - dored One! *f* To the

T let me gain ad-mis - sion O my A - dored One! *mf* To _____

B O _____ O my A - dored One! *mf* To _____

70

S mel - o - dies _____ of the dove _____ of Thy one - ness _____ suf -

A mel - o - dies _____ of the dove of Thy one - ness _____ suf - fer

T _____ the mel - - - - o - dies suf - fer

B _____ the mel - - - - o - dies suf - -

74

S
fer me _____ and through the spir - it of Thy

A
me to heark - en O Re - splen - dent One _____ and through the spir - it of Thy

T
8
me to heark - en O Re - splen - dent One _____ and through the spir - it of Thy

B
74
fer me _____ and _____ through the spir - it of Thy

78

S
power and Thy might quick-en me O my Pro - vid - er _____

A
78
power and Thy might quick-en me O my Pro - vid - er _____ *mf* In the

T
78
8
power and Thy might quicken me O my Pro - vid - er _____ *mf* In the

B
78
power and Thy might quick-en me O my Pro - vid - er _____

81

S

A

T

B

spir - it of Thy love keep me stead-fast O my Suc - cor-er and in the

spir - it of Thy love keep me stead-fast O my Suc - cor-er and in the

84

S

A

T

B

path of Thy good plea-sure set firm my steps O my mak - er! —

path of Thy good plea-sure set firm my steps O my mak - er! —

88

S

A

T

B

mf
With-in the gar - den of — Thine im - mor - tal - i - ty be - fore Thy

91

S

A

T

B

coun - te - nance let me a - bide for ev - er

f
With - in the

94

S *mf* Let me a - - - bide let me a -

A *mf* Let me a - - - bide

T 8 gar - den of Thine im - mor - tal - i ty be - fore Thy coun - te - nance let me a -

B 94

97

S bide O Thou

A O Thou

T 8 bide for ev - er O Thou Who art mer - ci - ful un - to me *f* and up - on the

B 97 *mf* O Thou *f* and up - on the

101

S *f* and up-on the seat of Thy glo - ry stab-lish me O Thou Who

A and *f* up-on the seat stab - lish me O Thou Who

T seat of Thy glo - ry stab-lish me stab-lish me O Thou Who

B seat of Thy glo - ry stab-lish me stab-lish me O Thou Who

104

S art my Pos-sess - or!

A art my Pos-sess - or!

T art my Pos-sess - or! *mf* With - in the gar - den of Thine im - mor -

B art my Pos-sess - or! *mf* Thine im - mor -

107

S

A

T

B

tal - i - ty be - fore Thy coun - te - nance coun - te - nance a -

tal - i - ty be - fore Thy coun - te - nance a -

110

S

A

T

B

mf With - in the gar - den of Thine im - mor - tal - i - ty be - fore Thy

bide With - in Thine im - mor - tal - i - ty be - fore Thy

bide With - in the gar - den of Thine im - mor - tal - i - ty be - fore Thy

113

S

A

T

B

coun - te-nance let me a - bide for ev - er

coun - te-nance let me a - bide for ev - er and up - on the

coun - te-nance let me a - bide for ev - er and up - on the

116

S

A

T

B

mf Thy glo - ry O Thou O

of Thy glo - ry stab - lish me O Thou O

8 seat of Thy glo - ry stab - lish me O Thou O

116 seat of Thy glo - ry stab - lish me O Thou O

120 *rit.*

S Thou Who art my Pos - sess - - - or

120 *rit.*

A Thou Who art my Pos - sess - - - or

120 *rit.*

T Thou Who art my Pos - sess - - - or

120 *rit.*

B Thou Who art my Pos - sess - - - or

a tempo

124 *mf*

S To the heav-en of Thy lov-ing kind - ness lift me

124 *mf*

A To the heav-en of Thy lov-ing kind - ness lift

124 *mf*

T To the heav-en of Thy lov-ing kind - - - ness lift

124 *mf*

B To the heav-en of Thy lov-ing kind - - - ness lift

129

S up O my Quick-en-er, and un-to the Day - Star _____

A me O _____ un-to the Day - Star _____

T me O _____ Day - Star _____

B me O _____ Day - Star _____

134

S of Thy guid - ance _____ lead me, O Thou _____ Thou my at -

A of Thy guid - ance _____ lead me, O Thou _____ Thou my at -

T of Thy guid - ance _____ O _____ lead me O Thou _____ Thou my at -

B O _____ lead me O Thou _____ Thou my at -

138

S
tract - or! Be-fore the *mf* rev - e - la - tions of Thine in -

A
tract - or! *mf* rev - e - la - tions of Thine in -

T
tract - or! *mf* rev - e - la - tions of Thine in -

B
tract - tor! *mf* rev - e - la - tions of Thine in -

142

S
vis - i - ble spir - it sum-mon me to be pres - ent O Thou Who art my

A
vis - i - ble spir - it sum-mon me to be pres - ent O Thou Who art my

T
vis - i - ble spir - it sum-mon me to be pres - ent O Thou Who art my

B
vis - i - ble spir - it sum-mon me to be pres - ent O Thou Who art my

146 *rit.* *ff* *a tempo* 3

S Or - i - gin — and my High - est Wish, and un - to the es - sence of the

A Or - i - gin — and my High - est Wish, and un - to the es - sence of the

T Or - i - gin — and my High - est Wish, and un - to the es - sence of the

B Or - i - gin — and my High - est Wish, and un - to the ess - ence of the

149

S fra - grance — of Thy beau - ty which Thou wilt — man - i - fest,

A fra - grance — of Thy beau - - - - - ty

T fra - grance — of Thy beau ty

B fra - grance — of Thy beau - - - - - ty

152

S *mf*
cause me to re- turn, O Thou Who art my God

A *mp*
O Thou

T *mp*
O Thou

B *mp*
O Thou

156

S
Cause me to re- turn, O Thou Who art my God!

A
O my God!

T
O my God!

B
O my God!

160

S

A

mp
Po - tent art — Thou — to do what pleas - eth Thee —

T

8

p
Po - tent

B

164

S

A

Thou — art ver - i - ly the Most Ex - alt — ed, —

T

8

3

art — Thou — Thou — Thou —

B

164

p
Thou —

168

S *mf* Glo - - ri - ous the All - - - - - *f*

A *mf* the All - Glo - ri - ous the All - - - - - *f*

T *mf* the All Glo - ri - ous the All - - - - - *f*

B *mf* Glo - - ri - ous the All - - - - - *f*

173

S High - - - - - est - - - - -

A High - - - - - est - - - - -

T High - - - - - est - - - - -

B High - - - - - est - - - - -

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