# Songs of Seven Valleys

featuring text from

The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys

by

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I would like to thank my wife Nahid for her love, patience and support while I was writing this music,

And my mother, Barbara Higgins, for the gift of life and music;

And Bahá'u'lláh, for my rebirth:

"I was as one dead, Thou didst quicken me with the water of life. I was withered, Thou didst revive me with the heavenly stream of Thine utterance which hath flowed forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful"

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#### "In the name of God, the Clement, the Merciful"

Thus starts the journey of one who searches for God in "The Seven Valleys".

This short book describes a journey of perception. In various stages, the one who seeks after God gains the ability to perceive the Manifestation of God. In the process, the seeker is transformed and emptied of self.

On the surface, The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys by Bahá'u'lláh are letters written by Him to Súfí scholars in the 1850's. These letters are written in a classical Persian style and quote extensively from the great Persian poets and mystics, and from the Qu'rán. Yet behind all of the text is the burgeoning brilliance of Bahá'u'lláh's own revelation.

In placing these words in song, I hope that the singer will gain an intimate connection with Him and His Words. We can soar in wonder and weep for His sorrows.

These songs are not a substitute for reading the book - many concepts and mysteries remain that are not represented here. But we can use the songs to feel the Mystery.

"His beauty hath no veiling save Light"

Bahá'u'lláh, *The Seven Valleys* 

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#### In the Name of God, the Clement, the Merciful







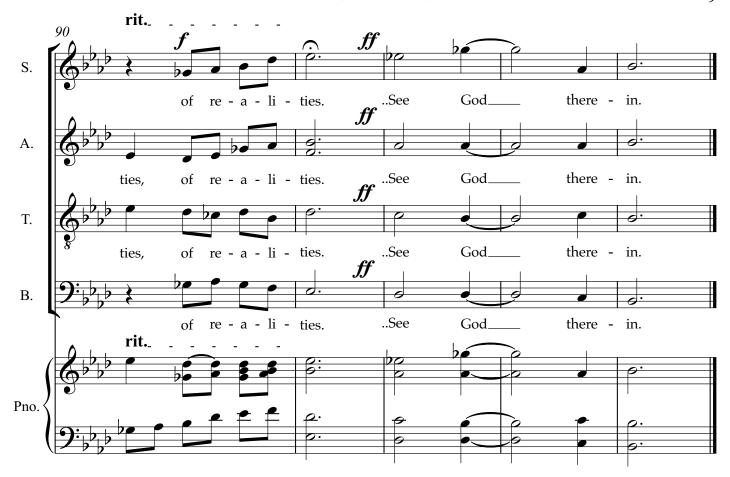












The full text between measure 91 and 92 is "until none shall contemplate anything whatsoever but that he shall see God therein."