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سَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ أَهْلِ الْحِمَىٰ

Greetings to the People of Protection

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سَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ أَهْلِ الْحِمَىٰ حَيْثُمَا حَلُّوا

هَنِيئًا لَهُمْ يَا حَبْدًا مَا بِهِ حُلُّوا

Greetings to the people of protection wherever they may be.
Blessed be they and how excellent their abode!

لَهُمْ أَظْهَرَ الْمَوْلَىٰ شُؤْسِبَاهِ

فِيَا لَيْتَ خَدِّي فِي التُّرَابِ لَهُمْ نَعْلُ

For them, the Guardian Lord has manifested suns of His splendor,
Would that my cheek were their sandal in the dust.

مَتَىٰ يَا عَرِيبَ الْحَيِّ يَأْتِي بِشِيرِكُمْ

فَتَبْتَهِجَ الدُّنْيَا وَ يَجْتَمِعَ الشَّمْلُ

When, dear brothers, will one come with good news
Of your arrival that we might rejoice and be united?

صَلُّونِي عَلَىٰ مَا بِي فَإِنِّي لِرِوَصِكُمْ

إِذَا لَمْ أَكُنْ أَهْلًا فَانْتُمْ لَهُ أَهْلُ

Let me be among you even as I am,
For though I am not worthy of being among you, still you are worthy.

سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ شَرَّفَ اللهُ قَدْرَكُمْ

وَدَامَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَةٌ وَسُرُورُهَا

Peace be upon you and may Allah ennoble your rank
And may grace and joy always be yours.

فَمَا طَابَتِ الْأَيَّامُ إِلَّا بِذِكْرِكُمْ

فَأَنْتُمْ ضِيَاءُ الْعَيْنِ حَقًّا وَنُورُهَا

Days are only sweet if they contain your mention;
You are the radiance of my eye and its light.

إِذَا نَظَرْتُ عَيْنِي وَجُوهَ أَحِبَّتِي

فَتِلْكَ صَلَاتِي فِي اللَّيَالِي الرَّغَائِبِ

When my eye beholds the faces of my beloveds,
That is my prayer offered in the nights of yearning!

وَجُوهٌ إِذَا مَا أَسْفَرَتْ عَنْ جَمَاهَا

أَضَاءَتْ لَهَا الْأَكْوَانُ مِنْ كُلِّ جَانِبِ

Faces which, when their beauty is unveiled
Illuminate the world in all directions.

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