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يَا سَعْدَ قَوْمٍ

O People of Felicity

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يَا سَعْدَ قَوْمٍ بِاللَّهِ فَازُوا

وَلَمْ يَرَوْا فِي الْوَرَى سِوَاهُ

O how felicitous are a people who attained Allah.
And saw nothing in existence but Him!

قَرَّبَهُمْ مِنْهُ وَاجْتَبَاهُمْ

فَنَزَّهُوا الْفِكْرَ فِي عِلَّاهُ

He drew them near to Him and chose them.
So, their minds declared Him to be free from every imperfection!

لَيْسَ لَهُمْ لِلْسَّوَى الْإِلْتِفَاتُ

كَيْفَ وَقَدْ شَاهَدُوا سَنَاهُ

They have no inclination to other than Him.
How could that be when they have witnessed His exaltedness!

تَجَلَّى بِالنُّورِ وَالْبَهَاءِ

لَهُمْ فَقَالُوا يَا هُوَ يَا هُوَ

He manifested light and splendor to them,
so they said "Oh He Who is!"

فَقَالَ أَنَا لَكُمْ مُحِبٌّ

رَبٌّ كَرِيمٌ نِعَمَ إِلَهِهُ

So He said to them, "I am your lover!"
A generous Lord! Wonderful God!

أَقْبَلُ مَنْ تَابَ مِنْ عِبَادِي

وَلَا أُبَالِي بِمَا جَنَاهُ

I accept those of My slaves who repent.
And I don't care what they have done!

الْمُلْكُ مُلْكِي وَالْأَمْرُ أَمْرِي

وَالْعِزُّ عِزِّي فَادْخُلْ حِمَاهُ

The Kingdom is Mine, the Command is Mine
Might is Mine! -- So enter His sanctuary!

مَا ذَاقَ طَعْمَ الْغَرَامِ إِلَّا

مَنْ عَرَفَ الْوَصْلَ أَوْ دَرَاهُ

None knows the taste of passion,
except Those who know union!

مَا قُلْتُ لِلْقَلْبِ أَيُّ حَبِي

إِلَّا وَقَالَ الضَّمِيرُ اللَّهُ

Never did I say to my heart, "Who is my beloved?"
Except it said, "Allah"

إِنِّي إِذَا مَا ذَكَرْتُ رَبِّي
أَهْتَرُ شَوْقًا إِلَى لِقَائِهِ

Whenever I remember my Lord,
I tremble in longing to meet Him!

أَهِيمٌ وَخَدِي بِصِدْقٍ وَجَدِي
وَحُسْنُ قَصْدِي عَسَى أَرَاهُ

I roam alone in my true ecstasy;
my beautiful endeavor is that I may see Him!

فَانظُرْ إِلَى الْكَوْنِ بِاعْتِبَارٍ
فِي أَرْضِ مَوْلَاكَ وَ سَمَاءِ

So look at the universe with reflection,
On the earth and heaven of Your Lord

وَاسْمَعْ إِذَا غَنَّتِ الْمَثَانِي
تَقُولُ يَا هُوَ لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُ

And listen when praises of Him are sung,
Say He who is! At your service, Allah!

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