



On the Blessed Occasion of the Night Journey

*The isra wa'l-mi'raj is celebrated on the night of 27 Rajab, where the night precedes the day.
This year isra wa'l-mi'raj is Friday night 15 May, 2015 or near this date.*

Glory be to Him who took His servant for a journey by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque, whose precincts We blessed, in order that We might show him some of Our signs: for He is the Hearing, the Seeing (al-Isra':1).

By the star when it goes down; Your companion is neither astray nor being misled; Nor does he say (aught) of (his own) desire; It is no less than inspiration sent down to him: he was taught by one mighty in power; endued with wisdom: for he appeared (in stately form); while he was in the highest part of the horizon: then he approached and came closer; and was at a distance of but two bow-lengths or (even) nearer; so (Allah) conveyed the inspiration to His servant—(conveyed) what He (meant) to convey. The (Prophet's) (mind and) heart in no way falsified what he saw. Will ye then dispute with him concerning what he saw? For indeed he saw him at a second descent, near the Lote-tree beyond which none may pass: Near it is the Garden of Abode. Behold, the Lote-tree was shrouded (in mystery unspeakable!). (His) sight never swerved, nor did it go wrong! For truly did he see, of the signs of his Lord, the Greatest! (al-Najm:1-18)

The Poem of the Night Journey

In a night beautifying itself	With light and illumination
Came Jibril on the Buraq	To call upon a prophet.
He was the Prophet, the Amin (Honest)	Whose prayer is continuous
Whose word is true	Whose action is trusted
And who responds to the call of the needy.	O Master of the Prophets
May the Lord of Creation take care of you	In the Night Journey –
You came with the <i>fard</i>	The required five prayers;
You provided the earth with	Overflowing goodness and blessings –
O you who believe, on the Buraq he came	Above the seven high heavens
Strengthening those who believed him	With goodness on the day of the Meeting (Judgment).
Send blessings upon the Chosen	Surrounded by lights;
Surely, the one in whom we place our hopes	Has won all the secrets.

O Allah, bless our master Muhammad, his family
and companions, and grant them abundant peace.

The night ascent is the Messenger's ascent,
About which the minds and intellects were bewildered,
To the Aqsa Mosque from the Bayt al-Haram
Traveling secretly by night like the moon in darkness.

Spreading illumination and light throughout the horizons
 He filled the six directions with joy,
 For he saw what no other eye had seen
 Or what no other mind had comprehended.
 The best of mankind rode on the back of the Buraq
 Ascending upward to the seven heavens
 To the paradise of Fardous and the place of rest
 To the throne and the angels in heaven.
 The Guide (Muhammad) met the souls of the prophets
 And the purified in the high heavens,
 Each soul greeted him
 And he was followed by noble angels.
 In the exalted place he prayed with them as imam
 All of them following him when he recited;
 When he stood up, the angels stood
 In line after line behind Taha, Mustafa.
 Then the Chosen One traveled beyond the veil
 Like the new moon traveling through clouds,
 And at the farthest limit Jibril said:
 "Surely, here my place ends.
 "Here I have never gone beyond in my night travels
 In awe of Allah, O you, the best of mankind.
 "If I go beyond this place I will be burned
 From the brilliance of the lights. Can that be endured?
 "O my beloved, go beyond the veils of beauty
 Step by step in the stages of perfection,
 "For you are appointed to obtain the secrets of the unseen
 Unknown to all except the Beloved One.
 "You alone are invited to go to the highest station
 Where no one keeps watch or others compete."
 So the Prophet continued his travel in tranquility
 By night, intending to see the Lord of mankind.
 The Amin went through the veils when he returned
 Returning from it, increased in certainty
 From being close to the station of the highest cushion (ie 'Arsh: Throne of Allah)
 Where he found nothing except the word "I".
 When he came from his Lord, it was with the goodness of generosity.
 "Walk upon the carpet of light. You have won generosity.
 "Walk with your shoes upon this carpet
 And enjoy and find pleasure.
 "Look at the angels and the high Throne ('Arsh);
 Look at the Kursi and its excellent workmanship.
 "From you I have brought forth the creation of all things
 From you all possibilities befall.
 "Come near Me, O My Messenger, O beloved
 Ask me whatever you want and find out the unknown.
 "O Muhammad, be hopeful of whatever you wish from Me
 Then ask, for My giving ever increases."
 The Prophet said: "I want nothing except for my ummah
 My ummah, O Lord, I only hope for my ummah."

Allah said: "O Taha, you call for your ummah
While I have always been asked for My mercy.
"You are the best of all messengers of all nations
My mercy and My blessings embrace all of you."
So the Guide was guided and his sight never deviated,
Rather, he saw the Creator with certainty through vision.
After the Chosen One had derived all knowledges
From Him in completeness, universally,
The Messenger, the Chosen, returned
Relating all the hidden secrets.
Then the Saddeeq (Abu Bakr) became recognized as the Truthful
Seeing the Prophet had returned with knowledge;
And when the Prophet called him the Truthful
He had selected him above all others of mankind to follow him –
After him came Faruq with the clear justice
Then Uthman followed by Ali –
Finally the story became known throughout mankind
That it was truth unfabricated.
Always pray for the best of mankind,
For injustice is never suffered by whoever prays for him,
And, O my Lord, always grant blessings, continuously,
Upon the Prophet, his family, and his noble companions.