

Rauzat-Us-Safa

Of Allah I sing, and the perfection of His creation,
First conceived in the purity of the sleep of Infinitude,
Before there was time, before there was space, before there was separation,
When the All-in-All was All and Naught existed save Ho.
Then from His Supreme Throne the Light appeared,
And the Light upon Light playing and dancing in joy,
The whole universe came into being,
Mountains and mountains of planes and kingdoms and creatures,
Until the earth was born, born from the darkness into light,
The hardness defying, the love compelling,
A perfect play of Creator and creation until the creation became perfected,
And a man was born, born in the midst of the gloom,
Destined to turn the worthless into treasure,
Mohammed ibn Abdullah al-Makki.