

MAWLÂNÂ RÛMÎ

THE WEDDING NIGHT

I swear: Every night might be The Wedding Night
Shabi-Arûs for those lying in the bed of solitude amid the crowd

And the wholly lone is but the one whose heart's truly shed
all gods besides Allâh

If you happen to be as such, then you're invited. And once summoned,
place your solitude as the wedding wreath, on your head.

Close your eyes for the rest of the guests, and sing with The Master
as if you were Him; singing solo

"With graceful elegance You walk
O, Essence of life, do not walk without me!

Through sweet-scented meadows, O, Life of believers,
do not walk without me!

Without me, O Heavens, do not turn!
O Moon, do not shine!

O Earth, do not grow!
O Time, do not pass without me!

O Reason, do not learn!
O Words, do not speak!

O Vision, do not see!
O Spirit, do not move!

Others call You Love,
and I call You The Sovereign of love!

O Thou, Who transcends the imagination of all
do not walk without me!

The happiness of This world is with You;
with You is the happiness of The Next

Without me, do not live in This World;
in The next, do not walk without me!

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