

¹How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.² Thy navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor: thy belly is like an heap of wheat set about with lilies.³ Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins.⁴ Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bathrabbim: thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.⁵ Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is held in the galleries.⁶ How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!⁷ This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes.⁸ I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples;⁹ And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak.¹⁰ I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me.¹¹ Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.¹² Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.¹³ The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

¹مَا أَجْمَلَ رِجْلَيْكَ بِالسَّعْلَيْنِ يَا بِنْتَ الْكَرِيمِ. دَوَائِرُ قَحْذَيْكَ
مِثْلُ الْخَلِيِّ، صُنْعُهُ يَدَيَّ صَنَاعٍ.² سَرَّتْكَ كَأْسُ مَدَوَّرَةٍ لَا
يُعَوِّرُهَا سَرَابٌ مَمْرُوحٌ. بَطْنُكَ صُبْرُهُ حِنْطَةٌ مُسَيَّجَةٌ
بِالسَّوْسَنِ.³ نَدْيَاكَ كَخِشْفَتَيْنِ تَوَامِي طَبِيئَةٍ.⁴ عُنُقُكَ كَبُرْجٍ
مِنْ عَاجٍ. عَيْنَاكَ كَالْيَرَكِ فِي حُسْبُونٍ عِنْدَ بَابِ بَنِي رَبِيمٍ.
أَنْفُكَ كَبُرْجِ لُبْنَانَ النَّاطِرِ بُجَامٍ دِمَشْقٍ.⁵ رَأْسُكَ عَلَيْكَ مِثْلُ
الْكَرْمَلِ، وَسَعْرُ رَأْسِكَ كَارْجُوانٍ. مَلِكٌ قَدْ أَسَرَ
بِالْخَصَلِ.⁶ مَا أَجْمَلَكَ وَمَا أَخْلَاكَ أَنْتَهَا الْخَيْبَةُ
بِاللِّدَابِ.⁷ قَامَتْكَ هَذِهِ سَبِيحُهُ بِالسَّجْلَةِ وَنَدْيَاكَ
بِالْعَنَاقِيدِ.⁸ قُلْتُ، إِنِّي أَصْعُدُ إِلَى النَّخْلَةِ وَأُمْسِكُ بِعُذُوقِهَا.
وَتَكُونُ نَدْيَاكَ كَعَنَاقِيدِ الْكَرْمِ، وَرَائِكَ أَنْفُكَ
كَالْفُفَّاحِ،⁹ وَحَنَكُكَ كَأَجُودِ الْحَمْرِ. لِحْيَتِي السَّائِغَةُ
الْمُرْفَرَقَةُ السَّائِغَةُ عَلَى شِفَاهِ النَّائِمِينَ.¹⁰ أَنَا لِحْيَتِي
وَأَلِيَّ اسْتِيَاؤُهُ.¹¹ تَعَالِ يَا حَبِيبِي لِنَخْرُجَ إِلَى الْحَقْلِ وَلْنَبْتَ
فِي الْقُرَى.¹² لِنَبْكِرَنَّ إِلَى الْكُرُومِ، لِنَنْظُرَ هَلْ أَزْهَرَ
الْكَرْمُ. هَلْ تَفَتَّحَ الْفُعَالُ. هَلْ تَوَرَّ الرَّمَانُ. هُنَالِكَ أُعْطِيكَ
حُبِّي.¹³ أَلْفُفَّاحُ يَفُوحُ رَائِحَةً، وَعِنْدَ أَبْوَابِنَا كُلُّ النَّقَائِسِ مِنْ
جَدِيدَةٍ وَقَدِيمَةٍ، دَخَرْنَاهَا لَكَ يَا حَبِيبِي.