

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

The Young Shulammitte Bride and Jerusalem's Daughters

1:1 THE ¹Song of ^aSongs, which is Solomon's.

2 ¹“May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!

For your ^alove is better than wine.

3 “Your ^aoils have a pleasing fragrance,

Your ^bname is *like* ¹purified oil;

Therefore the ²^cmaidens love you.

4 “Draw me after you *and* let us run *together!*

The ^aking has brought me into his chambers.”

¹“We will rejoice in you and be glad;

We will ²extol your ^blove more than wine.

Rightly do they love you.”

5 ¹“I am black but ^alovely,

O ^bdaughters of Jerusalem,

Like the ^ctents of ^dKedar,

Like the curtains of Solomon.

6 “Do not stare at me because I am ¹swarthy,

For the sun has burned me.

My ^amother's sons were angry with me;

They made me ^bcaretaker of the vineyards,

But I have not taken care of my own vineyard.

7 “Tell me, O you ^awhom my soul loves,

Where do you ^bpasture *your flock*,

Where do you make *it* ^clie down at noon?

For why should I be like one who ¹veils herself

Beside the flocks of your ^dcompanions?”

Solomon, the Lover, Speaks

8 ¹“If you yourself do not know,

^aMost beautiful among women,

Go forth on the trail of the flock,

And pasture your young goats

By the tents of the shepherds.

9 ¹“To me, ^amy darling, you are like

My ^bmare among the chariots of Pharaoh.

10 “Your ^acheeks are lovely with ornaments,

Your neck with strings of ^bbeads.”

11 “¹We will make for you ornaments of gold
With beads of silver.”

12 “¹While the king was at his ²table,
My ³^aperfume gave forth its fragrance.

13 “My beloved is to me a pouch of ^amyrrh
Which lies all night between my breasts.

14 “My beloved is to me a cluster of ^ahenna blossoms
In the vineyards of ^bEngedi.”

15 “¹ ²^aHow beautiful you are, my darling,
²How beautiful you are!
Your ^beyes are *like* doves.”

16 “¹ ²How handsome you are, ^amy beloved,
And so pleasant!

Indeed, our couch is luxuriant!

17 “The beams of our houses are ^acedars,
Our rafters, ¹^bcypresses.
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¹ Or, *Best of the Songs*

^a 1 Kin. 4:32

¹ BRIDE

^a Song 1:4; 4:10

^a Song 4:10; John 12:3

^b Eccl. 7:1

¹ Lit., *oil which is emptied* (from one vessel to another)

² Or, *virgins*

^c Ps. 45:14

^a Ps. 45:14, 15

¹ CHORUS

² Lit., *mention with praise*

^b Song 1:4; 4:10

¹ BRIDE

^a Song 2:14; 4:3; 6:4

^b Song 2:7; 3:5, 10; 5:8, 16; 8:4

^c Ps. 120:5

^d Is. 60:7

¹ Or, *black*

^a Ps. 69:8

^b Song 8:11

^a Song 3:1-4

^b Song 2:16; 6:3

^c Is. 13:20; Jer. 33:12

¹ Or, Some versions read *wanders*

^d Song 8:13

¹ BRIDEGROOM

^a Song 5:9; 6:1

¹ Lit., *I have compared you to*

^a Song 1:15; 2:2, 10, 13

^b 2 Chr. 1:16, 17

^a Song 5:13

^b Gen. 24:53; Is. 61:10

¹ CHORUS

¹ BRIDE

² Or, *couch*

³ Lit., *nard*

^a Song 4:14; Mark 14:3; John 12:3

^a Ps. 45:8; John 19:39

^a Song 4:13

^b 1 Sam. 23:29

¹ BRIDEGROOM

² Lit., *Behold*

^a Song 1:16; 2:10, 13; 4:1, 7; 6:4, 10

² Lit., *Behold*

^b Song 4:1; 5:12

¹ BRIDE

² Lit., *Behold*

^a Song 2:3, 9, 17; 5:2, 5, 6, 8

^a 1 Kin. 6:9, 10; Jer. 22:14

¹ Or, *junipers*

^b 2 Chr. 3:5

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.