

Poem on Imam Mahdi (a)

In the Anticipation of the Dawn

You are called 'The Hidden Imam' because
you are out of sight
not that you are not present,
Being hidden
in the sense that one is not present,
is an unjust calumny.

Those who believe in it
fail to see the difference
between Advent and Presence.
Your arrival, for which we are ardently waiting,
refers to your advent,
not your presence.

Your advent will be a great marvelous occurrence,
because your devout lovers have felt the
very pleasure of the long-awaited Imam (as),

On Fridays, they long for your arrival more restlessly
and face the Qibla to humbly supplicate
the Author of the universe
for His favor to allow your advent to pass soon.

And now, we, for whom you are the object of
love and devoutness
and the torch for our nocturnal mystic travelling,
hum and hymn for waiting
for your advent.

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