

## **Me Without You "The Dryness And The Rain"**

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First came a strong wind ripping off rooftops like bottle caps

And bending lampposts down to the ground

Then came a thunder shattering my windows

But you were not that strong wind or that mighty sound

That left the barn in shambles, the rabbit hutch in ruins

The split-rail fence splintered and the curtains torn

All the cows out from the pastures trampling on the pumpkins

And the horses from their stables ambling in the corn

Isa ruhu-lah 'alaihis-salat was-salaam

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I've flown unnoticed just behind you like an insect

And I've watched you like a falcon from a distance as you passed

Then swooped down to be nearer to the traces of your footsteps

To pick the fallen grain from the pressed down dirt and crooked grass

And I'm gonna take that grain and I'm gonna crush it all together

Into the flour of a bread as small and simple and sincere

As when the dryness and the rain finally drink from one another

The gentle cup of mutual surrender tears

A fish swims in the sea while the sea is in a certain sense

Contained within the fish, oh, what am I to think

Of what the writing of a thousand lifetimes

Could not explain if all the forest trees were pens

And all the oceans ink?

(Isa ruhu-lah 'alaihis-salat was-salaam)

Nastagh-firuka ya Hokan

Ya Dhal-Jalah wal-Ikram

Isa ruhu-lah 'alaihis-salat was-salaam

(Isa ruhu-lah 'alaih-salat was-salaam)  
Ya Halim, ya Qahhar  
Ya Muntaqim, ya Ghaffar  
La Ilaha ilallahu, Allahu akbar

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