

Shahin Najafi**"Mahdi"**

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Gilaki

I am all pain yet there is no relief

In this darkness, where is light?

falling apart from grief, alone and abandoned

where is my tower of strength in life?

Farsi

I ran from Chakhmaleh to Ghom

to see you Mahdi with no success

The mullah of the town said, I must have not been worthy

Said, maybe you talked to me but I didn't hear

Maybe because I am full of sin and transgressions Mahdi

I am quite unhappy with myself Mahdi

Where are you that I may wash your feet with my tears

My passion is meeting you and I wait for your resurrection

Sir, let me tell you something with all my heart

Its six months that I have not been paid my monthly salary

You that runs the whole affairs of the world

Maybe throw a half glance our way too, your devotee

No straight is left in my legs holly sir

I am awake all night thinking of my predicament

My daughter, your servant, her wedding is coming up

maybe somebody can take her hand, so she can live in more comfort

All our hopes rests on you sir

don't let me be embarrassed in front of my family

It counts for nothing that I am a father of a [Iran/Iraq war] martyr

I saw no benefits from the "Martyr Organization"

That sin should be counted for those who say

who say those same people [who run the Organization] are like bandits

But I know nothing of politics

at the end some people come and some people go

But we stay the same poor schmuck that we were before

dear sir, please you make our prayers come true

Chorus

Mahdi, you have made a fool of us

we plead to you, call on you so often

but you don't give us a helping hand, you don't hear this prayer

Mahdi, how long should we call on God?

Visiting you also belongs to those who in your name

buy and sell hundreds like me

Generation after generation we have been Schmucks

In the news we live but in the census we are dead

when your hands are empty [when poor] you are a vagabond

They have sucked our marrow dry, where are you Mahdi?

A hungry stomach can't raise its voice

you are in the well [Chamkaran well, near Ghom, said to be Mahdi's temporary's living quarters till his resurrection] and you know nothing of where we are at

the pressures from these American Sanctions

is it for anyone other than those like me oh holy one?

Everything is futile and aimless except subsidies [refers to a plan to direct basic subsidies based on income]

and that has also specified based on some plan or politics

that those like me can't get their heads around it

when would ever our intellect be able to comprehend the holy government? [government run by God's representative on earth as it is portrayed currently]

I swear to you dear sir, I am tired of living

Just take this life and bring me comfort for God's sake

one time we are somebody's impoverished

and we are given promises of water and energy and a house [Khomeini's now famous promise of free amenities upon IRA's success after revolution of 79]

Another time we have to go to war and die

[based on the] the bullshit of "Karbala we are coming" [Khomeini's edict that the war with Iraq will not end till the city of Karbala in Iraq is taken by Iranian forces]

Eight years of living with false progress

with brats [of government officials] living in Dubai, London and Hawaii

Eight years we joked about it and lived with it

Then July 3, 09 [came around] and the [university] student martyrs

the gulf with its oil that's no longer ours

we are now children, abandoned orphaned children

What ever earth covers the grave of the Great Koroush

May it be a blessing to your long life, when will you come back?

Chorus

There is a lump in our throat from sorrow Mahdi

you are not there or you have closed your eyes Mahdi

Mahdi, you have made a fool of us

we plead to you, call on you so often
but you don't give us a helping hand, you don't hear this prayer
Mahdi, how much longer should we call on God

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