

מזמור צ"ה-צ"ט, כ"ט
 לכה זודי
 מזמור צ"ב-צ"ג
 שלום עליכם

L'CHAH DODI likrat kalah,
 p'nei Shabbat n'kab'lah.

לְכֵה דוּדֵי לְקִרְאֵת כַּלָּה,
 פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת נִקְבְּלָה.

BELOVED, COME to meet the bride; beloved come to greet Shabbat.

Shamor v'zachor b'dibur echad,
 hishmianu El ham'yuchad,
 Adonai echad ush'mo echad,
 l'shem ul'tiferet v'lit'hilah.

שְׁמֹר וְזָכוֹר בְּדַבּוּר אֶחָד,
 הַשְּׁמִיעֵנוּ אֶל הַמְיֻחָד,
 אֲדֹנָי אֶחָד וּשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד,
 לְשֵׁם וּלְתִפְרֵת וּלְתִהִלָּה.

"Keep" and "remember": a single command the Only God caused us to hear;
 the Eternal is One, God's Name is One; glory and praise are God's.

Likrat Shabbat l'chu v'neilcha,
 ki hi m'kor hab'rachah,
 meirosh mikedem n'suchah,
 sof maaseh b'machashava t'chilah.

לְקִרְאֵת שַׁבַּת לָכוּ וְנִלְכֵה,
 כִּי הִיא מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה,
 מֵרֵאשׁ מִקֶּדֶם נְסוּכָה,
 סוֹף מַעֲשֵׂה בְּמַחֲשָׁבָה תִּחְלֵה.

Come with me to meet Shabbat, forever a fountain of blessing.
 Still it flows, as from the start: the last of days, for which the first was made.

Mikdash Melech, ir m'luchah,
 kumi tz'i mitoch hahafeichah,
 rav lach shevet b'emek habacha,
 v'hu yachamol alayich chemlah.

מִקְדָּשׁ מֶלֶךְ עִיר מְלוּכָה,
 קוּמִי צְאִי מִתּוֹךְ הַחֲפִיכָה,
 רַב לָךְ שֵׁבֶת בְּעֵמֶק הַבָּכָא,
 וְהוּא יַחְמוֹל עָלֶיךָ חֲמָלָה.

Royal shrine, city of kings, rise up and leave your ravaged state.
 You have dwelt long enough in the valley of tears; now God will shower mercy on you.

Hitnaari, mei-afar kumi,
 livshi bigdei tifarteich ami,
 al yad ben Yishai Beit haLachmi,
 karvah el nafshi g'alah.

הִתְנַעֲרִי, מֵעָפָר קוּמִי,
 לְבָשִׁי בְּגָדֵי תִפְאַרְתֶּיךָ, עַמִּי,
 עַל יַד בֶּן יִשָּׂי בֵּית הַלַּחְמִי,
 קִרְבָּה אֶל נַפְשִׁי גָאֲלָה.

Lift yourself up! Shake off the dust! Array yourself in beauty, O my people!
 At hand is Bethlehem's David, Jesse's son, bringing deliverance into my life.

This poem was composed by Shlomo Halevi Alkabetz, 16th century Safed kabbalist. The first eight verses are arranged acrostically according to the author's name (שלמה הלוי).

