The Shores of 'Akká

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The ship was approaching the shores of 'Akká

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Sixty-seven were aboard

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The Peerless One among them whose fate they longed to share

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The prisoners called Him their Lord

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The jeering crowd awaited as He entered through the gate

Their hearts were full of hatred and scorn

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Bahá'u'lláh would change them, would make their eyes to see

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The world would soon be calling Him Lord

They led them to the barracks where great hardships were in store Bread and water were denied Banishment and exile were the price they had to pay To keep the Blessed Beauty by their side

A place of desolation, full of filth and dread disease By every passing bird it was abhorred For four and twenty years the Most Great Prison was a home For the One that all the world would call their Lord

Blessed he that reaches the shores of 'Akká Door of Hope that's open to all Where every prayer is heard and every poor one is assured A place in the Banquet Hall of God

The Promise of All Ages came to bring us faith and peace His Most Exalted Pen our hope restored Soon will all enlist beneath the banner of His light And all the world will call Him their Lord All the world will call Him their Lord All the world will call Him their Lord