



The Age of Innocence

Islamic Verses

for

Children

and the young at heart

BOOK THREE

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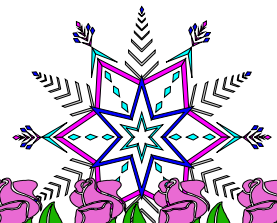
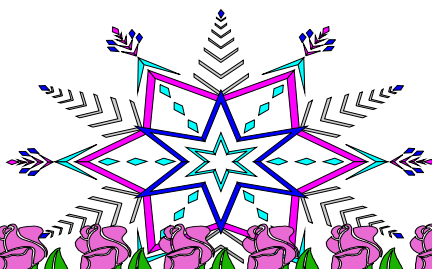
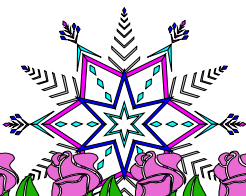
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POEMS IN MY BOOK



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THE DANCE OF THE SNOWFLAKES

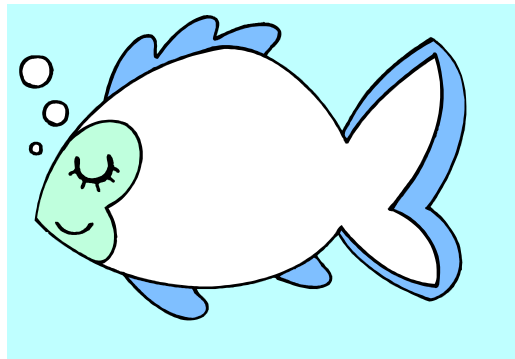
The cats were fed, the curtains drawn,
my eyes grew sleepy, I began to yawn.
I said my prayers then snuggled up in bed
pulling the sheets around my head.

Outside the wind howled with its biting chill
whilst the clock ticked away the minutes, until
at last I drifted off to sleep
till the light of dawn through my window did creep.

I rubbed my eyes and said my prayer -
when I drew the curtains I just stood and stared
everywhere was cloaked in purest white
as snow flakes danced - what a breath-taking sight!

The flakes whirled about like a dervish dance
as I watched the wind toss them they seemed to chant,
exalting Allah in His Glory and Might
what a blessed reminder - my heart's delight!

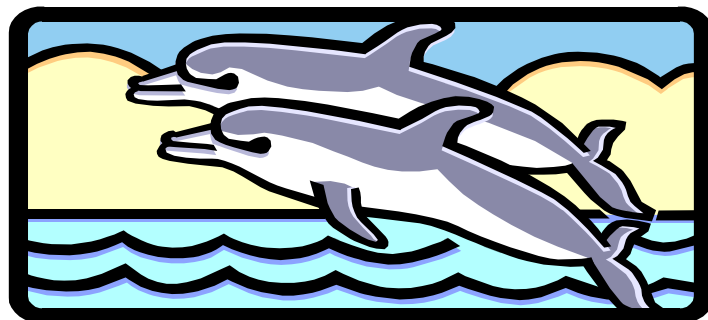




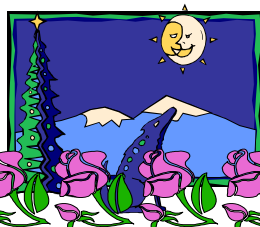
FISH

**Why are fish so slippery
with bones that are sharp and prickly?
Why do they have eyes on the side of their face
and swim in shoals when bigger fish chase?**

**Their world is quite unlike that of the land
they can't even live on the soft wet sand!
Yet Allah lets me swim in the sea
and play in the sand, then go home for tea!**



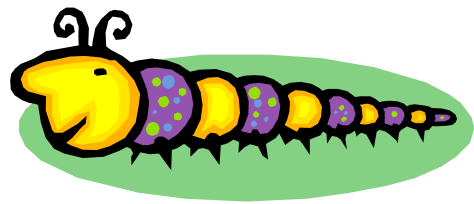
SOMEWHERE



When coyotes howl on a moonlit night
and the owl spreads its wings in silent flight,
when you and I are tucked up in bed
somewhere in the world its time for prayers to be said.



Isn't it nice to know that Allah is being praised every moment of the day and night!



THE GRUB

Isn't it funny how a tiny grub
can chomp its way through a hard piece of wood
gnawing its way deep inside a tree

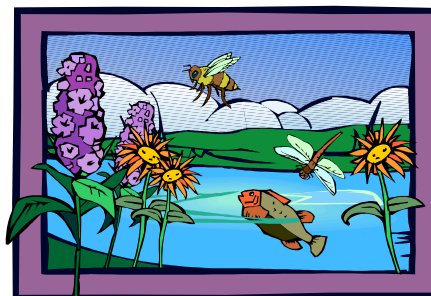
its hole so small, you can hardly see!

Look how Allah created him
without any bones and a jelly-like skin,
yet daddy has to work so hard
to split logs of wood in our back yard!

The wonders of Allah you will always find
if you just look around and open your mind,
wherever you look you're bound to discover
so many miracles of one kind or another!



Each creation has its own special place and purpose in the planning of Allah. Some of us may be clever in doing something whereas others find it hard. But, that is no reason to look down on someone and think you are better than them, after all they might be better at something we find hard to do. Think about the example in this poem. We have a tiny grub that has no trouble at all making a hole in a hard piece of wood and then there is the father, who is millions of times bigger and stronger than the grub, yet he has difficulty chopping the wood!

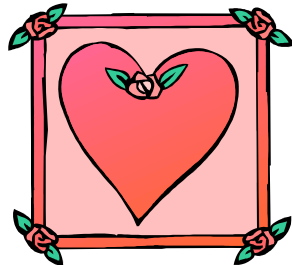


NICE THOUGHT

**Wouldn't it be very nice
to live near the Prophet* in Paradise!**



Praise and peace be upon him

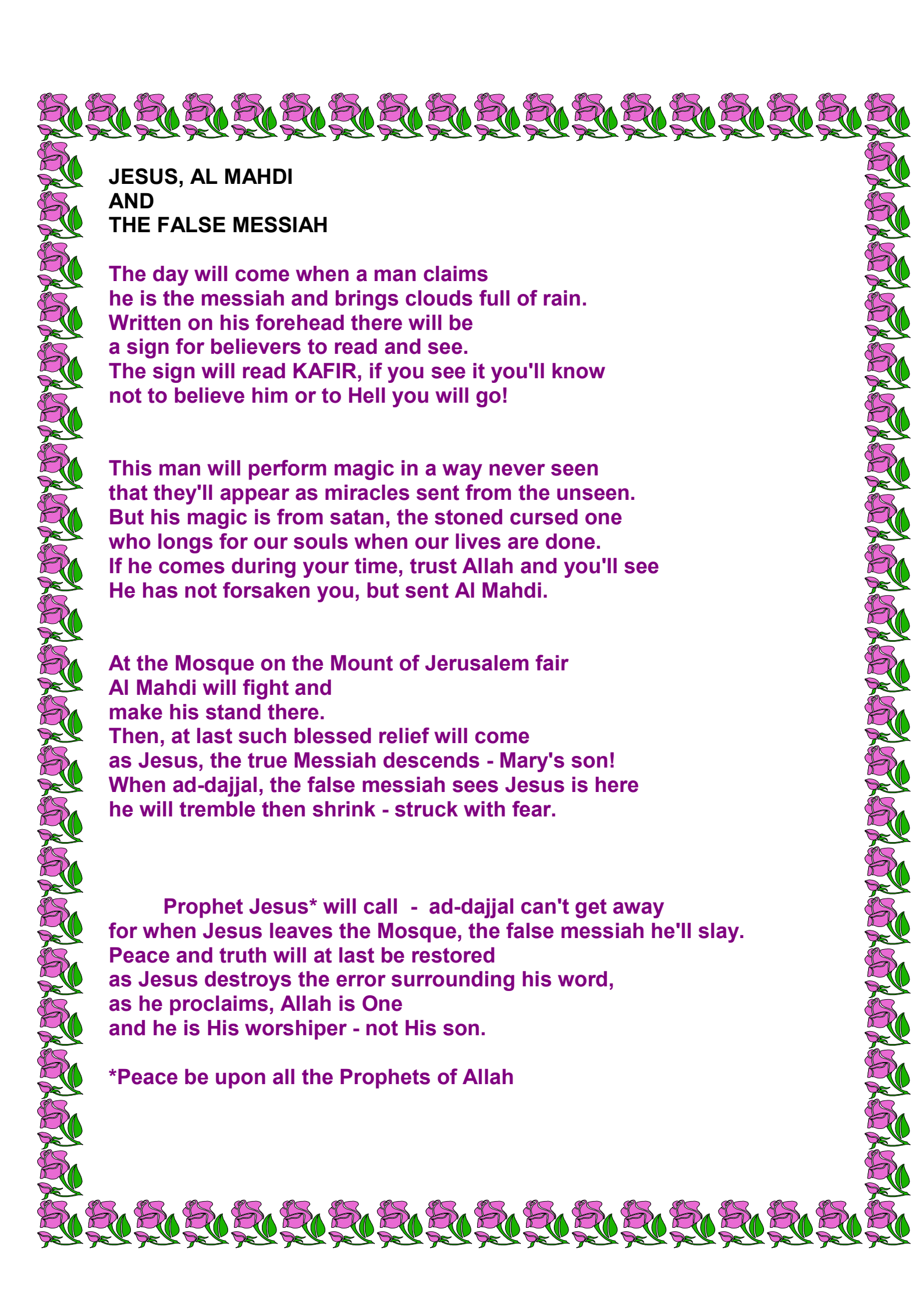


SOMETHING SPECIAL TO SAY

**My heart has something special to say
its "Subhan Allah" each and every day.
Almighty is He above all things
the more I praise Him, the more my heart sings.
When I say "Subhan Allah" a hundred times
He forgives one thousand sins of mine
or, He gives in its place
one thousand rewards from His Grace.
Thank You Allah for Your generous reward
I am so blessed to know You are my Lord!**

Isn't Allah kind to us! If we just remember to praise Him by saying Subhan Allah 100 times, He gives us so much, and it only takes us a few minutes to say. Why not start off by saying Subhan Allah ten times a day and gradually build up to the hundred. You will be surprised how quickly you reach the hundred!





**JESUS, AL MAHDI
AND
THE FALSE MESSIAH**

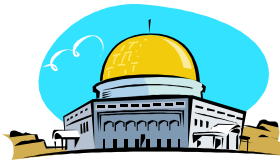
The day will come when a man claims
he is the messiah and brings clouds full of rain.
Written on his forehead there will be
a sign for believers to read and see.
The sign will read KAFIR, if you see it you'll know
not to believe him or to Hell you will go!

This man will perform magic in a way never seen
that they'll appear as miracles sent from the unseen.
But his magic is from satan, the stoned cursed one
who longs for our souls when our lives are done.
If he comes during your time, trust Allah and you'll see
He has not forsaken you, but sent Al Mahdi.

At the Mosque on the Mount of Jerusalem fair
Al Mahdi will fight and
make his stand there.
Then, at last such blessed relief will come
as Jesus, the true Messiah descends - Mary's son!
When ad-dajjal, the false messiah sees Jesus is here
he will tremble then shrink - struck with fear.

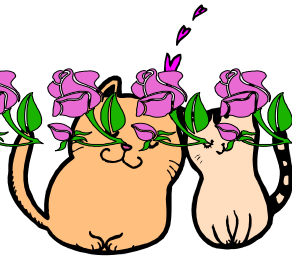
Prophet Jesus* will call - ad-dajjal can't get away
for when Jesus leaves the Mosque, the false messiah he'll slay.
Peace and truth will at last be restored
as Jesus destroys the error surrounding his word,
as he proclaims, Allah is One
and he is His worshiper - not His son.

*Peace be upon all the Prophets of Allah



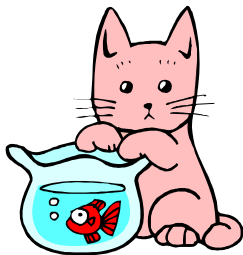
The false messiah will come just before the end of the world. The world will be in a terrible condition; lots of people will starve on account of a severe drought. When ad-dajjal, (the Arabic name for the false messiah) comes he will use his magic to make rain, but won't give water to anyone unless they follow him, and he will do a lot of very bad things, but we must not give up hope. Allah will send Al Mahdi who will prepare the way for Prophet Jesus. After Jesus has killed the false messiah, the rain will come again, the famine will be over and Islam will be practiced just like it was during the time of Prophet Muhammad, praise and peace be upon him; it will be a very happy, blessed time.

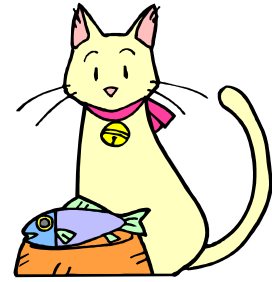




WHAT TO DO

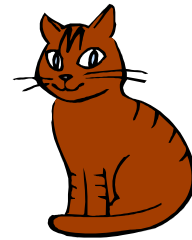
What shall I do today
shall I go outside and play?
Or, shall I help my mum instead
wash the dishes and make the beds
for when I help her angels write
something good about me in Allah's sight.



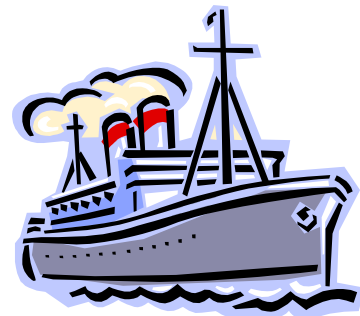


ABU HURAYRAH FATHER OF THE KITTEN

**A long time ago in Medina most fair
a man named Abu Hurayrah once live there.
How did he get his name do you suppose -
'twas because of a kitten that curled up in his clothes!**

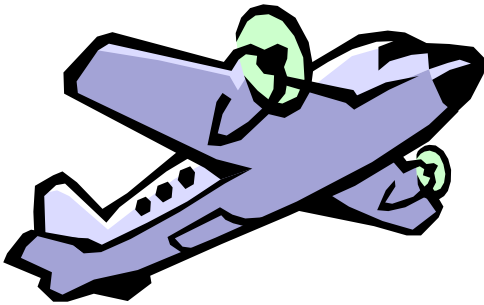


Abu means father, and Hurayrah means kitten. Abu Hurayrah was one of the Prophet's closest companions. He would go everywhere with the Prophet, praise and peace be upon him, and memorize what he said and those sayings are called "Hadith". It is through Abu Hurayrah and companions like him that we know a lot about what the Prophet, praise and peace be upon him, taught and did.

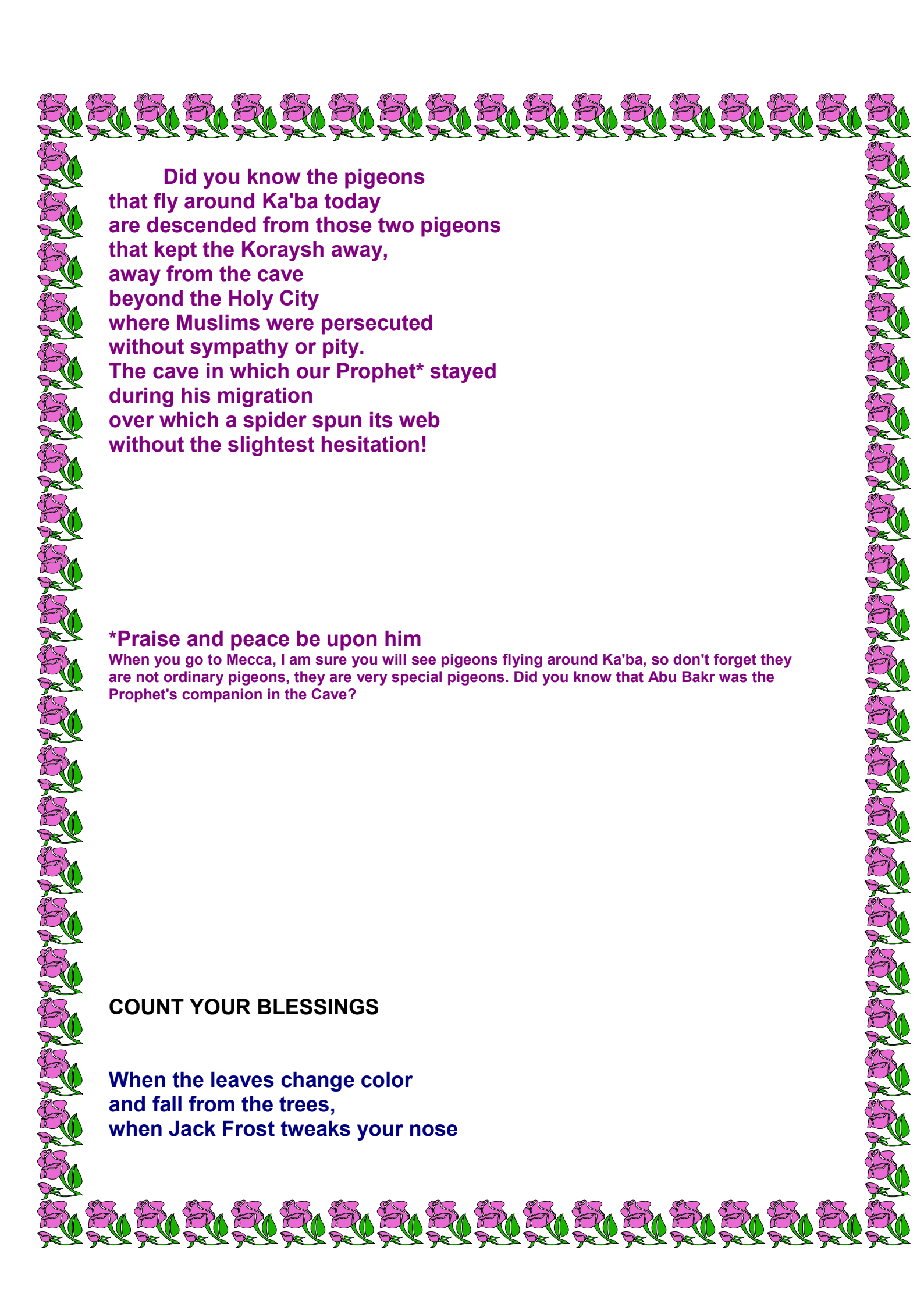


IN HIS NAME

Isn't it wonderful how Allah permits
the oceans to carry big iron ships
and planes to fly through the clouds so high
leaving trails of white across the sky.
Allah has given us brains to use
so don't close your mind or you're sure to lose
use your brain
in His Name
and you just might be
a scientist on the brink of discovery!



THE PIGEONS



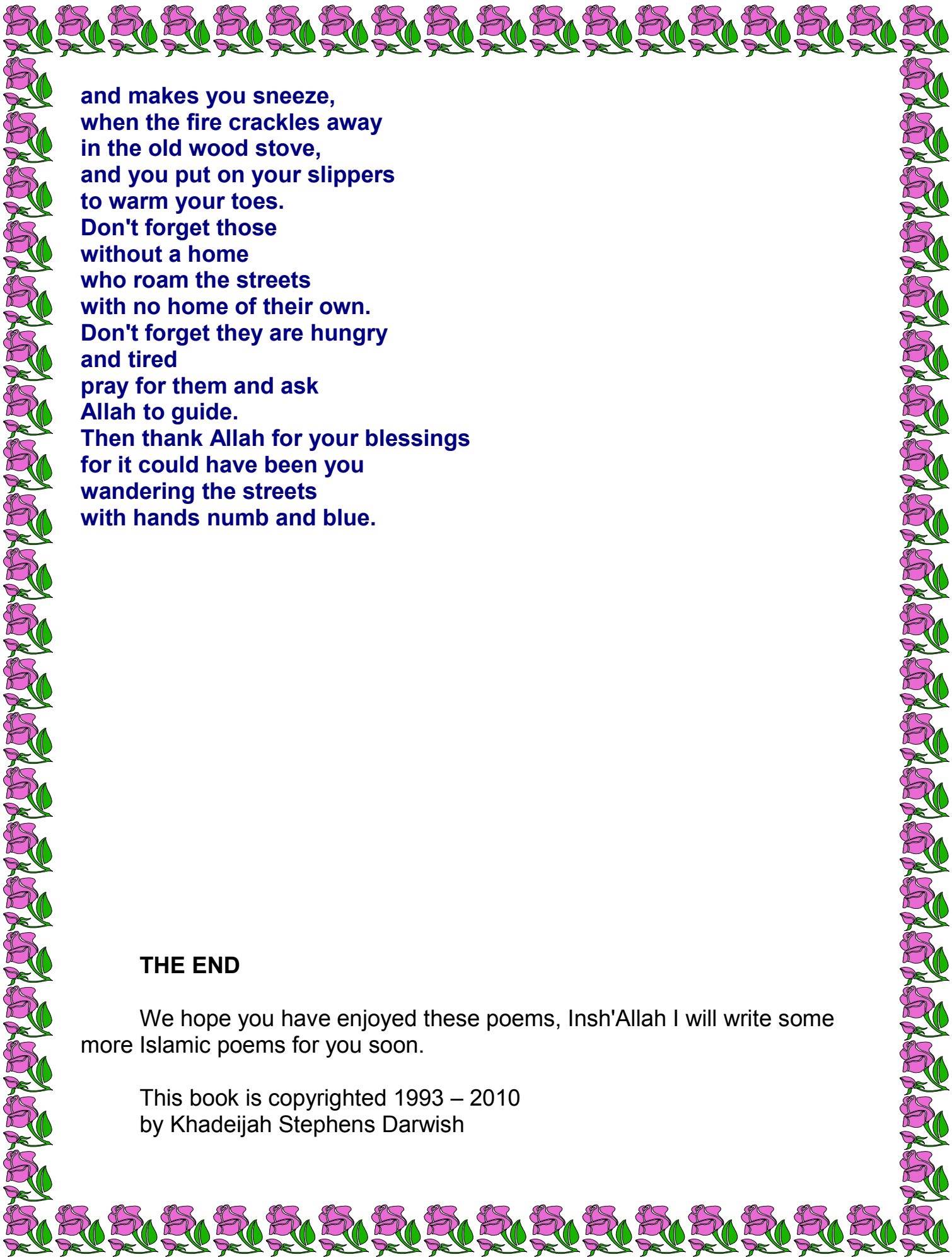
**Did you know the pigeons
that fly around Ka'ba today
are descended from those two pigeons
that kept the Koraysh away,
away from the cave
beyond the Holy City
where Muslims were persecuted
without sympathy or pity.
The cave in which our Prophet* stayed
during his migration
over which a spider spun its web
without the slightest hesitation!**

***Praise and peace be upon him**

When you go to Mecca, I am sure you will see pigeons flying around Ka'ba, so don't forget they are not ordinary pigeons, they are very special pigeons. Did you know that Abu Bakr was the Prophet's companion in the Cave?

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

**When the leaves change color
and fall from the trees,
when Jack Frost tweaks your nose**

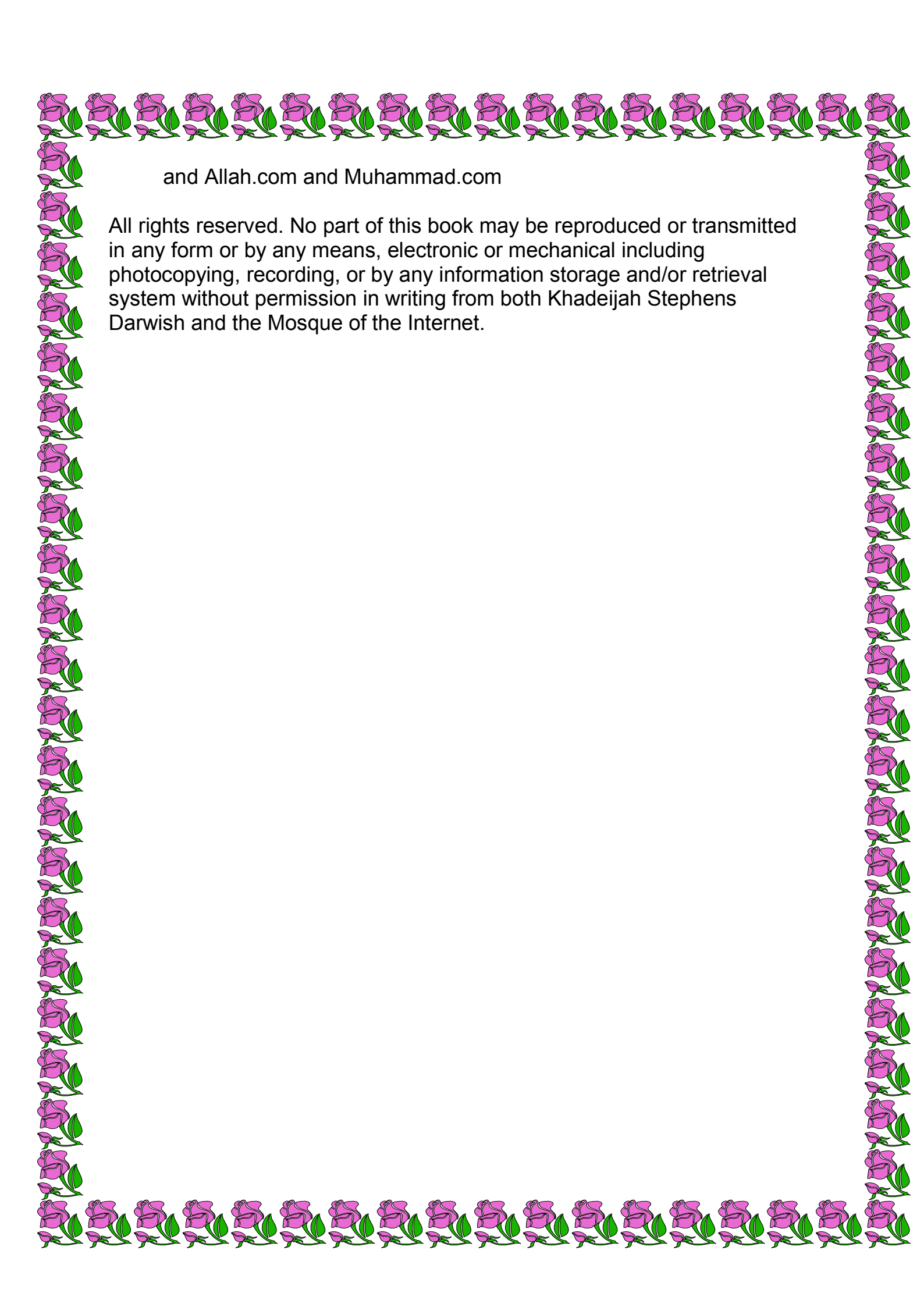


and makes you sneeze,
when the fire crackles away
in the old wood stove,
and you put on your slippers
to warm your toes.
Don't forget those
without a home
who roam the streets
with no home of their own.
Don't forget they are hungry
and tired
pray for them and ask
Allah to guide.
Then thank Allah for your blessings
for it could have been you
wandering the streets
with hands numb and blue.

THE END

We hope you have enjoyed these poems, Insh'Allah I will write some more Islamic poems for you soon.

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