Bahá'u'lláh's Life: Mission of Peace
Divine Poetry

Poetry can move and inspire people with soul-stirring words. Bahá'u'lláh Himself wrote poetry. And He sometimes quoted great poets. In 1852, He revealed one poem while imprisoned for His faith in the Síyáh-Chál, or Black Pit, of Tihrán, Persia (now Iran). Though He was suffering in terrible conditions, His words were joyful.

After His release from prison, Bahá'u'lláh prayed in solitude in the mountains of Kurdistan for almost two years. Scholars from the town of Sulaymáníyyih were impressed with His wisdom. They asked Him to write a poem in the same rhyme and meter of a famous Arabic work—a challenge no one had ever been able to achieve.

In their presence, Bahá'u'lláh revealed at least two thousand verses! The scholars were amazed and agreed that their beauty and eloquence were far greater than the original poem. Bahá'u'lláh chose 127 verses for them to keep.

Bahá'u'lláh used poetic language in many other writings. He celebrated the Word of God and its power to transform people's hearts throughout time.

Find words that Bahá'u'lláh used to refer to the Word of God.
Search forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally.

All-Embracing
Beauty
Blessed
Divine
Exalted
Holy
Incomparable
Irresistible
Light
Majesty
Mysteries
Ocean
Paradise
Potency
Power
Resplendent
Sacred
Sanctified
Sublime
Wisdom

E	U	X	T	P	Y	N	W	A	E	N	A
B	L	Z	X	L	A	I	A	X	P	L	Y
L	J	B	O	Y	S	R	A	E	L	V	D
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G	E	S	B	E	A	U	T	Y	A	X	I
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B	P	T	H	G	I	L	S	O	R	C	B
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I	E	M	I	C	O	T	L	D	D	M	H
L	R	Y	T	S	E	J	A	M	K	W	M
X	B	A	X	H	P	Y	V	Q	L	W	Z

A Brief Timeline
The Life of Bahá'u'lláh

The highlighted area marks the time in which this story takes place.

1817 November 12
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh in Tihrán, Iran

1844
Recognizes the Báb as a new Messenger of God

1852
Imprisonment in the "Black Pit" of Tihrán

1853–1863
Exile in Baghdád, Iraq. From 1854–1856, He goes into the mountains to pray in solitude.

1863 April 22
Declares Divine Mission as Prophet-Founder of the Bahá'í Faith

1863–1868
Exile in Constantinople (Istanbul), then Adrianople (Edirne), Turkey. Begins writing letters to kings and rulers in 1867, urging world unity

1868
Last exile, to prison-city of 'Akká, Israel

1877
Finally free to live in countryside homes of Mazra'ih and then Bahjí, outside 'Akká

1892 May 29
Bahá'u'lláh passes away at Bahjí.