

Noble Nightingales

“In the garden of thy heart plant naught but the rose of love, and from the nightingale of affection and desire loosen not thy hold.” – Bahá’u’lláh



Are you ever so full of emotion that you want to sing out to the world? Nightingales are famous for their nighttime songs. Their complex melodies include over 200 musical phrases. They sing so vigorously that they actually lose weight!

Nightingales are often found in art, music, and poetry, and they’re in the Bahá’í writings. In 1863, when Bahá’u’lláh announced His mission as a Messenger of God, He stayed in a rose garden in Baghdád for 12 days.

As He walked in the garden at night, the nightingales sang so loudly that only those closest to Him could hear His voice. Bahá’u’lláh said the birds sang all night due to their great love for the roses. He later referred to Himself as the “Nightingale of Paradise” Who brings the message of God.

Like nightingales, we can sing out with energy and devotion. When our words and actions uplift others, we bring unique songs to the gardens of humanity.

At this prayer gathering in a rose garden, find 19 nightingales.

