



أَهْلًا وَسَهْلًا بِالَّذِينَ أَحَبُّهُمْ
أَهْلًا بِقَوْمٍ صَالِحِينَ ذَوِي ثَقَى
يَسْعَوْنَ فِي طَلَبِ الْحَدِيثِ بِعِفَّةٍ
لَهُمُ الْمَهَابَةُ وَالْجَلَالَةُ وَالنُّهَى
وَمِدَادُ مَا تَجْرِي بِهِ أَقْلَامُهُمْ
يَا طَالِبِي عِلْمِ النَّبِيِّ مُحَمَّدٍ
(ابن دريد كما في جامع بيان العلم وفضله)

A welcome to those I love I do extend
Whom I love for Allāh Who favor does extend.

Welcome to a people pious and reverent
Whose faces shine, in every group the ornament.

Seeking Ḥadith they strive with chastity
Respectfully, with tranquility and modesty.

Striking awe, formidable, and intelligent
To count their merits may be a predicament.

The ink which from their pens does flow
Must be purer than streams of blood which from the martyrs flow.

O seeker of that with which Muḥammed ﷺ came
You and those besides you aren't the same!

(Ibn Durayd, as in Jāmi' Bayān al 'Ilm wa Faḍlihī)