



وَأَوَدُّهُمْ فِي اللَّهِ ذِي الْآَلَاءِ  
غُرِّ الْوُجُوهِ وَزَينَ كُلِّ مَلَاءِ  
وَتَوَقُّرِ وَسَكِينَةٍ وَحَيَاءِ  
وَفَضَائِلُ جَلَّتْ عَنِ الْإِخْصَاءِ  
أَزْكَى وَأَفْضَلُ مِنْ دَمِ الشَّهَدَاءِ  
مَا أَنْتُمْ وَسَوْا كُمْ بِسَوَاءِ

أَهْلًا وَسَهْلًا بِالَّذِينَ أُحِبُّهُمْ  
أَهْلًا بِقَوْمٍ صَالِحِينَ ذَوِي تُقَىٰ  
يَسْعَونَ فِي طَلَبِ الْحَدِيثِ بِعِفَّةٍ  
لَهُمُ الْمَهَابَةُ وَالْجَلَالَةُ وَالنُّهَىٰ  
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 Ḥadīth 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 Faḍlīhī)