There are those who sing the song of their own soul, and in their soul they find everything, full spiritual satisfaction.

And there are those who sing the song of the people. For they do not find the circle of their private soul wide enough, and so go beyond it, reaching for more powerful heights. And they unite themselves with the soul of the community of Israel, sing its songs, suffer with its sorrows and are delighted by its hopes…

And there are those whose soul lifts beyond the limitations of Israel, to sing the song of humanity. Their spirit expands to include the glory of the human image and its dreams…

And there are those who lift beyond this level, until they become one with all creation and all creatures, and all the worlds. And with all of them they sing a song…

And there are those who rise together with the bundle of all these songs. All of them sing out, each gives meaning and life to the other.

And this completeness is the song of holiness, the song of God, the song of Israel…

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