

## 11 לְכָה דוּדִי

- 1\_ לְכָה דוּדִי לְקִרְאֵת כֹּלָה פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת נִקְבְּלָה
- 2\_ שְׁמֹר וְזָכֹר בְּדַבּוּר אֶחָד
- 3\_ הַשְׁמִיעֵנוּ אֵל הַמִּיחָד
- 4\_ יְהוּה אֶחָד וְשֵׁמוֹ אֶחָד
- 5\_ לְשֵׁם וּלְתַפְאֵרֶת וּלְתִהְלָה (לְכָה דוּדִי )
- 6\_ לְקִרְאֵת שַׁבַּת לָכוּ וְנִלְכָה
- 7\_ כִּי הִיא מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה
- 8\_ מְרֹאשׁ מְקַדֵּם נְסוּכָה
- 9\_ סוּף מַעֲשֵׂה בְּמַחְשָׁבָה תִּחְלָה (לְכָה דוּדִי )
- 10\_ יְמִין וְשְׂמֹאל תִּפְרוּצֵי
- 11\_ וְאֶת־יְהוּה תִּעְרִיצֵי
- 12\_ עַל יַד אִישׁ בֶּן פְּרָצֵי

וְנִשְׂמְחָה וְנִגְיֵלָה (לְכָה דוּדֵי ) 13\_\_

בּוֹאֵי בְּשָׁלוֹם עֲטֹרֵת בַּעֲלָהּ 14\_\_

גַּם בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְצִדְקָהּ 15\_\_

תּוֹדָא אֲמוּנֵי עִם סִגְלָהּ 16\_\_

בּוֹאֵי כֻלָּה בּוֹאֵי כֻלָּה (לְכָה דוּדֵי ) 17\_\_

Come, my dear friend, to meet the bride/beloved, let us welcome Shabbat.

Keep and remember in a single word, did the only God proclaim to us.  
YHWH is ONE and the Name is ONE, for חַסוֹן, beauty and praise.

Come, my dear friend, to meet the bride/beloved, let us welcome the Shabbat.

Let us go out to greet the Shabbat, because it is the wellspring of blessing.  
From the very beginning it poured forth, intended as the culmination of creation.

Come, my dear friend, to meet the bride/beloved, let us welcome Shabbat.

Right and left you burst out, adoring YHWH.  
By a descendant of Peretz, we will come to rejoice and celebrate.

Come, my dear friend, to meet the bride/beloved, let us welcome Shabbat.

Enter in peace, crown of her master, enter also in joy and gladness.  
Join together with the faithful of a treasured people, enter bride/beloved, enter bride/beloved.

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CHANTING

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WHERE FOUND

The L'kha Dodi (Come Dear Friend) is sung on Shabbat Evening,

during Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming the Sabbath) at the beginning of the Service. Like Yedid Nefesh (Soul Mate), it was composed in the Sixteenth Century by Kabbalists (Jewish mystics) in Tzefat (Safed), a village in Israel's Upper Galilee.

#### MAJOR THEMES

Shabbat is like a bride we escort to her groom (God).

Shabbat is like a beloved we escort to one's mate (God).

We must go out of our way to welcome the Shabbat.

It is important to remember and keep the Shabbat.

Shabbat is the wellspring of blessing.

Shabbat is a joyful and happy time.

#### KEY WORDS

לְכֵה דוֹדִי      Come My Dear Friend

כַּלָּה      Bride / Beloved

פְּנֵי שַׁבָּת      Face of Shabbat

שָׁמֹר      Keep / Guard / Preserve

זְכוֹר      Remember

#### DISCUSSION STARTER

Why is Shabbat compared to a bride and God to her groom?

Why is Shabbat compared to a beloved and God to his or her mate?

Why should we as Jews escort the Shabbat to join with God?

Why is Shabbat important to remember and to keep?

What makes Shabbat joyful and happy?