

He Brought Me to the Tavern

הֵבִיאַנִי אֶל־בַּיִת הַיַּיִן וְדִגְלוּ עָלַי אֶהָבָה

Hevi'ani ayl bayt hayayin, v'diglo alai ahavah

He brought me to the tavern,

And his banner over me is Love. (Song of Songs 2:4)

In mystical poetry of many different traditions, the tavern represents the place where we become God-intoxicated. We let go of the illusion of control and surrender to the power of transformation. The boundaries of self, blur as we glimpse the Unity and begin to grasp our place in Oneness Consciousness. The ego or superficial self, loosens its grip. In that tavern, we are drunk with love, and we are claimed by God-as-Love.