

Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Ktubot, Daf 62b

רב רחומי היה מצוי לפני רבא במחוזה	Thus R. Rehumi who was frequenting [the school] of Raba at Mahuza
והיה רגיל שבא לביתו בכל ערב יום הכיפורים	used to return home on the Eve of every Day of Atonement.
יום אחד משכו הלימוד	On one occasion he was so attracted by his subject [that he forgot to return home].
היתה מצפה אשתו: 'עכשיו בא, עכשיו בא'	His wife was expecting [him every moment, saying.] 'He is coming soon, he is coming soon'
לא בא	As he did not arrive
חלשה דעתה, הורידה דמעה מעינה	she became so depressed that tears began to flow from her eyes.
היה יושב בגג	He was [at that moment] sitting on a roof.
נפחת הגג תחתיו ומת	The roof collapsed under him and he was killed.

My Soul Aspires

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לבני כים My Heart Rages

לבני כים, כסיר ירתיח	My heart rages, like a boiling pot
מטל אורות עליונים יפריח	Like a stormy sea
מגנזי נשמות בשמי ערבות	I aspire for the heights
לא אאסר בכבלים, אולם בסדים	For lofty visions Fed by divine lights
עבד די אני, ולא עבד לעבדים (תרס"ד)	By souls hidden in the realms above
	I will not be bound in chains
	But I will bear a yoke
	I am a servant of God, but not a slave of slaves



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