

AN ANTHOLOGY OF POEMS
FOR THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF DHUL HIJJAH, 1440

TEN FOLDS-

"IN THE CREATION OF TIME IS A MYSTERY
OF PROPORTIONS"

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In the creation of time

is the mystery of proportions

Where the Scale seems biased

And the buyer frozen in a scare

A night of power rules

the dominion of a thousand and more

And days of a dozen but two

are beloved than a infinite score

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Foreword

Allahu akbar Allahu akbar Allahu akbar,
lahilaha illah Ilah,
Allahu akbra Allahu akbar
walillahil hamd

*Reminders are meant for the believers. They reap the benefits not just in this world and the hereafter. It is my pleasure to present to you this maiden publication from the stables of **Ashraf's scribbles** with the theme – “**Ten folds-**” in commemoration of the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, which are the best days in the sight of Allah.*

Narrated by Ibn `Abbas: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "No good deeds done on other days are superior to those done on these (first ten days of Dhul Hijja)." Then some companions of the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Not even Jihad?" He replied, "Not even Jihad, except that of a man who does it by putting himself and his property in danger (for Allah's sake) and does not return with any of those things."

*It is in this spirit that we made a call for submission of literary pieces that reflect the theme and it will interest you to know that we have **32 contributors to this anthology submitting 32 wonderful poetic pieces of history, reminders, spiritual guidance, Soul up lifters, secrets of jannah, abundant blessings, shared love and the golden favour of time.** These works are eye-openers and again enliven you with the aura of living in perpetual unison with Allah through HIS remembrance.*

On behalf of the review team, I appreciate all the contributors who submitted to this work in just six days. This is amazing and it gives a hopeful omen that the Islamic World is greatly improving and progressing intellectually.

I beseech Allah, the Exalted, to accept this from us all as an of ibaadah. Wa akhiru da'waana, AlhamduliLahi Robbil "aalameen.

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THE BOX OF TEN (Abduljalal Akintola- ASSUYUTI)

Like the early morning breeze on a winter Sunday
The coolness of which turns a minute to a thousand day
Like the Palm tree and its fine branches up in the sky
Thin is it, but its benefit speaks louder than its shape
Like the flowing River which has no point of reversal
The Fount is known to the Unborn,
and End is unknown to the Born
Like the Heavens that spreads its Umbrella over the World
Out of its magnanimity and complacency,
naught is uncovered
I see the days as they roll by
And months and years as they all leave
I look afront and I look aback
Thinking of how to make a day a million
And a year a millennium
So I was shown a Box of Ten
Better than the River, the Sky and the Palm tree.

Long Lines for the Ten Beautiful Days (Solahudeen Ridwan- Triple O)

In no small time
Right before our eyes
Come the World's best days with their peculiar thymes.
The days of sacrifice, virtues and utmost goodness
Days of blessings and unrivalled greatness

“The appointed days,” says the Most Beneficent,
Of devotion, devoid of any commotion
“Freeing from the torments of hell;

Awaken oh beloved the forgotten sunnah
Be far from all vices and obscene perdition
The great sunnah of Tahmeed, in gratitude;
Takbeer also in multitude
And of Tasbeeh, in public and solitude.

Indeed the days replete with all pillars of Islam are before our
eyes
Agog days of Arafah and Yaomal Jumuah;
The day of Nahr and the delighting day of Eid;
Days of Umrah and Ihraam;
Daily Solawaat, Zakat and Sadaqah cum series of Siyaam
The Main Shahadatain are therein most constant.

O you the silent sinner!
This is the time to achieve the mercy and forgiveness of your
Lord
Dwell in repentance unto your Lord till you adjoin to His mercy
Unclad your humble self to the gentle breeze of your Lord's
clemency
For Allah, the Almighty, will cause this breeze to touch
whomever He wishes,
And whoever is touched by such a breeze will forever be happy,
till the crack of doom.

GLITTERS

(Tawakalt Abdulraheem (Pentitude))

And He bid
That our sins He'll rid
Our ways be freed
So we can live to succeed
And grow on Oneness as Creed.

Oh ye behold!
He gives nothing but gold
Every deed he rewards tenfold
And every sins He waits to erode
So you can flourish and be extolled.

Ten nights He said are best
When you shall be put to test
To show your crave for success
For more Mercy He will bless
And more bounties you will access.

Ten days He says to be Great
For we chant His oneness
To the other World He boasts
As we bask in His greatness
For every worship brings absoluteness

VIRTUES OF DHUL HIJJA **(Elemosho Habeeb Bolaji)**

By the crescent, when it beams gigantean
On the horizon of a new day. Its coolness,
Mesmerizes the globe and give a new phase.
Its presence, on the last day of Qa'dah
Refurbishes the world with monument vintage.

When last has man turned in repentance to His Lord?
With all complexity of life, you think your prayers couldn't
be heard
Don't be in despair oh man! For a rare opportunity is before
you.

Apart from the month of blessings (Ramadan), comes
DHUL HIJJA
A month, laced with earthly and heavenly achievements.

Besides its socio-religious significance
It's a month where prayers are sanctified with immediate
degree
A bonanza month for the believers I call it.
Grab the opportunity and change your destiny for better.
The first ten days are exceptional,
Turn in total devotion, fasting therein is even important.

We all crave for a peaceful abode (Jannah) in the hereafter
Yet, we marvel and dwell in sins in all instances.
Here comes the time, when Jannah is opened for all seekers
Don't relent in the remembrance of your lord in this period
And for the tenth day of Dhul Hijja,
Pray, fast, rejoice and feast with family and acquaintances

**Favours we can't deny
(Tunde kadri)**

For the moon and the representation of it's rotation
For the blood and the takwa it begets
For the road to race in 7
For the voice of tasbih in heaven
For the heart of joy
For the peace of coming together
For the hills where we know
For the stones that we cast
For the sins we shed
For the rahmah we grace
Which of your favors can we deny

TEN FOLDS

(Hamzat Abdullahi)

Authority has descended, ask not why.
Why should Friday be the best in a week?
And Ramadan, the best of months in a year?
And the night of Al-Qadr, better than a thousand months?
Preeminent periods may be events-laden,
But That Authority suffices for your why.
Simply the Sunnah of Allah.

such was the Authority on the first ten of Dhul-Hijjah.
no other days in which righteous deeds are more
beloved to Allah,
Not even Jihad for the sake of Allah
Avail yourself the bounties of these days.
These are ten days of authority from the Most High

la'ib wa lahw

(Ayeyemi Taofeek Aswagaawy)

وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَعِبٌ وَلَهْوٌ وَلِلْآخِرَةِ خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

“And the worldly life is not but amusement and diversion; but the home of the Hereafter is best for those who fear Allah, so will you not reason?”

Surat Al-An'aam, verse 32

the first poem i learnt taught me /
how to say chocolate in the way
it crashed on my tongue: "fi şibí je,"
i can remember how we ate gods /
in our candies: where is "èkáná gowon,"
i've missed the brittle sweetness of
"bàléwà" / & how it coloured our tongues /
into plaques of rainbow

growing up / i was richer /
owning an estate built at the backyard of bàba múkáílà /
i had the most beautiful wife /dámilólá /
& no one contested her with me /
cos good things are for the brilliant boys.

today we've grown / but sadly /
i still see men rolling tyres on the street /
in the advanced way (lahw - diversion) /
of how they did as boys (la'ib - amusement)

they bask in the pond of ignorance /
that hādimu ladhāt is the shadow /
that follows them everywhere /
& the day it will rise on its feet /
so they may take the place of shadow /
they'll shout /
seeking for an extension of time /
to put their life in order / but then;

وَلَنْ يُؤَخِّرَ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِذَا جَاءَ أَجْلُهَا وَاللَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

“Never will Allah delay a soul when its time has come. And Allah is Acquainted with what you do.”

Sural Al-munaafiqoon, verse 11

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**Ten folds-
(Imam Hameedat)**

All adorations belong to him
Who induced heaven and Earth

He who blessed us with the Qur'an as a source of
light
How blessed are we

The one who blessed us with Ramadan:
Thirty days of purification then one for feast
How blessed are we

The one who stimulate sunshine and moonlight from
the sky
How blessed are we

Eid - I – Adha (Balogun AbdulwasIU Dayo)

Practice Islam even when its light appears to be dim,
Continue doing good deeds, even if your support is slim,
And give Sadaqa, to every child, woman and man
For that alone is enough to strengthen your eeman
On Eid day we go to the Eid and say the Takbir,
On Eid day, our best clothes we do wear and do Tazkir
We listen to the Eid khutbah,
And don't leave until we pray the Eid salah.
We go to the Eid prayer in any type of weather,
And give presents to each other.
We say Eid Mubarak,
And wish each other good luck
As we celebrate festival not in the dock.

LAYALIN ASHR (Ajao Abdullahi)

Ummah of Rosool,
On us it showers immensely
the blessings of “ten folds”
Georgous in beauty like alluring pearls
For onto the rope of Allah we dearly hold

LAYALIN ASHR is here, a little wonder
As blessings from the heavens rain on us
In the “ten fold” is tagged days like no other

On the plain of AROFAH descends immense glory
And whoever fasts earn enormous bounty
For it expiates two-year sins, so wonderful

Increase your rank by feeding the needy
O HUUJAJOON! Purify your intent
Circumambulate the ka'aba like the Rosool
Exercise your strength along SOFA & MARWA
For the Arofa day validates your HAJJ

To your JANNAHH, oh Allah guide our way
Spare our soul ahead of the day
In abundance we seek your forgiveness,
For at your door we would stay

HOLDING ON (Hafsah Muhammad)

Perhaps
I am the murky backdrop of a canvas.
Obscured by the art,
I cower behind.
Perhaps
I am a lone sailor
in a desolate ocean;
with no island or anchor for safety.

Alone,
I am sinking and screaming silently.
I can feel tiny sparks in my heart;
Not enough for the inferno I crave.

As the days grow nearer, the sparks coalesce with feeble beats
that reminds me how much I have to be thankful for.

The dying embers in my heart were barely flickering,
But I can feel the air changing;
giving life to the dying flame.
It laps the flame
till it dances brightly and agilely.

I feel the coolness of faith in my heart.
As I close my eyes and dream of flowing rivers,
Luscious gardens of roses and lilies,
with succulent trees of scarlet berries.
These are my mind's utopia,
but no mind can phantom the Garden's pleasure!

I smile and remember His Bounty.
Maybe my time is near
or maybe I've got a few more fleeting moments.
Death is only the beginning,
of another mystic journey.

Before that journey begins,
I shall strive, and hope it ends well.

Adh Dhaar (Radiya Muhydeen)

Saying Alhamdulillah, for a new day
I feel refreshed 'cause this day is different.
Snoozing my alarm,
I had my sahoor and said my prayers
Many holy days have come and gone,
But this is here and I intend not to let it go.
Writing my schedule, including all acts of 'ibadah I can perform.
For in these days,
all good deeds are further beloved
As sins are forgiven rapidly
And prayers are granted earnestly

These are some of the benefits
of the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah

Which include the 'Arafah day with much more bounties
Like the Prophet said, "whoever fast on this ('Arafah) day would
have his sins forgiven;
Sins of the previous and next year.
Picking up my Qur'an to read a few chapters
I let my thoughts slide as I drop my pen
If you want to gain from this,
Make your own routine
Dharr; time waits for no one

10 LOFTY DAYS FOR YOU (Balogun Abdulbasit Umar)

To He be all praises the Creator of time.
The oft-merciful to his servants, our Lord Most-High.
Who bestowed upon us favours, only He Knows the bounds.
Who gave us days and months,
Loaded with benefits, No King ever gives.

12th month of every year, a giveaway to us.
10 over 10, days with matchless likes.
Even jihad in its magnitude cannot be compared,
Except for the one went with two,
And retuned with none.¹

Of great magnitude, by the Allah swears an oath.
“By the Dawn, And by the Ten Nights”
Brother! Make the most it.
Any deed done in them are guaranteed multiples,
In tens and hundreds, I guess we’ll never know.

Increase in prayers, and read the Book.
That which was sent down to guide you to the light.
Fast the first 9 and give charity.
Wet your tongue with Dhikr, Takbeer and Tahleel²
Emulate the pilgrims on the 9th day.
The day which the religion was completed and sealed,
To never allow add-ons nor accommodate deletion.
And worship your Lord, in secret and in open.
Until there comes unto you,
The certainty that you were promised.

Footnotes:

¹ Sahih Bukhari (2/457) from the hadith of Ibn Abbas

² Takbeer: saying Allahu Akbar

Tahleel: Saying La ilaha Illah Allah

Blessed Month (Bello Naseef)

Blessed is the month of Dhul-Hijjah
One of the best months to the Ummah
Blessings abound in the first 10days for the believers
The month of Hijjah
In which Muslims deify Allah

Blessed is the month of Dhul-Hijjah
The month in which Muslims visit Makkah
Spending days to worship Allah
Doing Tawaf round the Kaabah
And Jogging between Safah and Marwah

Blessed is the Month of Dhul-Hijjah
The month of the Arafah
Climbing the Mount Arafah to say their prayers
Fasting on the day of Arafah is part of Sunnah
Throwing pebbles at Jamrah to complete their Hijjah

Blessed is the month of Dhul-Hijjah
The month of Udhiyah
Congregating on the 10th day to revere Allah
Patience after the Solah to listen to Khutbah
Reciting Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar to praise Allah
Killing the Udhiyah as sacrifice to Allah
Blessed is the month of Dhul-Hijjah

**This is how to get to paradise From the gate of dhul-hijjah
(SHEHU, Abdus-salam Aladodo)**

You start each day by acknowledging / that your soul has
transcended / beyond where your legs can reach
/ that it has been to palaces / centuries / cemeteries / ages of the rise
& ruins of men / but it was returned
so you could do more & dream more / so you could be thankful //

You walk towards the minaret / kissing its ground with your toes /
palms / knees / nose / hinds / &
forehead / you flip pages of the scripture written fifty thousand
years before the heavens were introduced
to the earth — soothing / reflective / pondering //

You lighten your tongue / with words that outweigh the Divine
scale / your mouth smells of musk / your
stomach roars of hunger / yet you beam contagious smile in the
marketplace / you spill the blood of a
two-horned animal / tell its tale with your orifice / you do not serve
a bloodthirsty god / or a liver-
demanding one //

You say farewell to your progeny / farewell to your wealth /
polishing boots / sheathing swords / pocketing knives / seeking
paradise / in the field of battle //
and,
when you open your eyes / you are beside al-kaothar / sipping from
the pond of fresh milk / of purified
honey / of unaltered water / of delicious wine / sitting beside the
blessed of all mankind / finger beside finger //

DHU'L HIJJAH- A LOVE STORY!!!

(Tijani Abdul Qadir Adekunle Zainul Abideen)

To make sure we gather enough supplies,
for our journey beyond the Earth and Skies,
blessings have come from the highest of heights,
for every Abdullah who chooses to be wise,
to amass enormous reward from this beautiful disguise.

A disguise well hidden in time,
for every Abdullah to plead for his crime,
for every Abdullah to become sublime,
for every Abdullah to strive and climb,
the ladder of alsaalihin in ten days time.

Little time, yet so much to be gained,
to make light and clean all which we have stained,
to rise among pious that has gained,
leaving shaytan chained and ashamed.
How wonderful is Allah,
who has blessed us with the month of dhu'l hijjah,
Abdullah!!! don't ignore the bonus that Allah has rained.
a greatness placed side by side
with the one who lost everything and his life for sake of Allah
a true love story between Allah and Abdullah.

Mewa Mewa!!! (Oyelami siddiq ifeoluwa)

Praise be to the One for all, *Ajokẹ*
Expanded is it, His bounties and *ikẹ*
He gave us the time and this beautiful *ojo*
Mercies pouring and showering like His *ojo*

In these days are most pleasing to him all our *işẹ*
Like the dua we say to get His *àşẹ*
Don't be lax, my dear *omọ ìyá*
Isn't this a bonanza or what we call *ifà*
We have missed yet another *labaika*
O ye at home, but not the takbirat
Fulfill obligations stay away from- *erè*
Sure you will meet multiples in *èrè*
What makes this time *rẹwa*
Is that it is not the era of *mẹwa*
All you do now is to your lord *Sẹwa*

*Ajokẹ - Beneficent. Ike- mercy, Ojo- day, Ojo- rain, ise-
deeds, Ase- command, Omo iya- Brothers, Ifa- free deals,
labaika- talbiyyah, Ere- Play, Ere- reward, Rewa- unique
and beautiful, Mewa- Ten, Sewa- Adored.*

Mercy Complete

(Lawal Zulaykha Adeola Ummu Hikmah)

The first ten of Dhul hijjah,
What are the first ten of Dhul hijjah
They are the best of all days
Where good deeds are more beloved to Allah
Righteousness therein attracts more rewards than in
any other.
It contain the days of Hajj everyone yearns
The 8th before the 9th of arafah and the 10th of Eid
Allahu akbar glued to our tongue
Lahilaha illah llah on our hearts
As we say Alhamdulillah for the mercy
On us Allah completes

First Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah (ANAFI ABDULQUADRI)

The best night and month of the year left us behind
When the gates of heaven were opened
The gates of hell were closed
And the devils were chained
The believers were sad as Ramadan slowly departed

Here comes again another favor Upon His slaves
It is indeed a blessing from Allah (SWT) to be given these
virtuous days
To serve as a treasure for those who show obedience
And a field for those who wish to compete in righteousness

Righteous actions during these days are more beloved to
Allah (SWT)
Think of all good deeds
Don't limit yourself to any
Don't allow anyone to specify boundary for you

Desist from all forms of sinful act
Observe Nawaafil and your prayers say!
Drive out the best of your ability, utilize these virtuous days.
Tomorrow would be too late, act without delay

**“By the ten nights”
(Hussein Adegoke)**

The regular sons to sister¹ nights
A surviving alias of stellar days;
TAWBAH, SIYAM and TAHMID;
TAKBIR, TILAWAH and TAHLIL
The best of sisters remains DECREE
YAOMAL ARAFAH is a crowned prince
Sisters' nobility is seen in RAMADHĀN
Their sons' beauty, evident in DHUL-HIJJAH
To enlist TARAWEEH as a ninth sister
TAWAF also, as a penultimate brother²
And the tenth grand name remains the EID
Unto Our Lord, Muslims must heed
To say His name and make a slaughter
To rejuvenate Tawbah and Tahlil;
Tahmid and Tilawah, excluding the others
Tongues wetted with these brothers
The regular sons of sister nights
A surviving alias of stellar days...

*¹“sisters” implies the best nights while “brothers/sons”
implies the best days.*

*²All names of “brothers” and “sisters” are given; seven are
common, three are different*

**It is just ten days
(Abdulkareem kashif)**

It is just ten days
Yes the cat is out of the bag
And you do not have to be born with a silver spoon
To claim the rewards therein

It is just ten days
Of limitless opportunities
So put all your eggs in this basket
For it just might be your last
before you kick the bucket

It is just ten days
It is still not too late
Remember time flies
And a stitch in time saves nine.

Ten folds

(Akintola Abdulwadud)

Have you been reminded about the ten days?
That is better than your billion
The reward of goodness in these days
Can cleanse you like that of a newborn.

Are you aware you can make it
To the bountiful mercies of Allah
And all your sin wiped Away.
Are you aware?
Of these wonderful days.

Fighting on the way of Allah
We get a great reward.
But doing good these ten days
Gets you greater ones.

The first ten of dhul hijjah is here
Move closer to Allah with sawm and salat.
Never abandon your obligations
And stay away from obscenities that bring damning doom.
And Allah will reward abundantly
All your sacrifices even more than double

We Women in History (Abdulquadri Ameenat)

History beams
With daring valour more on the men kind
While we women are the real custodian
Of faith and valour
And Strength and Honour

The father might be the sun
From where the moon gets its sunshine
But if the sun retires into the darkness
We the moon serenade the world with our love and
kindness
Ibrahim might have given out in sacrifice his son
But Hajarah's patience surely completes the Sum
The first ten days wouldn't have ended epoch
making
If our mother, for his son ended up fainting

**On the same path
(Akintola Akeebat)**

Shine bright the light on the tales of the prophets
Whose brotherhood are united
In the confluence of Dhulhijjah
Hud is reported by our beloved
In this month to makkah made his Hajj
Moses fasted the whole 30 of Dhulqaddah
And extra ten in Dhulhijjah to complete his terms
And on the day of Eid his lord spoke to him
And gave him the plaque of commandments as the
quran has said
In these days, Ibrahim laid the foundation
With his son and wife for Hujjaaaj to tread
Allah not only swore with these days
He showed us in its sanctity,
Our deeds are safe

Being humble for the sake of Allah (Salawu Luqman)

You call me Sheik,
but I am just a humble slave of Allah,
who obeys his commands,
and practice the Sunnah of the Rasuul (Salallahu
alaihi wasalam).
Doing all this by the way,
Doesn't make me religious in anyway.
My intentions are only best known to Allah
who created me and not for me to say.
I have no right to look down on others,
in their behavior
but to treat with honour,
For indeed! We are all the same in the sight of Allah

Ten folds

(Uthman Habeeb- Abu Mustekimah)

First ten days of dhul hijjah
Month of hajj, days of worship
The time of boundless blessing
The hours of grace and unlimited mercies

Where are the pious ones, hope you're not sleeping
This is an opportunity, show your devotion
Increase your piety and get rewards in multiples

Hope you know how special the days are
To get closer to Allah and seek forgiveness
Tell him you're an indigent and seek his endless provision

The noble Prophet (S. A. W.)
Recommends fasting just for the first nine days
Coupled with supplications to be among Allah's beloved

The ten folds are folding, the righteous are working
Its hours are closing, the bus is going

Ten folds are folding as the light are quenching
Its time is blinking as its days are running
The race is ending
Don't be among the intending

TEN FOLDS

(Azeez Ibrahim Adebayo)

Hasten to the righteous deeds
In the days when they are most beloved
To the Lord of the worlds
The rewards are in multiple,
To earn it, so simple.

Believers around the world converge
In the kaabah, it's not for all but a privilege.
Answering the call of Allah through the father of faith.
Praising and glorifying Allah in a clean state.
The blessings of their Lord, they yearn and sought

Oh brethren, the time is now,
That we can reap big from the little we sow
From the blessings of Allah which He bestows
Jannah beneath which rivers flow.

Fast! For it expiates wrongs,
Recite Quran, it is Allah's glorious words,
Do dhikr for it brings tranquility,
Do charity, it effaces enmity,
Sacrifice animal for it is encouraged.
For in these ten days are blessings you shouldn't lose.

**Great is Allah
(Bello Muheedah)**

Allahu akbar is the chant that swells-
our good deeds on the scale of righteousness
Repeating it with Tahlil (Lahilaha illa llah)
Isn't just only fair
It brings tranquility and ease into our hearts
Alhamdulillah isn't just for thanks
When Subhanallah accompanies it on our tongue
Our pious predecessors made these chants with
pride
For in Allah's remembrance
Souls shall never die.

Just in Ten (Adeniyi K.A)

Season of worship and forgiveness
Just in Ten days of Dhul Hijjah
Here it comes, the days of virtues
Just in Ten

Here it comes,
The days of deeds that count in Gold
Praise to Allah the giver of Multiple rewards
Just in Ten

During these times
The rewards are in multiples
As mercy of Allah towards his slave
Just in Ten

What a motivation and eagerness
To do more righteous deeds are given a greater share
Just in Ten

Oh my brethren
What an ample opportunity for multiple forgiveness
And make up space for what has been missed
Just in Ten

That is why Allah Himself
Swears with the ten
Most beloved days of Dhul Hijjah

Dearest beloved,
Do a lot of Takbir and Tahmid
More than ever,
Exploit it I say!
And never miss its value
Just in Ten

TIDES

(Tariq O. Agbabiaka)

The moon sail, the crests and troughs,
through the clouds, and across its phases
till we've reached
This point.
The times are the same, yet they differ.
Days and Nights.

The best of nights passed us by;
tightening our belts, we strove.
But its departure
left in us an all too familiar feeling
That: we could have done more.

The Six we hearken to
hoping it'd make up for our deficit.
Win or lose, our intentions and efforts shall be rewarded
for the all Aware
Bestows Exceedingly
Ten folds and beyond Infinitely.
Another redemption has come.
The best of days upon which the sun rise and set.
Better than The days of the famous Devil Shackler.

Soon upon us
The Ninth and Tenth,
renowned across nations Shall come forth.
Another blissful opportunity of bumper harvest.

For we are flawed,
stumbling and falling, erring and straying
to make our faith raise and fall.

We have long hopes and short lives.
So when the dips come,
we look to these days for a lift.

Exalted is the Gracious
Who granted us these,
and made us from those who heed.

Before you cast the stone!
(Akintola Ashraf Akintayo)

Before you cast that stone
At the loins that bore you
Calm your nerves and seek
His guide to take you through
The journey of manhood

If Ismail had not reasoned with his father of old
Nations of righteousness
Wouldn't have been carved
Out of dry patches of the earth

If he hadn't cast the stone at the devil
Instead of the tree that begets him the scion

How else would our Ibrahim
be the father of Faith?

THE LESSON FOR THE VANGUARDS (Taofeek Yusuf)

Looking up to horizon
I realize we're in the season
It's indeed quite amazing
My spirit gets arosen
'and the ten nights' (Q89:2)

With my deeds of piety
In the service to Only Diety
To be given a royalty
Above a jihadist who sacrifice all the plenty
It's no less a glory

Safa and marwa in memory
When Arafa was a sanctuary
To the God of no ordinary
And gods of Hubal and Uzza became history
It's a time of victory
connecting the Promised and the witnessed (Q85:2-3)

It's a moment of meeting
The 9th for standing or fasting
The 10th of cutting
Merrying plus praising
Great! Great!! is Allah
To Him be all the eulogies

Come on!
It's no time of vanity
we rejoice in the verses Q108:1-3
Confident in the verdict
That the triumph is valid
Against shaitan in its vestige

Beyond the eld o the faithful!
That we model for our values
The father of virtues
And the son of valour
The prophets of the season
The lesson for the vanguards
To dwell in the divine courtyards.

فضول العشر

(Abduljalal Akintola)

كما نَسَمَ النَّسِيمَ بِكُلِّ بُكَرٍ # يُضَعِّفُ واحداً فَيَصِيرُ أَلْفاً
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 كذا نَهَرَ يَسِيلُ و ليس واقفٍ # بِدَايَتِهِ عَلِيمٌ و ليس طرفاً
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