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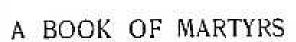
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When first they mixed the Clay of Man and clothed His Spirit in the Robe of Perfect Beauty,
For Forty Mernings did an evil Cloud Rain Serrows over him from Head to Foot;
And when the Forty Mornings passed to Night,
There name one Morning-Shower—one Morning-Shower
Of Joy—to Forty of the Rain of Sorrow!
And though the better Fortune came at last

And though the better Future came at last To seal the Work, yet every Wise Man knows Such Consummation never can be here! From the Pertian of Jami.

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