

I'm Um Al-Banin  
Teeba Sadoun  
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I open my book of sorrows,  
Exhausted and filled with despair.  
I ask God by 14,  
I ask in the name of Abbas and Um Al-Banin  
Please ease my sorrows  
Leave not my prayers unanswered.  
I've used the names of the golden doors,  
And I'm asking on the third of Muharram.

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I see the symbol of sacrifice,  
With her hand on my head  
"Sweetheart," she tells me  
"Don't worry.  
I'm Um Al-Banin..the one who sacrificed four."

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She starts her story, "Sweetheart I wait.  
"I stand at the door,  
"I'm the symbol of patience  
"The symbol of sacrifice  
"The symbol of Abbas's forbearance  
"I wait...waiting for my Hussain.  
"With his memory in my hand,  
"I wait to hear his fate,  
"Sweetheart, even my patience tired of me.  
"I'm Um Al-Banin..the one who sacrificed four."

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Take a lesson, oh listener, and contemplate  
She only cared about Hussain's fate.  
Not her fate, nor her sons'.  
For the son of Fatima, let the whole world be his sacrifice!  
For what will she say to Hussain's mother?  
They've killed Hussain,  
When Abbas was there?  
Or how Zainab came back,  
Back broken, with white hair?  
She's Um Al-Banin...the one who sacrificed four  
Waiting, waiting to hear his fate.

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Invoke her name, oh listener I promise  
By Abbas and Hussain, she listens.

She graduated from the school of Zahraa and Haidar.  
Just ask her by Hussain and Zahraa,  
She listens and answers.  
I'm Um Al-Banin  
The one who sacrificed four.

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Do not be afraid,  
No need is big or small.  
Allah honoured her name,  
And the symbol of patience she's called!  
She's Um Al-Banin  
The door of answered prayers.  
She didn't just teach Abbas to say master.  
She taught us to say master,  
For when asked "Why do you love Hussain?"  
I reply, "I'm the honoured servant."

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She's a door waiting to be opened.  
Where the key is Zahraa,  
And the conversation is Hussain.  
I look toward my book of sorrows,  
I find it empty.  
"Sweetheart," she tells me.  
"You've asked and I answered  
"I'm Um Al-Banin, the one who sacrificed four.  
"I won't leave your prayers unanswered  
"I swear by the one murdered between the wall and door.  
"Don't worry I'm here for you.  
"I'm Um Al-Banin, the one who sacrificed four."