

## Ali al Asgher

Peace be upon you the youngest martyr of Karbala,  
The six-month-old killed by the arrow of Harmala  
What sin had this young child done?  
That the enemy would want to slaughter Hussain's baby son

With no food or water three days had passed  
The little baby Asgher how long would he last?  
He needed water so Hussain asked his mother for consent  
Rubab said yes so Asgher was taken outside from the shade of his tent.

Hussain with his baby reached the river of Furaat  
He said "please I ask of you, one of you must have a heart  
My child Ali is but a baby whose throat is so dry,  
Please someone give him some water or I fear he might die."

Upon seeing this some soldiers became sympathetic  
Then Umar called out, "my soldiers don't be so pathetic!  
Hussain will take the water for himself don't fall for his games,  
If one drop reaches his throat, I swear we will all be slain!"

Shimr looked over at Harmala and gave him the command  
Hussain stood by the river with Asgher in his hands.  
The arrow came and sliced open the neck of baby Ali!  
His blood gushing everywhere for everyone to see.

Hussain caught the blood in his palm and wiped it on his face  
If he had thrown it to the sky, rain would never fall in this place,  
Or if the blood had touched the sand  
This would become a dry and barren land.

They say after the death of a child nothing is the same  
Imagine your baby in your arms and by an arrow he was slain  
What was this child's crime, he just wanted some water  
But the tyrants showed no mercy and led this infant to his slaughter.

Now think of Imam Hussain  
How he must have felt – such deep agony, so much pain  
A baby with an arrow in his neck which still remained  
To his mother Rubab how could he explain?

The poet Kaval Arif asks for your dua