

## **Ummul Baneen and Imam Ali a.s.**

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Sometimes after somebody close to us dies, we aren't sure how to react.

We switch off and go through the motions of what needs to be done.

Instead of feeling we become numb.

Think to the lonely funeral of Fatima Zahra.

Burials happen during the day, so why was it so dark?

صبت علي مصائب لو أنها. صُبت على الأيام صرن لياليا.

The suffering of Fatima Poured so much that had it spilt onto the days they would have turned into night

Perhaps that's why she was buried in the dark.

And as the last clump of earth fell from Ali's hand onto the grave of the mother of the now orphaned children, Fatima.

As the Earth fell, the world came crashing down on Ali.

No Muhammad No Fatima, Just this small Family.

**How did it feel Imam of the whole world and yet so alone. Perhaps Fatima knew of your loneliness and so advised for um UI Baneen**

**Oh Um UI Baneen.**

**A marriage is supposed to be a joyous occasion.**

**But what flowers could you receive that day?**

**When the rose of the world has wilted away.**

**You knew that you and Fatima were not the same.**

**And so you decided to give up your name.**

**Oh How much you gave up Um UI Baneen**

**A Marriage that starts with the death of Fatima and ends with the death of Ali**

**Now the ahlulbayts family were orphaned truly**

**Perhaps as you comforted Hassan your turned to the sky and said**

**Oh Fatima, your eldest son is in so much pain and I dont know what I can do.**

**The only thing comforting him is that soon he will be joining you.**

**You carried the torch of Ali Zainab Hassan and Hussain**

**If not for Um UI Baneen then what religion would remain**

**The whole progeny of the prophet shared by the Fatimayn**

*The Poet Saeed Alhakeem asks for your dua*