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The shamanic journey reveals the unity underlying the separate and divided forms – ‘it is one, it is unity, it is ourselves’. It is the way of compassion and poise that celebrates, heals, and transforms:

<i>Jir jüzindaki avliya,</i>	O saints who dwell underground,
<i>Kün kuzindaki avliya,</i>	O saints who dwell in the sky,
<i>Marufdaki va Mashruqdaki</i>	O saints from the East and from
<i>avliya,</i>	the West,
<i>Turkistanda tumin bab,</i>	O ten thousands of masters at
	Turkistan,
<i>Sizdirdin midat tilayman.</i>	I beg thy help.

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