

Song of Solomon 2:8-13ⁱⁱ

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

ⁱⁱ About Song of Solomon 2:8-13

This love song, attributed to King Solomon, describes the passionate love of a man and a woman and their yearning for union. But since it is included in the Bible, the lyrical poetry of their relationship also describes God's passionate love for the people of the covenant and for us.

In today's reading, amidst the vibrant springtime imagery, the woman anticipates the excitement of meeting with her beloved and pictures his approach until she can hear his voice inviting her to fly away with him.