

Come Whoever You Are

Persian/Farsi lyrics:

bâz â, bâz â har ân-che hast-î bâz â
gar kâfir-o gabr-o bot-parast-î bâz â
în darga-yé mâ darga-yê nawmêdî nêst
sad bâr agar tawba-shekast-î bâz â

Come whoever you are, this is not a house of despair
If you've broken your vow a thousand times we don't care
Lover of leaving, O doubtful one:
Come whoever you are, come and yet again come

This is one of the most famous poems attributed to Rumi (1207-1273) though it is likely that it was actually written by the poet Abu Said (who died in 1084). It is written on Rumi's tomb, and has been adopted by many as a poem of invitation to the spiritual path.

Note: "Bawza" is the Persian/Farsi word for "come" or "welcome."