### Song of Solomon

## Chapter 3

1‘During the nights, there in my bed;  
 Whole-souled, I searched for the one whom I love.  
 But although I searched, I was unable to find him…  
 I called to him, but he didn’t reply.  
  
 2‘So I’ll get up and go through the city,  
 Then I’ll search the markets and squares  
 For the one whom I love with my whole soul.  
  
 ‘Well, I searched, but I couldn’t find him.  
 3And then they found me… The ones keeping guard…  
 Those who do rounds in the city.  
 [And I asked], ‘Have you seen the love of my life?’  
  
 4‘But, shortly after I passed them,  
 I found the love of my life.  
 I grabbed hold of him and didn’t let go,  
 Then I took him to the house of my mother…  
 To the bedroom of the one who conceived me.  
  
 5‘O daughters of JeruSalem;  
 Swear by the powers and strengths of the fields  
 That you won’t arise and awaken your love  
 Until [the time] it’s desired.’  
  
  
6[And the Shepherd Boy asks:]  
  
 ‘Who is this woman who comes from the desert  
 Like smoke arising from the odor  
 Of myrrh, frankincense, and the powders of all the perfumers?’  
  
  
7[And the Girl says:]  
  
 ‘{Look!} There’s King Solomon’s couch  
 With 60 mighty men standing [guard] ‘round it  
 From among all of IsraEl’s great ones.  
  
 8‘Each one is holding his broadsword,  
 And in ways of war, they all have been trained.  
 They wear their swords on their hips,  
 [As they keep watch] throughout the night.  
  
 9‘King Solomon has a carriage made from Lebanon’s cedars,  
 10Which has columns of silver, couches of gold,  
 And purple carpets that line all its steps…  
 Gifts of love from JeruSalem’s daughters.  
  
 11‘So, come and behold, O daughters of Zion…  
 See Solomon and the garland he got from his mother  
 On the day that he took me,  
 And when his heart was so filled with joy!’