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**Genre:** Poetry

**Occasion:** Passover

**Acrostic:** אני שמחה בר שלמה חזק

“I am Simḥa son of Shelomo, *ḥazaḳ*! [=be strong!]”

**Composer**: Simḥa ben Shelomo

**Source:** Vilna Siddur, Volume IV, p. 133. (In the eighth stanza, second line, Vilna prints בְּיַד with a pataḥ; but we have fixed this to a ḳamets, since the syntax requires an absolute form, not a construct, and it is based on Exodus 14:8, which has *ḳamets*.)

**Heading in source:** זמר לפסח לרב שמחה החכם ב"ר שלמה נ"ע “A song for Passover, by Rabbi Simḥa the Sage, son of Shelomo, whose soul is in Paradise”

**Fixed word:** יוי “Adonai”

**Refrain:** אודך אל על כי נוראות, נלפאתי במופתים ואות, אהללך בהודאות, מהלל אקרא יוי “The silent dove, the gazelle of delight, Like a rose among the thorns, Its aroma wafts like cinnamon Towards the lofty [God], who dwells on high.”

(This is the first stanza of the poem. The Vilna Siddur indicates to repeat it as a refrain after every stanza, but this is probably not original, especially since the content of the last stanza, which prays “Arise, show us miracles!”, leads directly into the Biblical verse that is printed after the poem, Micah 7:15.)