**Yonat Elem  
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**Name:** Yonat Elem  
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**Genre:** Poetry

**Occasion:** Passover

**Acrostic:** Yosef Cohen

יוסף כהן

**Composer**: Yosef Cohen

**Source:** Vilna Siddur, Volume IV, p. 133

**Heading in source:** זמר נאה לפסח של הרב יוסף כהן ז"ל לחין האלהי יארי “A nice song for Passover, by Rabbi Yosef Cohen of blessed memory, to the tune (?) of *Halahi Yari*”

**Refrain:** יונת אלם צבי עדנה, בן החוחים כשושנה, נדף ריחו כקנמון, למול עליון דר במעונה   
  
“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 leads directly into the Biblical verse that is printed after the poem, Isaiah 1:26.)

**Note:** The terms “silent dove” and “gazelle of delight” in the first line are both epithets for the Jewish people; the first is from Psalms 56:1, but the second is of obscure origin and meaning, and we are unfamiliar with its usage outside of this poem.