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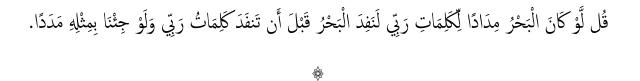
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To my mother



Say, "If the ocean was ink for [writing] the words of my Lord, the ocean would be exhausted before the words of my Lord were exhausted, even if We brought another ocean like it as a supplement."

> "How many seas must a white dove sail Before she sleeps in the sand? How many years can a mountain exist Before it's washed to the sea? The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind."

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Note on Transliteration and Dates

In translating Arabic words, mostly I have followed Brill's simple Arabic transliteration system, with an exception of $j\bar{i}m(z)$, $kh\bar{a}$ '(\dot{z}), $sh\bar{i}n(\dot{\omega})$, and $ghayn(\dot{z})$. For a few Persian and Ottoman Turkish words, I have followed the system of the *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*. For Malayalam, and Tamil words, I have followed the schemes of *ALA-LC Romanization Tables*, except for the Malayalam $ra(\Omega)$ and $tta(\Omega)$. For Arabic-Malayalam, Arabic-Tamil (Arwī) and Jāwī I have mixed the Brill's style for Arabic with the ones of *ALA-LC identifying the root-language of the words*. I have given only Common Era years, and avoided the Hijri era for the sake of smooth readability and comprehension. All dates I converted thus have been cross-checked with the Hijri months and years. For a few dates, I have depended on the secondary sources. If the month of the year is not known, and thus not convertible into a single year, I have chosen the year with certainty and mentioned "d. on or after".

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