

# The Cups of Love

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1. The cups of love passed around the circle  
of servants who drew close to their Master,  
And their enthrallment increased,  
from state to state.
2. I said to them, O Noble Masters,  
Will You accept my state?  
They replied: O novice, \* Only if you are empty.
3. I said to them: Yes indeed,  
Your speech fills my mind.  
However. O Noble Masters,  
Have compassion with me.
4. I am in great agony, \* My deeds are deficient,  
In front of You, I am nothing,  
My only hope is You.
5. Your remembrance is wine for me,  
And Love for You is my wealth  
My love for You is ardent, passionate  
- may it forever remain!