

## Song of Solomon 8

### New King James Version (NKJV)

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1 Oh, that you were like my brother,  
Who nursed at my mother's breasts!  
If I should find you outside,  
I would kiss you;  
I would not be despised.

2 I would lead you and bring you  
Into the house of my mother,  
She who used to instruct me.  
I would cause you to drink of spiced wine,  
Of the juice of my pomegranate.

(To the Daughters of Jerusalem)

3 His left hand is under my head,  
And his right hand embraces me.

4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
Do not stir up nor awaken love  
Until it pleases.

A Relative

5 Who is this coming up from the wilderness,  
Leaning upon her beloved?

I awakened you under the apple tree.  
There your mother brought you forth;  
There she who bore you brought you forth.

THE Shulamite to Her Beloved

6 Set me as a seal upon your heart,

As a seal upon your arm;  
For love is as strong as death,  
Jealousy as cruel as the grave;[a]  
Its flames are flames of fire,  
A most vehement flame.[b]

7 Many waters cannot quench love,  
Nor can the floods drown it.  
If a man would give for love  
All the wealth of his house,  
It would be utterly despised.

THE Shulamite's Brothers

8 We have a little sister,  
And she has no breasts.  
What shall we do for our sister  
In the day when she is spoken for?

9 If she is a wall,  
We will build upon her  
A battlement of silver;  
And if she is a door,  
We will enclose her  
With boards of cedar.

THE Shulamite

10 I am a wall,  
And my breasts like towers;  
Then I became in his eyes  
As one who found peace.

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon;  
He leased the vineyard to keepers;  
Everyone was to bring for its fruit  
A thousand silver coins.

(To Solomon)

12 My own vineyard is before me.  
You, O Solomon, may have a thousand,  
And those who tend its fruit two hundred.

SHE Beloved

13 You who dwell in the gardens,  
The companions listen for your voice—  
Let me hear it!

THE Shulamite

14 Make haste, my beloved,  
And be like a gazelle  
Or a young stag  
On the mountains of spices.