



# I Will Sing For My Beloved

*Vinea facta est: The Song of the Vinyard*

Canticle after the Eighth Lesson

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I will sing for *my* beloved  
my love song *about* his vineyard  
My beloved *had* a vineyard  
high upon a *fertile* hillside  
He dug the soil, and cleared *it* of stones  
and planted it with *choice* red vines;

he built a watchtower *in* the midst of it  
and then hewed *out* a winepress  
The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the *house* of Israel  
and the people of Judah are the *plant* he cherished  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the *Holy* Spirit  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.