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AN ODE
By Táhirih

LibriVox volunteers bring you 13 recordings of *An Ode* by Táhirih (Fátimih Baraghání), translated by Edward Granville Browne (1862 – 1926). This was the Weekly Poetry project for February 7th, 2010. Fátimih Baraghání (1814/1817 – 1852), also known by the titles of Táhirih (Arabic for "The Pure One") and Qurratu'l-'Ayn (Arabic for "Consolation of the Eyes") was an influential Iranian poet and Bábí heroine from the town of Qazvín. Her legacy is important to Bahá'ís, as well as supporters of women's rights in Iran. In 1844, she became the seventeenth disciple or "Letter of the Living" of the Báb (1819-1850). As the only woman in this initial group of disciples, she is often compared to Mary Magdalene. From June-July 1848, she attended the Conference of Badasht where she appeared without a veil in public (a shocking statement of women's rights) and declared that a new religious dispensation had been inaugurated. Coincidentally, shortly after this, the Seneca Falls Convention (an important women's rights convention) was held in New York on the 19th-20th of July, 1848. She was executed in Tehran in 1852. Before her death, she said that although she would be killed, they could not stop the emancipation of women. For more information on the Bahá'í Faith, please visit **bahai.org**

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