

THE OLDEST SONG IN THE WORLD

A Hurrian Cult Hymn from Ancient Ugarit
(ca. 1400 B.C.)

Transcription and Arrangement
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(freely — $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 96$)

The musical score consists of ten staves of music in common time with a treble clef. The tempo is marked as "freely" with a note value of $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 96$. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the musical notes. The lyrics are in Hurrian, with some words represented by 'x' marks indicating broken or effaced portions of the tablet.

[x] ha - nu - ta ni - ya - sa zi - we si - nu - te zu - tu - ri - ya u - bu - ga - ra

ku - dur - ni ta - sal kil - la zi - li sip - ri hu - ma - ru - hat u - wa - ri

wan - da - ni - ta u - ku - ri kur - kur - ta (i) - sal - la u - la - li kab - gi al - lib - gi si - rit mur - nu su

we - sal ta - tib ti - si - ya u - nu - ga kab - si - li u - nu - gat ak - li

sam - sam me - lil uk - la! tu - nu - ni - ta - ka ha - nu ka ka - li - ta - nil ni - ka - la

nih(u)-ra - sal ha - na ha - nu - te - ti att - (a)yas - tal at - ta - ri tae - ti ha - nu - ka

[x] - x x x x x x x] - sa - ti we - we ha - nu - ku