

## "Zidni" Love is life Rim Banna

Make me fall deeper for you with the great amount of love  
And have mercy on the inside (of me) that came to burn with  
fire of your love  
And if I ever asked to see you for real, then allow me to  
And don't let my answer be: "you won't see"

Love is life, so die with it (embracing) the extreme love  
Since it is your right to die, and (you'll) be excused  
Tell those who have experience (love) before I did, and those  
who will do after me  
And those who came to witness my sorrows

And I stayed alone with my lover, and there is between us  
A secret thinner than the breeze when it passes wafting  
So turn your eyes looking at the beauties of his face  
You'll find all (types) of beauty portrayed within him

*Rim Banna , was a Palestinian singer and composer,  
Who died from cancer in her hometown of Nazareth  
on 24 March 2018*

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## Water Cannot Quench Love



Naja Yazbek



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

*Be still and know that I am God!*

In that silence we listen for a new word.  
God is present in all our lives.  
God cares for us, and  
our life experiences are a source  
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence  
we share from our hearts.

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## To Ponder: Catherine Keller

*On the Mystery, discerning divinity in process*

God's *passion* flows into us and our response, responsible or not, is met by God's *compassion*. And in these two gestures of the love that is God, there is intimate interaction, there is an empowerment of the creature to return and redistribute love. These are the complementary loves of eros and agape.

And still there is no divine coercion. God takes us in, in such a way that we become part of the divine experience, part of Godself. But that means that God's self has altered in this moment, not ceasing to be all that God was but now enriched—and sometimes at the same time perhaps impoverished by all that happens, here and in the other one hundred billion galaxies.

## Reading: Song of Solomon (8:5-7)

Many waters cannot quench Love  
Who is that coming up from the wilderness,  
leaning upon her beloved?  
Under the apple tree I awakened you.  
There your mother was in labor with you;  
there she who bore you was in labor.  
Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;  
for love is strong as death,  
passion fierce as the grave.  
Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.  
Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can floods drown it.  
If one offered for love all the wealth of his house,  
it would be utterly scorned.

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...

### Reminders:

Come on time or **better yet, COME EARLY**  
Honor the silence  
Share briefly from personal experience  
Listen to each other  
Discussion (cross talk) is for after the hour of prayer