

The Big Green Legacy

Poem excerpts

What a Wonderful Life!

Poem by the Late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan ([source](#))

*What a wonderful life!
The sky is lit up,
and prosperity grows alongside the trees
and abundant fruit.
Rain pours down from the blessed heavens
in the Almighty's providence,
covering the land
and filling the sea,
overflowing the rivers.
People come to our homeland
in droves,
roaming among its flowers and trees,
across the land crowded with gazelles and oryxes.
How joyful is he who sees all this,
how fortunate.
Praise be to our Creator,
who gifted this homeland
to its deserving inhabitants.
He has destined it to be great,
to thrive.*

I Love

Poem by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum ([source](#))

Excerpt:

أحب شمس الضحى بالنور تهديني
وأحب صوت المطر إذا جرى وديان
وأحب النخيل في كل صبحٍ يناديني
وأحب الوديان والماء في البلدان

*I love the morning sun that guides me with its light
And I love the sound of rain as it flows through the valleys
I love the palm trees that call to me each morning
And I love the valleys and the water in the lands*