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Dear friend,

I HAVE LOVED Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet* since I first read it many years ago. I consider it to be one of the most beautiful books ever written – and I am not alone. Gibran is one of the bestselling poets of all time with millions of copies of *The Prophet* sold since it was first published in 1923. Gibran's artworks, while less known, are equally beautiful. Their fluid spiritual energy honours both the human form and the divine spirit within and around us.

I wish to thank the Gibran National Committee for The Gibran Museum in Beirut, Lebanon for granting us license to publish the images featured herein and for their kind assistance in providing high-resolution scans of the original art works. The Gibran Museum is housed in the monastery Gibran purchased in 1926. After his death in 1931, he was buried in the hermitage there as per his wishes. The contents of Gibran's New York studio were moved there in 1932 and the monastery with his furniture, personal belongings, manuscripts and 440 original paintings were transformed into a museum in 1975.

It is with immense pleasure that I present forty-two of Gibran's paintings with excerpts from *The Prophet*. I personally chose the images and the quotes, and it is truly an honour and the realisation of a dream to share them with you here. I trust they will inspire, move and guide you as they have done me.

With love and light,
Toni Carmine Salerno

WHEN LOVE BECKONS TO YOU, FOLLOW HIM,
THOUGH HIS WAYS ARE HARD AND STEEP.
AND WHEN HIS WINGS ENFOLD YOU YIELD TO HIM,
THOUGH THE SWORD HIDDEN AMONG HIS PINIONS MAY WOUND YOU.
AND WHEN HE SPEAKS TO YOU BELIEVE IN HIM,
THOUGH HIS VOICE MAY SHATTER YOUR DREAMS AS THE NORTH WIND LAYS
WASTE THE GARDEN.

LOVE GIVES NAUGHT BUT ITSELF AND TAKES NAUGHT BUT FROM ITSELF.
LOVE POSSESSES NOT NOR WOULD IT BE POSSESSED;
FOR LOVE IS SUFFICIENT UNTO LOVE.
WHEN YOU LOVE YOU SHOULD NOT SAY, "GOD IS IN MY HEART,"
BUT RATHER, "I AM IN THE HEART OF GOD."
AND THINK NOT YOU CAN DIRECT THE COURSE OF LOVE, FOR LOVE,
IF IT FINDS YOU WORTHY, DIRECTS YOUR COURSE.