



Likkutei Sichos Poem

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The Torah isn't a book of history,
It is a guidebook of lessons for you and me,
If so, why was Yisro's coming to Sinai so significant,
To us today, how is it relevant?

The Midrash says that it was shameful that until Yisro came,
"Baruch Hashem," Moshe and the Yidden didn't proclaim,
Why are they criticized for not blessing Hashem our King,
If at the crossing of the sea, praises they did sing?

"The priest of Midyan," are the words that hold the key,
To explain why Yisro's coming was necessary,
They were waiting for him to proclaim "Baruch Hashem" in heaven,
So that down here, the Torah could be given.

Yisro wasn't just a regular guy,
Every type of idolatry he did try,
From the depths of unholiness,
He acknowledged Hashem's existence.

Until that time the material and spiritual couldn't merge or mix,
The concealment we could not permanently fix,
Although the Yidden experienced great prophecy at the sea,
Holiness couldn't penetrate physicality.

Yisro accomplished what no one else could do,
From the darkness he made Hashem's light shine through,
For the giving of the Torah not only did Yisro pave the way,
But he gave us the ability to transform darkness today!