



The Red Robe

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Navváb, the wife of Bahá'u'lláh and the mother of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, wanted to make Bahá'u'lláh a special gift. She did not have money to buy Him a gift. But she had a small bundle with pieces of red cloth. She decided to make Bahá'u'lláh a cloak. Bahá'u'lláh was away, and she wanted Him to have something nice to wear when He returned.

Navváb, with the help of her young daughter, Bahíyyih Khánum, sewed the small pieces of cloth, piece by piece. For six months they sewed the finest robe they could make with fine little stitches. And then they waited for Bahá'u'lláh to return.

One day, without telling anyone, Bahá'u'lláh came home! He had lived in the mountains for two years. At first His family and friends did not know it was Him. He wore rough clothes, and looked different from how they remembered Him. It was 'Abdu'l-Bahá who knew Him right away!

Young 'Abdu'l-Bahá held onto His hand and wept as Bahá'u'lláh lovingly greeted them. Navváb and Bahíyyih gave Bahá'u'lláh the gift. It was a beautiful red robe, which they had made with such love while He was away. They were so happy that Bahá'u'lláh was back and to give Him such a gift!

Reflection Question:

- *How is the red robe that was given to Bahá'u'lláh like our contributions to the Faith?*

