

## The Song of Songs Outline

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**Interpretation:** It is my view that this is a passionate love song. An exchange, between a girl in King Solomon's harem and a shepherd boy she loves and who loves her. Due to her circumstances, it is not easy for them to get together. But they manage.

### Structure of the Book

The book is a collection of love songs between the boy and girl. Each speaks in turn in praise of and yearning for the beloved. The chorus, perhaps of harem girls, comments.

#### ***First song: Chps. 1:2 - 2:7***

Vss. 1:2 -7, The girl speaks, praising and seeking her lover. (4B, insert on Solomon).  
Vs. 8, Either the boy or the chorus advises her how to find him among the shepherds.  
Vss. 9 - 11, The boy speaks, praising her.  
Vss. 12 – 13, The girl speaks. Is this physical union? "between my breasts he lodges" (12A, insert on Solomon).  
Vss. 14 - chp. 2:2, The boy speaks, praising his beloved.  
Vss. 3 - 6, The girl responds. Was there another consummation in the wine house?  
Vs. 6?  
Vs. 7, The chorus comments.

#### ***Second song: Chps. 2:8 - 3:5***

Vss. 8 - 9, The girl speaks, praises lover and quotes him in vss.10 - 14.  
Vs. 15, Mysterious insertion. "the little foxes."  
Vs. 16 - Chp. 3:4, Another union?  
Vs. 5, The chorus

#### ***Third song: Chps. 3:6 -5:1***

Vss. 6 - 11, The praise of Solomon's glory.  
Chap. 4: 1 - 15, The boy praises girl's body.  
Vs. 16, The girl invites her lover.  
Chp. 5:1, Her lover accepts her invitation. Consummation?

#### ***Fourth song: Chps. 5:2 - 6:3***

Vs. 2,a-b, The girl expects her lover.  
Vs. 2,c - vs. 3, Her lover arrives and asks entrance.  
Vss.4-5, Foreplay  
Vs. 6, Their union is frustrated. He flees away.  
Vs. 7, She is found and abused by the city guard.  
Vs. 8, She appeals to girlfriends to give her lover a message of her love.  
Vs. 9, They reply: why is he so special?  
Vss. 12-16, She replies with rhapsodic praise of his body.

Chp. 6:1, Chorus of girls responds.  
Vss. 2 - 3, She praises missing lover.

***Fifth song, Chps. 6:4 - 8:14***

Vss. 4 - 12 and chp. 7: 1 - 10, the boy pours out praise of his beloved.

Vss. 11 - chp. 8: 1 - 3, The girl yearns for her lover, leads him to a place of love.

Consummation.

Vss. 4, Chorus. Girl addresses girlfriends

Vss. 5-7, Boy responds with words about love that express central theme of the book.

Vss. 8-9, Chorus of harem girls

Vs. 10, The girl responds.

Vss. 11 – 12, The boy's conclusion. Let Solomon have his many girls, the boy is content with his beloved.

Vs. 13, He appeals to his girl, or harem girls, to speak.

Vs. 14, She responds with words of encouragement to his beloved.

Vss 4.

The end

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