

## YASHTA 46

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It is said a prophet is treated with honour  
everywhere - except within their own country.  
Zoroaster, proponent of individual choice,  
who preached love of the light and to think  
good thoughts, to utter considerate words,  
perform charitable deeds and championed  
justice, morality, monotheism and duality,  
was forced to flee from family and community.  
Simultaneously perpetuating his memory,  
Yashta forty-six, in the Gathas, records his misery,  
his flight into exile, his heart-felt lament:  
Where do I go? Who will accept me?  
The perennial plea of the refugee,  
incessantly reverberating through history.