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In the days of Purim, what was the spiritual reason,
For Haman's decree which did threaten,
To wipe out the Jewish nation,
The men, women and even the children?

To a lamb amongst 70 wolves the Yidden compare,
Hashem is our shepherd who protects us with love and care.
Our existence is miraculous,
Because of Hashem's kindness.

This does apply,
When on Hashem we rely,
But when we put our trust in the “wolves” it does backfire,
We remove Hashem's protection and put ourselves in danger.

The problem in the Purim story,
Was that the Yidden enjoyed Achashveirosh's party.
They felt honored to be invited and being at the feast gave them pleasure,
The food was kosher but the wicked king's kindness they did treasure.

One should not rely on a miracle it is true,
As it says, “And Hashem will bless you in all that you do.”
For Hashem's Brocha we need to make ourselves fit,
Our efforts are just to make a natural conduit.

On a level that is deeper,
The Yidden are not subject to the natural order,
Because we get our Chayus from the name of Havaya which is higher,
But for miracles to be encloded in nature is Hashem's desire.

When Achashveirosh was the ruler,
The Yidden were obligated to go to the feast to show him honor,
But the Yidden had to recognize and understand,
That the existence of the Jewish nation is entirely in Hashem's hand.

When it came to annulling Haman's decree Queen Esther showed the way,
For three days she asked the Yidden to fast and pray.
She fasted and prayed too although fasting would diminish her beauty,
Because she knew that doing Teshuva was the priority.

Once the Yidden were spiritually ready for salvation,
Queen Esther could use her position,
To go to the king and succeed in her dangerous mission,
Natural means would now work as a channel to save the Jewish nation.

It was Queen Esther's conduct specifically,
That corrected the sin of taking pleasure in Achashveirosh's party.
We don't need to perfect the medium through which will come the salvation,
We do focus on the cause for Hashem's salvation, our trust and connection!

The lesson for you and me,
Is that although we need to take care of our bodies and keep them healthy,
To take pleasure in learning Torah and doing Mitzvos is our goal,
The nature of a Yid is to prioritize the life of his soul!

When from Torah and Mitzvos we get our delight and satisfaction,
We achieve personal redemption,
Which will lead to the ultimate redemption finally,
With the coming of Moshiach speedily!