Proposed Chiastic Structure and Outline of Song of Solomon

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A 1:1–4a “Take me away”
B 1:4b Friends speak
C 1:5–7 “My own vineyard”
D 1:8–14 “Breasts,” “silver,” “we will make”
E 1:15–2:2 “House”
F 2:3–7 “His left arm” “daughters of Jerusalem … so desires,” “apple,” “love”
G 2:8–13 “Fragrance,” “come my darling,” “blossoming”
H 2:14–15 “Vineyards,” “show me”
I 2:16–17 “My lover is mine”
Ja 3:1–5 “The watchmen found me”
Jc 4:1–7 Description of girl, “Your eyes … hair … teeth”
K 4:8–15 “Myrrh,” “spice,” “honey,” “honeycomb,” “wine,” “milk”
L 4:16 “Into his garden”
L´ 5:1a “Into my garden”
K´ 5:1bc “Myrrh,” “spice,” “honey,” “honeycomb,” “wine,” “milk”
Ja´ 5:2–9 “The watchmen found me”
Jb´ 5:10–6:1 “Gold,” “Lebanon,” “daughters of Jerusalem”
Jc´ 6:4–11 Description of girl, “Your eyes, … hair … teeth”
I´ 6:2–3 “My lover is mine”
H´ 6:13–7:9a [10a] “Vines,” “wine,” “that we me gaze on you”
F´ 8:1–5 “His left arm,” “daughters of Jerusalem … so desires,” “apple,” “love”
E´ 8:6–7 “House”
D´ 8:8–9 “Breasts,” “silver,” “we will build”
C´ 8:10–12 “My own vineyard”
B´ 8:13 “Friends”
A´ 8:14 “Come away”
