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'Ali b. 'Urwa al-Ahwazi narrated from al-Daylami from Dawud al-Raqqi, from Musa b. Ja'far, peace he upon him, who said: "Whoever is on a journey (*al-safar*) and fears thieves (*al-lusus*) and predatory animals (*al-sab'*) let him write on the mane (*al-'urf*) of his beast:

Fearing not overtaking, neither afraid (20:77).

He will be safe, Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, willing."

Dawud al-Raqqi said: I performed the Hajj, and when we were in the desert, a group of Bedouins waylaid the caravan in which I was. I wrote on the mane of my camel (*al-jamal*):

Fearing not overtaking, neither afraid (20:77).

By Him Who sent Muhammad, blessings of Allah on him and his family, with the Prophethood, bestowed on him the Message, and honoured Amir al-Mu'minin with the Imamate, not one of them challenged me and Allah made them blind (a'ma) to me.

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