

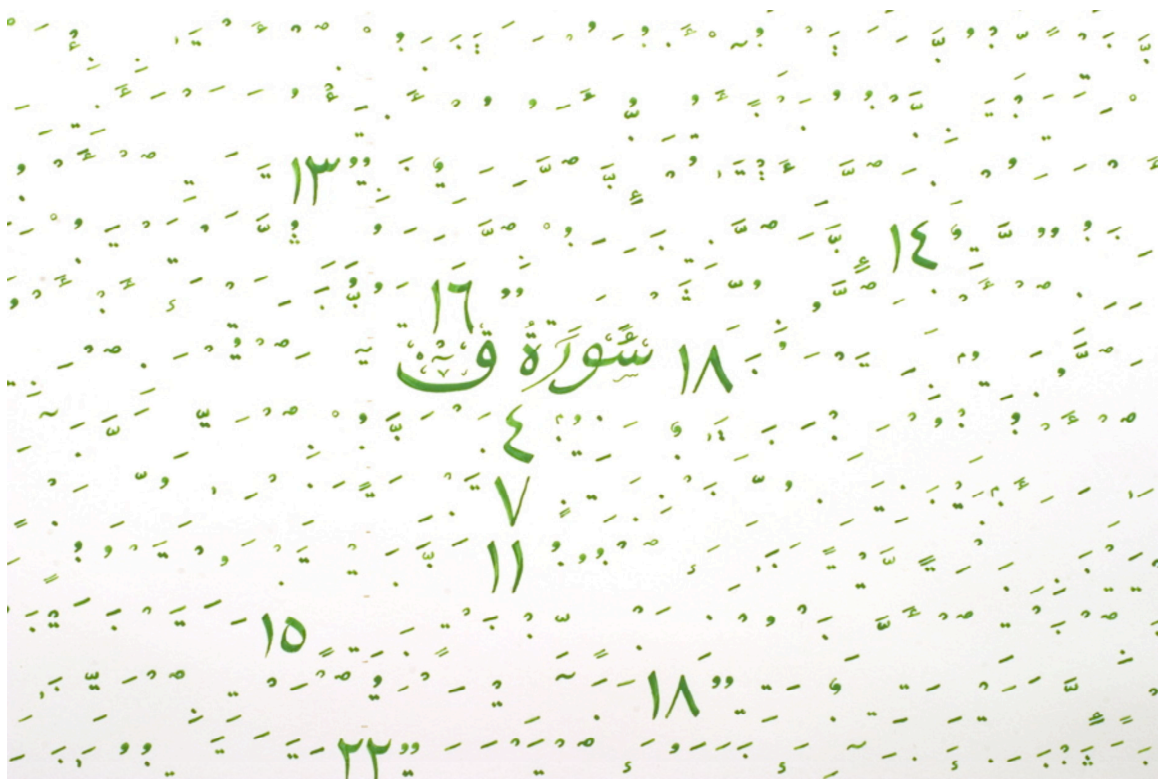
Recitation

Pouran Jinchi

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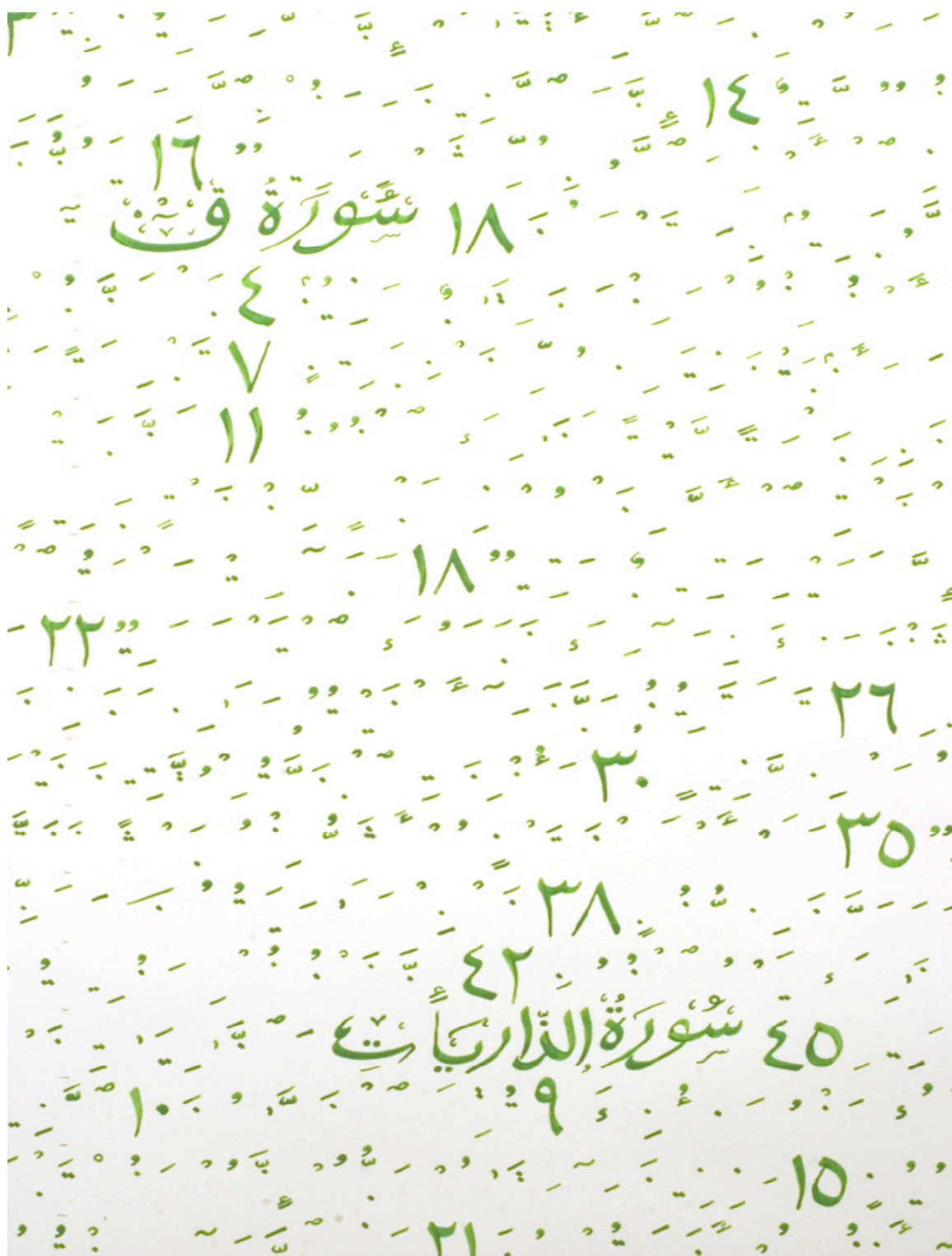
The "Recitation" drawings focus on the Qur'an, the oldest and most sacred book of Islam. The 7th century text is never the subject of poetic license: few stylistic variations are allowed and its contents cannot be changed. Here the artist renegotiates this principle.

In the main gallery space, the Tajvid scrolls reproduce the Qur'an with one conceptual remove. Selections of text have been rewritten by hand, faithful to the original in almost every way—except that the consonant letters have been erased. Only the guiding vowel sounds are left. These diacritical marks are the tajvid of Quranic recitation, used to guide the reader through the conventions of Arabic pronunciation. But without the main consonant letters, the text is unreadable.



*Tajvid #15 (2007), detail
ink on paper*

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Tajvid #14 (2007), detail

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