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The musical score is written in a single system with 14 staves. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score includes various musical notations such as repeat signs, fermatas, and dynamic markings like '(faster:)' and '(a tempo)'. The lyrics are: 'Con-sul Ge-ne-ral Na-za-reth! A one-ness-heart of ful-ness -breath. Your friend, his friend, my friend, A-lan, A-lan, A-lan, A-lan, A-lan: Di-vi-ni-ty's ful-fil-ment -plan. (a tempo) In-di-an cul-ure's cla-ri-on-call To all na-tion-tow-ers, short and tall.'

Consul General Nazareth!  
 A oneness-heart of fulness-breath.  
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A-----lan, A-----lan:

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-plan.

(faster:) In--di--an cul-----ture's \_\_ cla-----ri--on - call  
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