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Plaster and Polychrome Glass Window with Architectural and Vegetal Motifs

19th century

Turkey

Ottoman

Plaster, colored glass

Overall approximately: 40 x 15 in. (101.6 x 38.1cm)

This ornate stained glass window, called a qamariya in Arabic, was created in either Syria, Egypt or Turkey under Ottoman rule. Its design depicts a domed building in between two cypress trees. Two small minaret-like forms flank the dome and the base of the building, indicating that it may represent a mosque. Qamariya were created by artisans who shaped the crystal glass with diamond and affixed the colorful pieces into

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a frame of gypsum plaster. This type of window appeared in domestic homes of the late Ottoman dynasty where their many multicolored facets illuminated the colorful interiors.