

Rumi

BY GABRIELLE YOUNG



**The Lord of Beauty walks into the soul
as someone walks into an orchard at dawn.
Come into me that way again.
The inner secret, that which was never born,
you are that freshness and I am with you now.
I can't explain the goings or the comings -
You enter, suddenly, and I am nowhere, again,
inside the Majesty. - Rumi, translation by Coleman Barks**

Green fire is the sign of the new body our love engenders in a bed of dawn. -Rumi

On December 17, 1273 in Konya, Turkey, amidst earthquakes and a flaming, crimson red sunset, Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi merged in Union with the Beloved. He called it his Wedding Day-the *Shebi Arbus*. His presence was a fractal attractor. Recognizing his universal, spiritual stature, people from all religions attended his funeral. This anniversary has been celebrated in Konya and many places globally with a 'sama', a spiritual oration or concert, in honor of this great Persian mystic poet.

**The King of pure thought
Dancing, has gone
To the other country,
The country of the Light. -Rumi**

When close ones visited Mevlana in his last days, wishing him a speedy recovery, he responded: "Do men know what death is? Death, for the mystics, is to see the Supreme Truth. Why would anyone run away from that view? Why should I be sad, when every atom within is dancing?"

**Our death is our wedding with eternity.
What is the secret? "God is One".
... Oh God, who gives the grace of vision!
This bird of vision is flying towards You
with the wings of astounded desire.
-Mystic Odes, 833**

Rumi said, "If you are seeking, seek Us with joy, for We live in the realm of joy. Only joy knows directly."

In death, as in life, there is only pure arrival, pressing out. as Rilke spoke, the deathless, inexhaustible wine" of praise.

**To die in life is to become life,
the wind stops skirting you and enters;
Suddenly, all the roses are blooming
in your skull. - Rumi**

Winter Solstice and the following holy days invite us to turn within from exterior darkness, to the light which is interior. This is the land of the midnight sun and our wedding with it, where mystical communing and night vigils with ' The Beloved' gift the certainty of direct mystic perception.

**"It is in the realm of the soul that we find
the heavens that govern our world."
-Rumi**

The archetypal, sacred marriage of cosmic ardor and fertility is re-enacted at the Winter Solstice. The light of the sun penetrates the innermost depths of the earth, impregnating her crystal core. The Christed Light of awareness, the Beloved, joins in rapture with the bride of the soul. This sacred marriage of immanence and transcendence brings forth fecund renewal, rising, creative power and the fruits of the Spirit.

**I was a hidden treasure who longed
to be known. -Quran**

**The heart is nothing but the Sea of Light -
the place of the vision of God.
-Rumi's Mathnawi, III, 2269**

On the surface, the winter solstice appears to be the shortest day. In the depths of interiority blaze a Sea of Splendor and The Light of a thousand suns.

**Rumi is one with the One, why are
you saying 'Farewell, farewell?' Rumi
has become one with every atom of
the universe, consciously, in ecstatic
love. Where do you think he has
gone? Rumi is here! Rumi is here in
a way none of us are here yet! How
could the lover ever die?**

**-Andrew Harvey, The Way of
Passion: A Celebration of Rumi**

The *sama* (meaning audition or hearing) is the prayer ceremony of the whirling dervishes of the Sufi Mevlevi Order, founded by Rumi's son, Sultan Veled. This cosmic dance of celebration, which illuminates consciousness and awakens the soul, takes place in the Hall of Celestial Sounds acknowledging Universal Being, Perfected Humanity, as the heart of the Universe. It is here where the music of the spheres and the secrets of the Turning are revealed. The fire of love, secret of origin and return, is in the reed flute. The ney, the traditional Turkish reed flute that plays a prominent role in

Turkish devotional songs and music, is made to sing and only then do we understand its secrets:

**A poet breathes into a reed flute and the
tip of every hair makes music.
I am an empty reed flute through which the
breath of God moves. Listen to this music.
-Rumi**

**Know now, at once,
atoms in all worlds everywhere
are fire-dancing out of their minds
for love of Him.**

**When I see your face,
the stones start spinning.
Your robe brushes a thornbush
and a deep chord of music sounds.
A red glint occurs in a granite outcrop
and the whole cliff turns to ruby!
This crazy, ecstatic dancing is the One
reality - storm after storm of passion on
a bed of peace.**



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Gabrielle is performance and recording artist, who offers Sunday "Breakfast with Hafiz" in Sedona, retreats and trainings, and has a private practice in aromatherapy and vibrational science .

"Gabrielle Young has honed her being and her art. She is not merely a marvelous interpreter of Rumi's poetry, but a transmitter of their sacred fire."

-Andrew Harvey: translator of Rumi, mystic, author, poet



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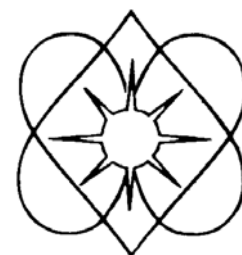
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