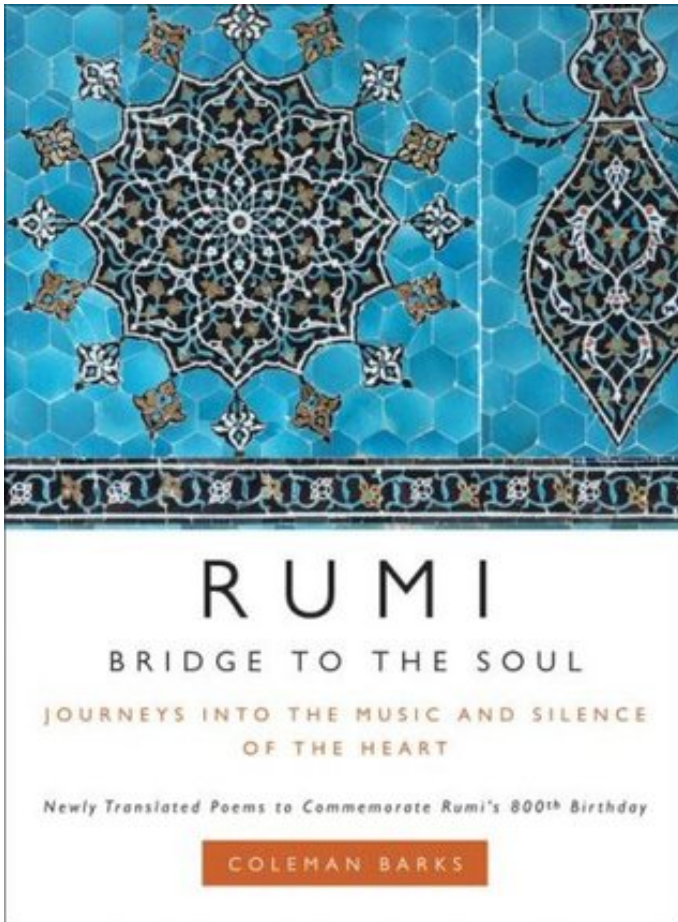


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## Rumi

# Bridge to the Soul: Journeys Into the Music and Silence of the Heart



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## Description

2007 is the "Year of Rumi," and who better than Coleman Barks, Rumi's unlikely, supremely passionate ambassador, to mark the milestone of this great poet's 800th birthday? Barks, who was recently awarded an honorary doctorate in Persian language and literature by the University of Tehran for his thirty years of translating Rumi, has collected and translated ninety new poems, most of them never published before in any form. The result is this beautiful edition titled *Rumi: Bridge to the Soul*. The "bridge" in the title is a reference to the Khajou Bridge in Isphahan, Iran, which Barks visited with Robert Bly in May of 2006—a trip that in many ways prompted this book. The "soul bridge" also suggests Rumi himself, who crosses cultures and religions and brings us all together to listen to his words, regardless of origin or creed. Open this book and let Rumi's poetry carry you into the interior silence and joy of the spirit, the place that unites conscious knowing with a deeper, more soulful understanding.

## Insightful reviews

Roberta: This is an interesting collection of Rumi poetry I have never read before, and I am a big fan. In the introduction by translator, Coleman Barks, he describes his trip to Iran with poet Robert Bly and discovers a beautiful bridge in Isphahan, the Khajou Bridge. On the upper road, is a utilitarian place for traffic; below are spaces for conversation, alcoves for poetry readings and meetings of lovers. Photos accompany his description. The 90 poems which follow, are shared in celebration of Rumi's 800th birthday; some are difficult to grasp; others speak to the soul of the reader with ease. Some favorite lines:

"There is one being inside  
all of us, one peace."

and,

"A spirit that lives in the world  
and does not wear the shirt of love,  
such an existence is a deep disgrace.

Be foolishly in love,  
because love is all there is."

William Crosby: More poetry. No rating. I don't feel qualified to rate any poetry books. I will say that I enjoyed these poems. Many of them were also funny.

Raayna: Done thesis, an inspiring spiritual Muslim poet.

Miranda: I simply need to say this certainly isn't really my favourite selection of Rumi poems.

Beatrice: the poet of silence, because the place to begin for all love and beauty and water. while interpreting his work, i've got moments whilst i must position my hand on my chest - as i am

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actually afraid i'm going to drop my heart. his poetry makes you exit of your self and consider the realm with calmer, extra inquisitive eyes. I spend hours praising and practising silence so for me, Rumi - and especially this ebook - is especially fulfilling. now not the simplest choice of his poems - nonetheless wonderful.

Galina Kalvatchev: Beautiful, deeply religious poetry approximately love, the soul and the world. i admire Sufi poetry in general.

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