

# *Rumi: the essence of Essence*

“Ideas and opinions are cultivated things, and Treasures are not found in cultivated places. Wherever and whatever It Is, your true Treasure lies buried in the Humility of bewilderment.”

“Every two beings are innately simple when truly Together; knotless and as pure as water.”

“Everything loathsome becomes beautiful – It leads you to the One you Love.”

“Be drunk with Love, for Love is all that exists.”

“The lightning of Love cannot strike but once – When one Heart is struck, two are electrified.”

“Every part seeks its Whole. The river rushes from the mountain to the sea. The Soul lifts from the body towards Love itself.”

“Love is Love’s only explanation.”

“If Love is a boundless ocean, the Heavens are a fleck of foam.”

“If your knowledge of the Fire comes from words alone, then you must walk into the Fire. There is no Knowing of its Truth until you burn.”

“These arms that hold you merely hold the One you Love.”

“When a bird soars above the earth, ... avoid mistaking the shadow for the bird itself.”

“Those with Open Hearts always have Open Hands.”

“Love, too, is a furnace, and the self Its fuel.”

“If you feel pain when your eyes are open, Know that you have shut the Eye of your Heart – and Open It.”

“Some can only understand by listening and looking at mouths. Let’s stay out of their tent.”

“Hands and feet Know what the Soul wants. Let’s shut our mouth and Talk through the Soul.”

“O people, embrace Love. Respond to Its Calling ... Because God gave immortality only to Love.”

“Only from the Heart can you reach the sky.”

“Hundreds of me’s and you’s will be annihilated by the Light of the Beauty who has freed himself from the self.”

“If you are a Believer, He is Searching for You. If you are a disbeliever He is Calling You. Walk this Way and become Faith-full. Go elsewhere and become un-Faith-full. Both are the same to Him.”

“See the Pearl inside this flimsy body.”

“Language is embarrassed by ‘pearl’ and ‘shore’ -- because it cannot explain them.”

“Every time you imagine something, you think you lift the curtain and Find the Truth. Your imagination is the curtain!”

“This world of Nothingness is the sign and the proof of God; even as it covers over the Beauty that is God.”

“Even when I blink my eyes, I cannot take them away from God ... He is the mirror’s Eye. My Soul and my body become Beauty-full with that Eye.”

“If you see badness, you are the bad you see ... You have so many wishes and keep looking for gifts. Pull your Self together. You are the Real Gift.”

“Go to the forest of lions. Do not worry about getting hurt.”

“God’s Compassion is raining observations and understanding.”

“If the child doesn’t go to school by himself, he is taken there by Force.”

“Meaning is like wine; words like jars. Be silent. Don’t tell tales of the sea to a bird scratching the ground.”

“Either you broke the shell and reached Love, or you missed the trap and are lost in hunting. Today you are either wood for your fire, or the fire has been extinguished as you Became the Glory of God.”

“Your feet are to take you to what You Desire. Your eyes are to lead you where You can See.”

“It doesn’t matter whether you are the Water of Life or black water. Once you close your eyes, you merge with the same Source.”

“Be silent! With this Love and the knowledge Love brings from God’s level, we are Saved from seminaries; from books and their repetitions.”

“The True Self you See in Me is your reflection.”

“Reason came because of the fear of the One who creates reason.”

“Since your shape took its place in my Heart, wherever I stay turns into Heaven.”

“If the face of the people were not the mirror of Your Face, I would run from them to the mountain.”

“Every Moment God manifests and the mountain shatters.”

“If you don’t talk, your speech will be His. If you don’t knit, He will weave You.”

“If you want to have the Door open to You, keep walking toward the Door.”

“Walk to Absence on the silent road. When you are annihilated, you will Become all-Praise.”

“Your candle creates your Darkness. All the Searching you do is your boundary.”

“The Essence of Existence is Absence.”

“Helplessness is the only Help.”

“If a man didn’t have greed, everybody would be his uncle.”

“Everything is a dream ... If the sleeper knows he is sleeping, he cannot suffer from nightmares ... If he ever wakes up, he will be engulfed in Treasures.”

“God is the only Friend for the Soul on the Way to God.”

“Every incomplete thing is pulled toward Completion ... See the unseen events clearly.”

“It’s a question of developing Spiritual senses ... See beyond phenomena.”

“Some nights, stay up till dawn as the moon sometimes does for the sun. Be a full bucket pulled up the Dark Way of a well, then lifted out into the Light. Stars burn clear all night. Do that yourself, and a spring will rise ... in the dark, with water your deepest thirst is for.”

“Gamble everything for Love if you are a true Human Being. If not, leave this gathering. Half-Heartedness doesn’t reach into Majesty. You set out to Find God, but then you keep stopping for long periods at mean-spirited roadhouses. Don’t wait any longer. Dive into the ocean and let the Sea Be You.”

“All day I think about it, then at night I say it. Where did I come from and what am I supposed to be Doing? I cannot stop asking. If I could taste one sip of an answer, I could break out of this prison for drunks. I didn’t come Here of my own accord ... I can’t leave that Way. Whoever brought me Here will have to take me Home.”

“This being Human is a guest house; every morning a new arrival. A Joy, a depression, a meanness ... Some momentary Awareness come as an unexpected visitor. Welcome and attend them all! Even if they are a crowd of sorrows who violently sweep your house empty of its furniture; still, treat each guest honorably. They may be cleaning you out to make space for some new delight. The dark thought, the shame, the malice ... Meet them at the door laughingly and invite them In. Be grateful for whoever comes, because each has been Sent as a Guide from Beyond.”

“Avoid looking for new Ways to flee across the chessboard. Listen to Hear ‘checkmate’ spoken directly to You.”

“Be Source, not result.”

“We are the mirror as well as the face in it. We are tasting the taste, this Ruler of Eternity. We are pain and what causes pain. We are the sweet, cold water and the jar that pours.”

“Those who do not Feel this Love puling tem like a River ... Those who do not drink of dawn like a cup of spring water or take in a sunset like a succulent supper ... Those who do not want to change, Let them sleep.”

“I have lived on the lip of insanity; wanting to Know reasons ... Knocking on a door – it opens. I have been knocking from the inside!”

“You’ve heard it said that there’s a window that opens from one Mind to another. But if there is no wall, there is no need for fitting a window.”

“An eye is meant to See things. The Soul is Here for Its own Joy. A head has one use: Loving a True Love ... You that come to Birth and bring the Mysteries. Your Voice-thunder makes us very Happy. Roar, Lion of the Heart, and tear me Open.”

“Bend like the limb on a peach tree .. Tend those who need Assistance. Disappear three days with the moon ... You are the Soul and the medicine for what wounds the Soul.”

“It’s amazing, and funny, that you have to be pulled away from being tortured; pulled out into this Spring Garden, but that’s the Way it Is. Almost everyone must be bound and dragged Here. Only a few come on their own.”

“Late, by myself, in the boat of myself ... No Light and no land anywhere. Cloud cover thick ... I try to stay just above the surface. Yet I am already under, and Living within the ocean.”

“The Lover falls into a hole. But down in that hole he Finds something shining; worth more than any amount of money r power. Last night the moon came dropping her clothes on the street. I took it as a sign to start singing; falling Up into the Bowl of the Sky. The bowl breaks ... Everywhere is falling everywhere.”