

Rumi

Jalal ad-Dan Muhammad Balkh, also known as and more popularly in the English-speaking world simply as **Rumi** (30 September 1207 – 17 December 1273), was a 13th-century Persian poet, jurist, theologian, and Sufi mystic. Iranians, Turks, Afghans, Tajiks, and other Central Asian Muslims as well as the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent have greatly appreciated his spiritual legacy in the past seven centuries. **Rumi's** importance is considered to transcend national and ethnic borders. His poems have been widely translated into many of the world's languages and transposed into various formats. In 2007, he was described as the "most popular poet in America." [Wikipedia, Rumi](#) ↗

[A Rumi quote in video.](#)

1. "Lovers don't finally meet somewhere. They're in each other all along."
2. "This is love: to fly toward a secret sky, to cause a hundred veils to fall each moment. First to let go of life. Finally, to take a step without feet."
3. "Your task is not to seek for [love](#), but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it."
4. "A thousand half-loves must be forsaken to take one whole [heart](#) home."
5. "However much we describe and explain [love](#), when we fall in love we are ashamed of our words."
6. "Love is the bridge between you and everything."
7. "If you find me not within you, you will never find me. For I have been with you, from the beginning of me."
8. "Explanation by the tongue makes most things clear, but love unexplained is clearer."
9. "Reason is powerless in the expression of Love."
10. "Only from the heart can you touch the sky."
11. "Let the [beauty](#) of what you love be what you do."
12. "I am yours. Don't give myself back to me."
13. "When I am with you, we stay up all night. When you're not here, I can't go to sleep. Praise [God](#) for those two insomnias! And the difference between them."
14. "I want to see you. Know your voice. Recognize you when you first come 'round the corner. Sense your scent when I come into a room you've just left. Know the lift of your heel, the glide of your foot. Become familiar with the way you purse your lips then let them part, just the slightest bit, when I lean in to your space and kiss you. I want to know the [joy](#) of how you whisper 'more.'"
15. "In your light I learn how to love. In your beauty, how to make poems. You dance inside my chest where no-one sees you, but sometimes I do, and that sight becomes this art."
16. "Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. Because for those who love with heart and [soul](#) there is no such thing as separation."
17. "Two there are who are never satisfied — the lover of the world and the lover of [knowledge](#)."
18. "Wherever you are, and whatever you do, be in love."
19. "Let yourself be silently drawn by the strange pull of what you really love. It will not lead you astray."
20. "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing there is a field. I'll meet you there."