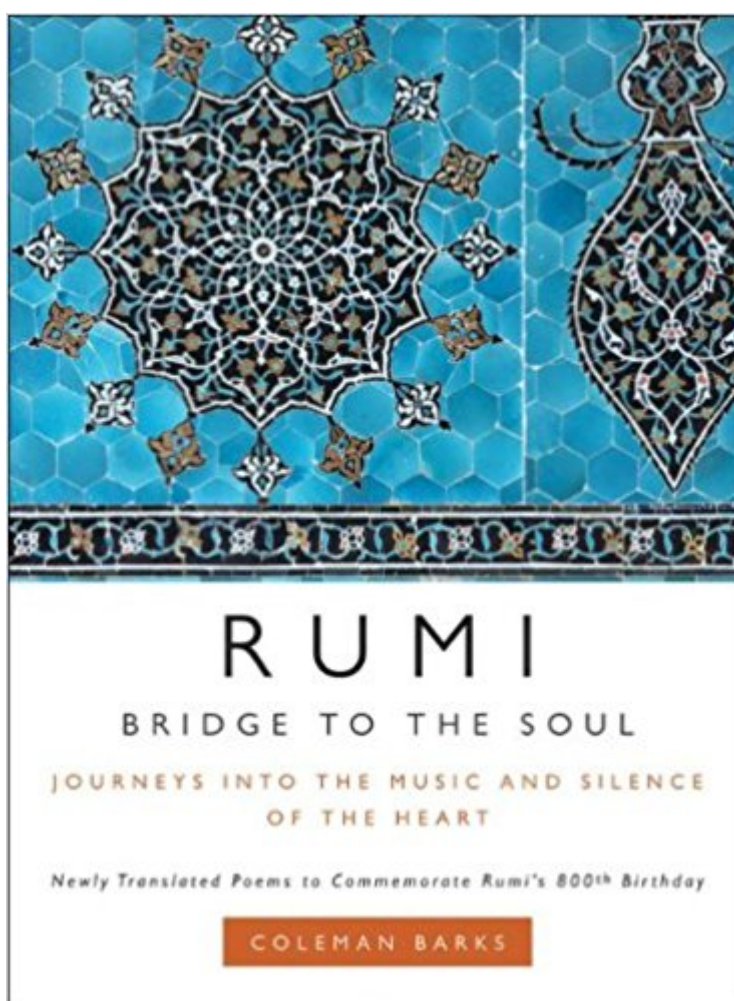


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# Rumi: Bridge To The Soul: Journeys Into The Music And Silence Of The Heart



## Synopsis

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.

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Coleman Barks is a renowned poet and the bestselling author of *The Essential Rumi*, *Rumi: The Big Red Book*, *The Soul of Rumi*, *Rumi: The Book of Love*, and *The Drowned Book*. He was prominently featured in both of Bill Moyers's PBS television series on poetry, *The Language of Life* and *Fooling with Words*. He taught English and poetry at the University of Georgia for thirty years, and he now focuses on writing, readings, and performances.

I have always appreciated Coleman Barks' translations of the Sufi Master. I appreciate the guidance he provides in the introduction, which is very helpful in better understanding Rumi's writings. His writing is ageless.

I had to get this book for PHL 104: Intro to Ethics class at Queens College. We only read a few poems on love in class but I have been reading the whole book. Love it

Not as good as some other Rumi books and translations.

Beauty and truth together with a presence that is almost palpable says that if you don't own this book your life's the less.

Rumi's Bridge to the Soul is just that! If you want to die to the personality and wake up to, or as, Soul, read it...over and over. Coleman Barks' translation is gorgeous.

Never fails to give inspiration, upliftment and joy, a must have book in my library. An amazing man , poet, & philosopher

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Rumi is always great !

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