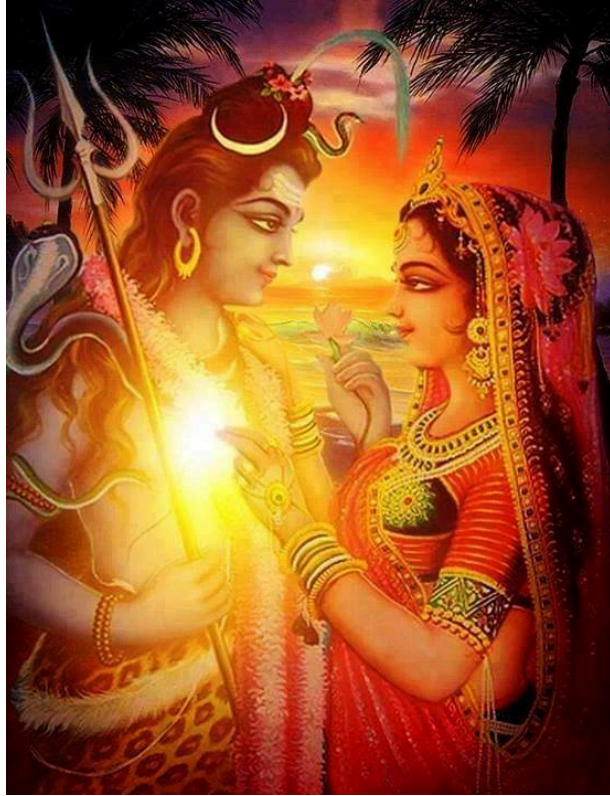


Point



And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.

Anais Nin

Don't you know yet?
It is your Light that lights the world.

Rumi

Give yourself a kiss.
If you want to hold the beautiful one,
hold yourself to yourself.

Rumi

Every step of the way
I will walk with you and never leave you stranded.

Rumi

I can be without anyone
but not without You.
Rumi

If this me is not I, then who am I?
If I am not the one who speaks, then
who does?
If this me is only a robe then
who is the one I am covering?
Rumi

Do not go to the garden of flowers!
O friend! go not there;
In your body is the garden of flowers.
Take your seat on the thousand petals of the
lotus, and there gaze on the infinite beauty.

Kabir

You will find meaning in life only if you create it.
It is not lying there somewhere behind the bushes,
so you can go and you search a little bit and find it.
It is not there like a rock that you will find.
It is a poetry to be composed,
it is a song to be sung,
it is a dance to be danced.
Osho

Listen to the reed,
it is complaining.
It tells of separation saying:
"Ever since they tore me from the reed bed
my lament has moved men and women to tears.
Everyone who is lifted from his source
wishes back to the time of union".
Rumi

From the highest spheres of existence, has descended upon you a dove,
She descended unwillingly, and if she was given a choice she would have
chosen to stay, to be in the highest of spheres with the highest of
companions.

Descended, she became acquainted and intimate with all that there is
here.

And now it is difficult to separate and leave.”

From an Arabic poet

One day the sun admitted,
I am just a shadow.
I wish I could show you
The Infinite Incandescence
That has cast my brilliant image!
I wish I could show you,
When you are lonely or in the darkness,
The Astonishing Light
Of your own Being!
Hafiz

What makes you different or weird, that's your strength.

Meryl Streep

Like a pair of mismatched newlyweds,
One of them whom still feels very insecure,
I keep turning to God, saying:
"Kiss me"
Hafiz

What you seek is seeking you.

Rumi

The minute I heard my first love story
I started looking for you,
Not knowing how blind I was.
Lovers don;t finally meet somewhere.
They are in each other all along.

Rumi

You have no idea how hard I've looked
for a gift to bring You.
Nothing seemed right.
What's the point of bringing gold to
the gold mine, or water to the ocean.
Everything I came up with was like
taking spices to the Orient.
It's no good giving my heart and my
soul because you already have these.
So I've brought you a mirror.
Look at yourself and remember me.
Rumi

No lover ever searches for union
If his beloved is not also seeking him.
Rumi

The one thing you must do.

There is one thing in this world which you must never forget to do.
If you forget everything else and not this, there is nothing to worry about,
But if you remember everything else and forge this, then you will have
Done nothing in your life.

It is as if a king has sent you to some country to do a task, and you
perform
A hundred other services, but not the one he sent you to do.
So human beings come to this world to do particular work.
That work is the purpose, and each is specific to the person. If you don't
Do it, it is as though a knife of the finest tempering were nailed into a
wall to hang things on.
For a penny an iron nail could be bought to serve for that.

Remember the deep root of your being, the presence of your lord.
Give your life to the one who already owns your breath and your
moments .
If you don't, you will be like the one who takes a precious dagger and
hammers it
Into the kitchen wall for a peg to hold his dipper gourd.
You will be wasting valuable keenness and foolishly ignoring
Your dignity and your purpose.
Rumi

Don't open your diamonds in a vegetable market.
Tie them in bundle and keep them in your heart, and go your own way.
Kabir

If light is in your heart, you will find your way home.
Rumi

Know
The true nature of your Beloved.
In His loving eyes your every thought,
word and movement is always-
Always Beautiful.

Hafiz

Oh soul,
you worry too much.
You have seen your own strength.
You have seen your own beauty.
You have seen your golden wings.
Of anything less,
why do you worry?
You are in truth
the soul, of the soul, of the soul.
Rumi

There is a window between heart and heart
They are never separate like two bodies.
Two lamps may not be united in their form
But their light merges into each other.
Rumi

Very little grows on jagged rock. Be grounded.
Be crumbled so wildflowers will come up where you are.
Rumi

The love of lovers makes them thin
The beloveds love makes them full and shining
When the lightning of love for the beloved

Falls from heaven and strikes this heart
Know that love is also firing that heart.
And when the love for him brims over in your heart
Know that the love for you is also brimming in his.
Can the sound of clapping come only from one hand?
When a thirsty men moans:
Oh water Oh delicious water.
This thirst that is in all of our souls
Is the water drawing us to it.
We belong to it and it belongs to us.
Rumi

"So, oh come, oh come. You are the soul of the soul of the soul of
whirling.
Oh come, you are the cypress, - the tree cypress -
tall in the blooming garden of whirling.
Oh come for there has never been and never will be one like you."
"Oh come, such one has never seen the longing eyes of whirling.
Oh come, the fountain of the sun, the fountain of illumination, the shining
sun is hidden under your shadow.
"You own thousand Venus stars in the circling heavens of whirling.
The whirling sings your praise and thanks with a hundred eloquent
tongues.
All the universe sings your praise."
Rumi

My body and my mind are in depression
because you are not with me.
How much I love you and want you in my house!
When I hear people describe me as your bride
I look sideways ashamed,
because I know that far inside us
we have never met.
Then what is this love of mine?

I don't really care about food
I don't really care about sleep
I am restless indoors and outdoors

The bride wants her lover
as much as a thirsty man wants water.

And how will I find someone
who will take a message to the guest from me?

How restless Kabir is all the time!
How much he wants to see the guest!

Kabir

One day I feel confused and down, the next I can reach the sky, without
you I am never calm. In your absence people ridicule me, but when you
come I don't mind what they think or say.

Rumi

Lighthouses don't go running all over an island looking for boats to save;
they just stand there shining.

Anne Lamott

I wish I could show you,
When you are lonely or in darkness,
The astonishing light
Of your own Being

Hafiz

I think we are frightened
Every moment of our lives
Untill
We know
Him
Hafiz

Psalm

Blessed are the men and women
Who have grown beyond their greed
And have put an end to their hatred
And no longer nourish illusions
But they delight in the way things are
And keep their hearts open
Day and night
They are like trees
Planted near flowing rivers

Which bear fruits
when they are ready
The leaves will not wither or fall.
Everything they do will succeed.

I have seen my lord
Youth with abundant hair
Sitting on the throne of grace
He was dressed/covered in a garment of Gold.
On his hair is a golden meter
On his feet, golden sandals.
Mohammed

There are people with their eyes open
Whose hearts are shut. What do they see? Matter.

But someone whose love is alert,
Even if the eyes go to go sleep,
He or she will be waking up thousands of others.

If you are not one of those light-filled lovers,
Restrain your desire-body's intensity.
Put limits on how much you eat
And how long you lie down.

But if you are awake in the chest,
Sleep long and soundly.
Your spirit will be out roaming and working.
Even on the seventh level.
Muhammed says, I close my eyes and rest in sleep,
But my love never needs to rest.

The guard at the gate drowns.
The king stays awake. You have a king inside
Who listens for what delights the soul.

That king's wakefulness
Cannot be described in a poem.

Rumi

Deep frozen stays the ice in shady places which did not see the radiance
of my Sun.

But every ice that saw the Sun's face smiling says meltingly, "I am the
water that grants life.

Oh, if a tree could wander and move with foot and wings.

It would not suffer the axe's blows and not the pain of the saw.

For would the Sun not wander away every night, how could every
morning the world be lighted up?

And if the ocean's water would not rise to the sky, how would the plants
be quickened by streams and gentle rain?"

The drop that left its homeland and then returned, it found an oyster
waiting and grew into a pearl.

Hold on to the reigns of love and don't be afraid.

You must know

That the Beloved you seek is none other than you.

Hold on to this truth and don't be afraid.

Rumi

I wish I could show you,
When you are lonely or in darkness,
The astonishing light
Of your own Being

Hafiz

Within my earthly temple there is a crowd.

There is one of us that is humble,

One of us that is proud,

There is one that is broken hearted for its sins
and one that unrepentantly sits and grins,

There is one who loves his neighbors as himself,

And one who cares for nothing but fame and self.

For which corroding care should I be free

For once I could determine which is me?

Sanford Martin

Good and bad are mixed.
If you don't have both,
you don't belong with us.
Rumi

The inner working of a human being is a jungle.
Sometimes wolves dominate.
Sometimes wild hogs.

Be wary when you breathe.
At one moment gentle, generous qualities,
Like Joseph's, pass from one nature to another.
The next moment viscious qualities move in hidden ways.
In every instant a new species rises in the chest-
Now a demon, now an angel. Now a wild animal, now a human friend.
There are also those in this amazing jungle
Who can absorb you into their own surrender.
If you have to stalk and steal something,
Steal from them.

Rumi