

## Pearl



### View from Cold mountain

In my former days of bitter poverty  
every night I counted other people's wealth.  
Today I thought and thought, then thought it through:  
Everyone really must make their own.(  
I dug and found a hidden treasure,  
a crystal pearl, completely pure.  
Even if that blue-eyed foreigner of great ability  
wanted to buy it secretly and take it away,  
I would immediately tell him  
that this pearl has no price.  
Han-Shan and Shih-Te

How could you reach the pearl  
by only looking at the sea?  
If you seek the pearl,  
be a diver.  
The diver needs several qualities:  
He must trust his rope and his life  
to the Friend's hand,

he must stop breathing,  
and he must jump.  
Rumi

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

The birds have flown to freedom  
The cage lies empty  
Your happy songs bring me the scent of heaven  
Please keep singing!  
Rumi

These shells of bodies in the world,  
Though they are all living  
By grace of the Sea of the Soul-  
Yet there isn't a pearl in every shell.  
Open your eyes and look  
Into the heart of each one.  
Find out what is within each one,  
For that costly Pearl is rarely found.  
Rumi

Man is concealed beneath his tongue  
This tongue is the curtain over the door of the soul.  
When a gust of wind has pushed aside the curtain,  
The secret of the interior of the house is disclosed.  
We see whether in that house there are pearls  
Or grains of wheat, a treasure of gold  
Or all scorpions and snakes: or whether the treasure  
Is there and a serpent beside it,  
Since a treasure of gold is never  
Without someone to keep watch.  
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.

The universal soul met a separate soul  
And placed a pearl on her breast.  
Through such contact the soul, like Mary  
Became pregnant with a heart-winning messiah.  
Rumi

The discovery of treasure is by luck,  
And even more it is rare.  
One must earn a living  
So long as the body is able.  
Does earning a livelihood  
Prevent the discovery of treasure?  
Don't retire from work:  
That treasure in deed,  
Follows after the work.  
Rumi

Stinginess is not seeing the abundance  
The prospect of pearls keeps the diver glad.  
Rumi

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to a better  
understanding of ourselves.  
Carl Jung

To truly know the world, look deeply within your own being; to truly know  
yourself, take real interest in the world.  
Rudolf Steiner

The more you become yourself, the more you will feel responsible for the  
world because the more you are becoming part of the world — you are

not separate from it. Your being authentically yourself means a tremendous responsibility..."

Osho

Wherever you are,  
Be the soul of that place  
Rumi

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The ass, your fleshy soul  
Has wandered off; tie it down.  
How long will you run away from work?  
Let it bear the burden of patience  
And gratitude- whether for a hundred years,  
Or for thirty or twenty.  
Rumi