Jalaluddin Rumi (poet)

Jalāl ad-Dīn Mohammad **Rūmī** - **Persian**: - جلا**ل‌الدین محمد رومی‎ -** also known as Jalāl ad-Dīn ... Mawlānā (مولانا‎) is a term of Arabic **origin**, meaning "**our master**". ... of the Mathnavi of Maulana **Jalaluddin Rumi** (R.A.), by Hazrat Maulana Hakim

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.

(Anonymous Translation into English)

A **ghazal** may be understood as a poetic expression of both the pain of loss or separation and the beauty of love in spite of that pain. The ghazal form is ancient, tracing its origins to 7th-century Arabic poetry.

**Mewlana Jalaluddin Rumi** 1207-1273 • Jalal al-Din Rumi was born on September 30, 1207 in Balkh (Afghanistan). His father Baha' Walad was descended from the first caliph Abu Bakr and was influenced by the ideas of Ahmad Ghazali, brother of the famous philosopher.

He was known as Rumi ("Roman") because he spent most of his life in the region known by Muslims as "Rum," the Anatolian peninsula most of which had been conquered by the Seljuq Turks after centuries of rule by the Roman Empire.

Rumi had a massive influence on Muslim writing and culture. His works have been translated to many different languages, including Spanish, Turkish, German, Russian, Urdu, Arabic, Greek, French and Italian.

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