



Sonnets To Orpheusbook One

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Sonnets to Orpheus Rainer Maria Rilke, 2012-01-01 *Sonnets to Orpheus* is Rainer Maria Rilke's first and only sonnet sequence. It is an undisputed masterpiece by one of the greatest modern poets translated here by a master of translation. David Young Rilke revived and transformed the traditional sonnet sequence in the *Sonnets*. Instead of centering on love for a particular person as has many other sonneteers, he wrote an extended love poem to the world celebrating such diverse things as mirrors, dogs, fruit, breathing, and childhood. Many of the sonnets are addressed to two recurrent figures: the god Orpheus, prototype of the poet, and a young dancer whose death is treated elegiacally. These ecstatic and meditative lyric poems are a kind of manual on how to approach the world, how to understand and love it. David Young's is the first most sensitive of the translations of this work, superior to other translations in sound and sense. He captures Rilke's simple, concrete, and colloquial language writing with a precision close to the original. *The Sonnets to Orpheus of Rainer Maria Rilke* Rainer Maria Rilke, 1981. *The Sonnets to Orpheus* Rainer Maria Rilke, 1986. Breathing you invisible poem. World space in pure continuous interchange with my own being. Equipose in which I rhythmically transpire. Written only four years before Rilke's death, this sequence of sonnets, varied in form yet consistently structured, stands as the poet's final masterwork. In these meditations on the constant flux of our world and the ephemerality of experience, Rilke envisions death not only as one among many of life's transformations but also as an ideally receptive state of being. Because Orpheus has visited the realm of death and returned to the living, his lyre, a unifying presence in these poems, is an emblem of fluidity and musical transcendence. And Eurydice, condemned to Hades as a result of Orpheus's backward glance, becomes in Rilke's universe a mythical figure of consolation and hope. Edward Snow, in his translations of *New Poems*, *The Book of Images*, *Uncollected Poems*, and *Duino Elegies*, has emerged as Rilke's most able English language interpreter. Adhering faithfully to the intent of Rilke's German while constructing nuanced colloquial poems in English, Snow's *Sonnets to Orpheus* should serve as the authoritative translation for years to come. **An Annotated Translation of Rainer Maria Rilke's Sonnets to Orpheus, Part I.** Karl H. Siegler, 1974. [Sonnets to Orpheus \(Bilingual Edition\)](#) Rainer Maria Rilke, 2015-02-28. COMPOSED IN A BURST of inspiration near the end of the poet's life, Rilke's *Sonnets to Orpheus* represents the consummation of the writer's career, distilling the essence of his poetic wisdom in a gem-like sequence. This new translation, with the original German on facing pages, offers a clear window into the world of this endlessly scintillating cycle of poems. Daniel Polikoff's English version of Rilke's last sonnet sequence, perhaps his greatest work, is wholly admirable. Rilke's late work is extremely difficult to penetrate. Both its conceptual nature and Rilke's unique use of the German language tend to resist interpretation. Astonishingly, Polikoff has found ways of rendering Rilke's complexities into English and also preserving his metrical and rhyme schemes. Such an accomplishment is possible only with a deep understanding of Rilke's vision and a knowledge of the root structure of German. Daniel Polikoff gives us Rilke in word and spirit in these splendid *Sonnets*. LISEL MUELLER

National Book Award for Poetry 1981 for *The Need to Hold Still* Pulitzer Prize for Poetry 1997 for *Alive Together* New Selected Poems Daniel Polikoff is the first to achieve the unimaginable an English translation which brings the form and content of these Sonnets together into an organic confluence These new translations lift our understanding of Rilke s spiritual and aesthetic inspiration up to a whole different level one accessible for the first time to the English reader As a professor of German literature who has taught these sonnets for over thirty years I can only thank Daniel Polikoff for this phenomenal accomplishment His version should serve as the new standard for Rilke translations and belongs on the bookshelves of every poetry lover LUDWIG MAX FISCHER author of *Seasons of the Soul* The Poetic Guidance of Herman Hesse This is a uniquely faithful skillful and eloquent translation of one of the greatest poems of the 20th century I salute Daniel Polikoff and recommend his wonderful work to all seekers and lovers of poetry ANDREW HARVEY author of *Teachings of Rumi* Poet scholar Daniel Joseph Polikoff has published two books of poetry as well as a major work on Rilke and depth psychology *In the Image of Orpheus* Rilke A Soul History *Sonnets to Orpheus and Duino Elegies* Rainer Maria Rilke,2014-01-01 The cycle of 55 sonnets that comprise Rainer Maria Rilke s *Sonnets to Orpheus* were written in a period of three weeks during 1922 a time which the poet himself described as a savage creative storm Inspired by the death of his daughter s friend Wera Knoop Rilke commenced to the production of *Sonnets to Orpheus* a work filled with mythological and biblical allusions During the same burst of creative energy he set to working on the completion of the *Duino Elegies* a work begun some ten years earlier but set aside due to Rilke s own emotional distress over the tragic events of World War I and his conscription into the Austro Hungarian army He wrote in a letter to the deceased girl s mother that Wera s ghost was commanding and impelling him to write The results of this savage creative storm are generally considered as Rilke s masterpieces *Duino Elegies* is an intensely spiritual group of verses that ponders the beauty and existential suffering of life Together these works exhibit why Rilke is widely recognized as one of the most lyrically intense of all German language poets

Orpheus Rainer Maria Rilke,Don Paterson,2006-01-01 Rainer Maria Rilke was one of the twentieth century s great lyric poets Born in Prague in 1875 he was educated in Germany and later in his life moved to Switzerland where he wrote his two last works the *Duino Elegies* and *Sonnets to Orpheus* both published in 1923 For poets *Orpheus* represents the ultimate journey into life and death the mythical poet who could enchant any living thing even the beasts and the trees In this his fifth collection of poems Don Paterson himself a master of the sonnet form offers a radiant and at times distressing version of the great work Since his work was translated by J B Leishman and Stephen Spender in the 1930s Rainer Maria Rilke 1875 1926 has never lost his significance for English speaking poets In their various acts of translation poets such as Auden Lowell and Randall Jarrell or more recently Jo Shapcott Michael Hofmann and Seamus Heaney have all testified to Rilke s continuing and primary importance Don Paterson now joins this company with an entirely new complete translation of the *Sonnets to Orpheus* Published in 1923 near the end of his life the 55 *Sonnets to Orpheus* were completed in less than a month and

famously described by Rilke as perhaps the most mysterious in the way they arrived and entrusted themselves to me the most enigmatic dictation I have ever received the whole first part was taken down in a single breathless act of obedience between the 2nd and 5th of February 1922 without one word being in doubt or having to be changed The result was both a masterpiece of German literature and a landmark of modern poetry pondering the dismembered fate of Orpheus in a belated world the mythical poet and son of Apollo who could enchant beasts and birds and spirits with his song and who might have brought his Eurydice back from the dead had he not turned to look before she set foot in the world of the living Don Paterson's translation is an act of intensely sustained creative attention which has produced new poems of remarkable independence At the same time and for the first time the lucidity of this great sequence has been honoured as well as Rilke's intuition that it was the task of transforming the sonnet of picking it up and as it were taking it along on the run without destroying it that was in this instance my particular problem and my project

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Rilke's Sonnets to Orpheus Graham Good, 1971 [A Reader's Guide to Rilke's "Sonnets to Orpheus"](#) Timothy J. Casey, 2006-08-23 Writing with a clarity and fluency of style Timothy J Casey presents his second book on Rainer Maria Rilke in a bilingual reader's guide to Rilke's Sonnets to Orpheus The guide begins with an account of Rilke's life and work as the context out of which the Sonnets to Orpheus have been given to literature It goes on to give a detailed analysis of the long poem Orpheus This is followed by a short chapter on the Duino Elegies with particular emphasis on the first eighth ninth and tenth elegies as these seem to complement the Sonnets most and provide aids to understanding them The main section of the study is an interpretation of the fifty-five Sonnets taking each one in turn All are reproduced in their entirety

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