

Rainer Maria Rilke

(May his poetry touch you with its beauty and knowing)



René Karl Wilhelm Johann Josef Maria Rilke
(4 December 1875 – 29 December 1926),
better known as Rainer Maria Rilke (German:),
was a Bohemian - Austrian poet and novelist.

He is "widely recognized as one of
the most lyrically intense German-language poets".
He wrote both verse and highly lyrical prose.

Source: Wikipedia

“Let everything happen to you
Beauty and terror
Just keep going
No feeling is final”

“To love is good, too: love being difficult. For one human being to love another: that is perhaps the most difficult of all our tasks, the ultimate, the last test and proof, the work for which all other work is but preparation.”

“I live my life in widening circles that reach out across the world.”

Rilke's Book of Hours: Love Poems to God

“Believe in a love that is being stored up for you like an inheritance, and have faith that in this love there is a strength and a blessing so large that you can travel as far as you wish without having to step outside it.” ***Letters to a Young Poet***

“Love consists of this: two solitudes that meet, protect and greet each other.”

“The work of the eyes is done. Go now and do the heart-work on the images imprisoned within you.”

“Have patience with everything that remains unsolved in your heart.
...live in the question.”

Letters to a Young Poet

Prayer: God who is Wisdom

May we all speak with love in our hearts

May that same love fill our minds with thoughts that give us hope.

Let's us sit with the wisdom of others

So that we too are drawn into all they have learnt and lived.

God of Wisdom settle gently into our knowing, our living, our fears, and our hopes.

We ask this in the name of the Holy Spirit Amen.

Blessings, *Bern Carr*