

It outlines how poetry was initially viewed with skepticism in early Islam but over centuries became a vehicle for expressing religious and mystical concepts. After this seminar I invited Professor Schimmel to do an essay on Rumi for the 'Makers of Islamic Civilization' series. After this seminar I invited Professor Schimmel to do 9, Mystical Dimensions of Islam presents, for the first time, a balanced historical treatment of the transnational phenomenon of Sufism—Islamic mysticism—from its This is a book on Rumi's life, his poetry, his thought, and his influence. Publisher: Shambhala. Her significant publications were: Gabriel's Wing: A Study into the Religious Ideas of Sir Muhammad Iqbal (); Mystical Dimensions of Islam (); The Triumphal Sun: A The author of over seventy books, she is now retired from Harvard University and the University of Bonn but continues to lecture worldwide. Transformed by this light, consumed by this fire, Mowlana Rumi's poetry as if it 'transcends' (that is, does not need to be understood in relation to) its religious and cultural inspiration. Sufi poetry emerged as a distinct genre, most prominently in Persian, using traditional poetic forms to Published The light of the Divine Sun, in its Beauty and Majesty, manifested itself for Rumi through the person of Shams of Tabriz. Rumi lived the quiet life of a religious teacher in Anatolia until the age of thirty-seven, when he came under the influence of a Rumi's poetry as if it 'transcends' (that is, does not need to be understood in relation to) its religious and cultural inspi ration. Rumi's work forms one of the pillars of the Sufi orders, particularly the Meylevi order, better known in the West as the Whirling Dervishes. In this book Rumi emerges not only as a spiritual master, but also as a fully human being grounded firmly in the Koran and in classical Islamic This book (previously published as I Am Wind, You Are Fire) celebrates the extraordinary career of Persia's great mystical poet, Rumi (–), through the story of his life, along with an enlightening examination of his ecstatic verse. She was then finishing a short book on Rumi inThis article discusses the development of mystical poetry in Islam, using the Persian poet Maulana Jalaladdin Rumi as a case study.