

Poems of the Orient

The Rubá'iyât of Omar Khayyam

WITH OTHER POEMS BY

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The Rubá'iyât of Omar Khayyam, in the famous translation by Edward FitzGerald, remains one of the most popular poems.

It expressed the fascination of Victorian England with the Orient. Here, it forms the main work on the first CD, along with other shorter poems by other leading Persian and Indian figures, including Rumi, Sa'di and Rabindranath Tagore.

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