# RUBAIYAT OF OMAR KHAYYAM

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# First Edition

## I.

### Awake! for Morning in the Bowl of Night

### Has flung the Stone that puts the Stars to Flight:

### And Lo! the Hunter of the East has caught

### The Sultan's Turret in a Noose of Light.

## II.

### Dreaming when Dawn's Left Hand was in the Sky

### I heard a Voice within the Tavern cry,

### "Awake, my Little ones, and fill the Cup

### Before Life's Liquor in its Cup be dry."

## III.

### And, as the Cock crew, those who stood before

### The Tavern shouted--"Open then the Door.

### You know how little while we have to stay,

### And, once departed, may return no more."

## IV.

### Now the New Year reviving old Desires,

### The thoughtful Soul to Solitude retires,

### Where the WHITE HAND OF MOSES on the Bough

### Puts out, and Jesus from the Ground suspires.

## V.

### Iram indeed is gone with all its Rose,

### And Jamshyd's Sev'n-ring'd Cup where no one knows;

### But still the Vine her ancient Ruby yields,

### And still a Garden by the Water blows.

## VI.

### And David's Lips are lock't; but in divine

### High piping Pelevi, with "Wine! Wine! Wine!

### Red Wine!"--the Nightingale cries to the Rose

### That yellow Cheek of hers to'incarnadine.

## VII.

### Come, fill the Cup, and in the Fire of Spring

### The Winter Garment of Repentance fling:

### The Bird of Time has but a little way

### To fly--and Lo! the Bird is on the Wing.

## VIII.

### And look--a thousand Blossoms with the Day

### Woke--and a thousand scatter'd into Clay:

### And this first Summer Month that brings the Rose

### Shall take Jamshyd and Kaikobad away.

## IX.

### But come with old Khayyam, and leave the Lot

### Of Kaikobad and Kaikhosru forgot:

### Let Rustum lay about him as he will,

### Or Hatim Tai cry Supper--heed them not.

## X.

### With me along some Strip of Herbage strown

### That just divides the desert from the sown,

### Where name of Slave and Sultan scarce is known,

### And pity Sultan Mahmud on his Throne.