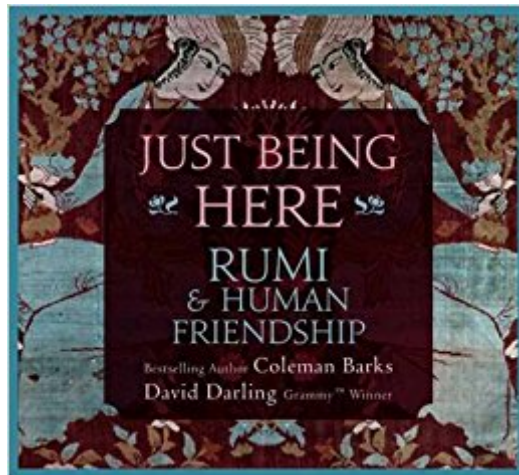




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Synopsis

When the Persian mystic poet Rumi met the wild dervish Shams Tabriz, he said, "What I had thought of before as God, I met today in a human being." Rumi's poetry grew out of their evolving friendship, explains translator Coleman Barks, and continues into the present, "widening and deepening to become an atmosphere that dissolves boundaries and lets us breathe more freely." On *Just Being Here*, Coleman joins a close companion of his own Grammy -winning cellist David Darling to present a meticulously crafted three-CD celebration of friendship through Rumi's beloved poetry.

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Customer Reviews

Coleman Barks was born on April 23, 1937, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He graduated from the University of North Carolina and the University of California at Berkeley. Since 1972 he has taught English at the University of Georgia at Athens. Barks received the New England/Breadloaf Quarterly Narrative Poem Prize and the Southern Poetry Review's Guy Owen Award. His collections of poetry include *The Juice and Gourd Seed*. Barks is perhaps better known as a translator of the poet Rumi, a thirteenth century Mystic. Rumi is considered the greatest mystic of the Sufi religion and wrote extensively in Farsi, the language of Iran.

Again, can't go wrong with a Coleman Barks rendition of Rumi. This is particularly lovely Another exceptional body of work by Coleman Barks. The fact that there are 3 CD's also makes this an especially good value. Of course, the addition of music by the wonderful David Darling only further

enhances the experience of this set which provides nearly 2hrs 40 minutes of listening pleasure. I would highly recommend it to anyone who is a fan of Rumi's work and Barks' translations and readings.

I'm a fan to begin with so of course I love it. I would have preferred if it were entirely Rumi's own writings.

Excellent condition.

This is another superb reading from Coleman Barks. I listen to it in the car on a stressful commute, and by the time I arrive, I'm at peace. Highly recommend.

Coleman brings to us today Rumi's thoughts and shares his own. Being present this moment. Loving ourselves. Doing what needs to be done in service to all. Teaching us the way to enlightenment. Just being here now in love. He is sincere in his presentation and the sound of his voice is mesmerizing.

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