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Beautiful poetry This is a collection poems of Ryokan, a famous 18th century hermit-monk and Zen-buddhist, living in poverty and simplicity in a hut in the Japanese mountains. His poetry is charming and simple, wonderfully beautiful I find I especially liked the Waka and Haiku poems.

This booklet gave me some wonderful peace of mind in busy turbulent life... Truly recommended, close to five stars. View all 11 comments. Nov 09, Peycho Kanev rated it it was amazing. Wisdom and ignorance are complementary, And illusion and enlightenment cannot be separated. The walls have crumbled, and there is only a path for foxes and rabbits. The well, next to an ancient bamboo grove, is dry.

Spider webs cover a forgotten book of poems that lies beneath a window. Dust is piled on the floor, The stairway is completely hidden by the wild fall grasses. Crickets, disturbed by my unexpected visit, shriek. Looking up, I see the setting sun—unbearable loneliness. My poems are not poems. After you know my poems are not poems, Then we can begin to discuss poetry! No news of the affairs of men, Only the occasional song of a woodcutter. The sun shines and I mend my robe; When the moon comes out I read Buddhist poems.

I have nothing to report, One Bowl: The ZEN Poetry of Ryo-Kan friends. If you want to find the meaning, stop chasing after so many things. EARLY summer—floating down a clear running river in a wooden boat, A lovely girl gently plays with a crimson lotus flower held in her white hands. The day becomes more and more brilliant.

Young men play along the shore And a horse runs by the willows. Watching quietly, speaking to no One Robe, The beautiful girl does not show that her heart is broken. View 2 comments. Dec 21, Raven rated it it was amazing Shelves: own japanese-lit favorites poetry.

Some that I especially loved: "How can we ever lose interest in life? Spring has come again And cherry trees bloom in the mountains. I came to this village to see the One Robe blossoms but spent the day instead Looking at the flowers along the river bank. Summer evening - the voice of a hototogisu rises from the mountains As I dream of the ancient poets. The willows are in full bloom! I want One Bowl: The ZEN Poetry of Ryo-Kan pile up the blossoms Like mountain snow. When it is evening, please come to my hut to listen to the insects sing. I Some that I especially loved: "How can we ever lose interest in life?"

When it is evening, please come to my hut to listen to the insects sing; I will also introduce you to the autumn fields. From today the nights One Robe colder - I sew my tattered robe, The autumn insects cry. Midautumn - the mountains are crimson and the sake and ink are ready, But still no visitors. The village has disappeared in the evening mist and the path is hard to follow.

I return to my lonely hut, walking through the pines. Thinking about the people in this floating world far into the night - My sleeve One Robe wet with tears. The thief left it behind - the moon At the window. O, that my priest's robe were wide enough to gather all the suffering people In this floating world. Months pass, days pile up, like one intoxicated dream - An old man sighs. Jul 09, Thaisa Frank rated it it was amazing. The thief left it behind-- the moon At the window.

This is Ryokan's most famous haiku. Perhaps because he is the true thief, the secret thief. He has literally stolen the moon, given it to us outside the window so we see it as direct experience. They are precise descriptions of moments and emotions that always give the reader room to experience the even The thief left it behind-- the moon At the window.

They are precise descriptions of moments and emotions that always give the reader room to experience the event as though they are right in One Robe midst of 18th century Japan. And because Ryokan is always personal and direct--without ever being confessional--they give us a clear sense of a particular man, as well as a door into universal experience. We experience his life in his hermitage, his being drunk on sake, his loss of a friend, and his bouts of inebriation supposedly reserved for his trips to the villages--although it's hard to imagine Ryokan alone in his winter hermitage without sake.

One Robe thought never eluded Ryokan. After you now my poems are not poems, Then we can begin to discuss poetry! Few people I can think of will not find something of value in this collection of poems by John Stevens.

What a beautiful poet by a man who lived a very humble life. Ryokan was an 18th century hermit-monk who came from the village of Izumozaki in Echigo province of Japan. While his youth was serene, when he was 18, he succeeded his father as the village headman. This job was filled with

many conflicts, something that Ryokan disliked immensely for he hated contention.

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A few One Bowl: The ZEN Poetry of Ryo-Kan later Kokusen died, and so Ryokan left the monastery and went on pilgrimages. After a time he decided to go back to his former monastery but on the way there he found an empty hermitage where he took up residence. Ryokan often went to a neighboring village where he played with the children, picked One Robe, drank sake and visited with friends.

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