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Excellent  
Revision **A-**

⊛ Must include (3)  
Quotes for each  
Subtopic  
⊛ Some minor  
Grammatical  
& Conventions  
Edits

Beautiful Title

A Spiritual Awakening

Robert Frost once said, "Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words." Many people use poetry as a form of art. The poet uses voice as a paint brush and words as color being painted on a blank canvas. Poetry can be written in any way, shape, or form. It has no mistakes, wrong answers or rules, and this is what I love about it. Anyone can let their imagination run wild and come up with a piece of art in words. The poet Moulana Jalaluddin Rumi has won a place in my heart for his thoughtful and articulate words that inspire me to a great extent. His poems may capture various events in one's life, which then one can view from a different perspective. In his poem, "Empty the Glass of Your Desire," Rumi addresses several intriguing ideas. These ideas come through in many themes, which include value of <sup>①</sup>friendship, <sup>②</sup>giving up our desires, and <sup>③</sup>connecting with God.

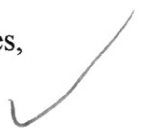
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The poem starts out with a stanza on the theme of <sup>Subtopic ①</sup>friendship. Rumi states, "Join yourself to friends/ and know the joy of the soul." The hustle and bustle of our fast-paced society has created distances and barriers between friends, families, and next door neighbors. Everyone is now relying on the virtual world to communicate with each other. Texting, instant messages, and emails are the new trend for communication. We hardly have face-to-face meetings anymore, and because of this, we value our relationships less. To have friendships filled with laughter and togetherness brightens the soul of all individuals involved. Rumi also states, "Enter the neighborhood of ruin/with those who drink to the dregs." Rumi wants to point out to everyone that great joy is found in unifying ourselves with others. In order to reach the depths of

happiness, we must give up our individual self to others, even if it is to the wrong people. It can take the darkest depth for one to find <sup>him or herself</sup> themselves on the right side, eventually. Rumi also wants everyone to understand how important Human interaction is. It helps us learn things from others, and more importantly, it helps us grow as individuals. Human beings are excellent at absorbing information, and by interacting with others, we expand our possibilities in life. Rumi's poem inspires individuals to interact more with people to strengthen relationships. This stanza is also saying that we should give help to those who are lost in their ways and we will get rewards for this in return. The rewards will not be a prize or raffle ticket, but a feeling of fulfillment and self-worth.

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Subtopic

Good } The theme of Subtopic 2 "giving up desires" is also addressed in this poem. Rumi especially signifies the importance of giving up our worldly desires to reach personal satisfaction. He states "Empty the glass of your desire so that you won't be disgraced." Our world is rapidly evolving every day. The virtual world and materialistic things have taken over our existence. We value our net worth and strive for luxurious living. These inspirations are introduced to us by celebrities and what we see on TV. The new trends have a great impact on our day to day lives. We have become greedier and our lists of desires keep growing at a rapid pace. We want the expensive handbags and we want to drive the most luxurious cars but for most of us, these goals are hardly attainable. Due to these new goals, we have become sidetracked from our main purpose in life. Rumi states, "Stop looking for something out there /and begin seeing within." I believe Rumi <sup>is</sup> simply affirming that we must take a step back from the material world and remember what is truly at stake in our lives, which is the lives and well beings of others. He also suggests, "Why get involved with a hag like this world? You know what it will cost." I believe he wants mankind to know that not all decisions are worth it in the end. Everyone must leave this earth one day and



every choice one makes will have some significance. We are all in this world together, and to be solely focused on our own desires, and material wants will not make us whole, but will make us empty. If one truly wants to find a sense of purpose in <sup>his or her</sup> their life, it will be the way one treats others.

Finally, Rumi addresses the most important theme and that is creating a connection with God. *Sustgic (3)*

He states, "You keep complaining about others/and all they owe you? /well, forget about them/just be in His presence." Without religion, we are walking around aimlessly with no direction and purpose, and with no purpose, we begin to desire worldly things. We pollute ourselves with drugs and alcohol to simply so called live and to have fun. We do not realize that we are doing more harm to ourselves than good. Rumi also states, "When the earth is wide, why are you asleep in a prison?" By connecting ourselves to religion, we no longer act without thinking. We become more responsible and purposeful. Religion provides us with the guidance and gives us the opportunity of choice. We are able to detect the difference between right and wrong. A man without religion is like a ship without a radar, and Rumi pushes his readers to rid themselves from worldly desires in order to give way to the illumination of the greater divinity. Lastly, Rumi states, "Abandon life and the world, and find the life of the world." I believe Rumi is simply suggesting that ~~by~~ giving up our physical appetites gives way to rewards that we are otherwise unaware of. God is not a scary deity in the sky, but one who we can join with in communion. Outside of earthly measures we can find Rumi, the deity, and others with whom we can end our isolation.

Overall, Rumi orchestrates a complex and compelling poem for readers who are looking to escape to a different side of reality where we can find ourselves and reach new heights.

Ultimately he wishes us to get beyond that which blocks us from finding the truth, and urges that

it is possible with the resources which exist within us. This poem has inspired me to a great extent, and I am filled with more knowledge about self-reflection. God has sent us to this world not to just live it for ourselves, but to live it for the entirety of humanity. I would recommend this poem to everyone, especially to those who are lost and looking for a purpose in life. It can change a person's perspective on humanity, desires, and everything in between.

⊗ Wonderful  
Conclusion

⊗ Make sure  
if you've restated  
all of the subtopics  
of your thesis  
using at least some  
of the same  
language they used