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ONE SONG: A New Illuminated Rumi

Special music edition with accompanying CD, to be published September, 2005

Award-winning artist **Michael Green**, creator with **Coleman Barks** of the national best-seller **THE ILLUMINATED RUMI**, has now finished a stunning sequel with all-new art and fresh translations of Rumi's poetry. Included in this new volume is a CD of **The Illumination Band** playing a new kind of music fusing Rumi's mystical longing and the yearning harmonies of our own mountain-blues-gospel traditions. These are Persian quatrains delivered as poignant country ballads you might hear in a West-Texas truck stop.

Rumi reminds us of the radiant depth inside that is present in grief and love, in being ecstatically here in the moment. What he celebrates is **One Song** with many names, the soul, Buddha, the person of Christ. Rumi praises them all at one table. There is no quarrel about names of scriptures in Rumi. A philosopher and mystic of Islam, Rumi's appeal to people of all faiths is undeniable. His work does not divide—it includes.

One Song represents a nourishing exchange for present-day East and West—just as the Silk Road was in Rumi's day a way for the beauties of the great religions, story-tellers, poets and their music to flow together and mix into a new and vibrant fusion.

Once again, Michael Green marries word and image—and now sound, to help make America's most popular poet accessible to a whole new audience. He and the band will be making a nationwide concert tour.

About the Book

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