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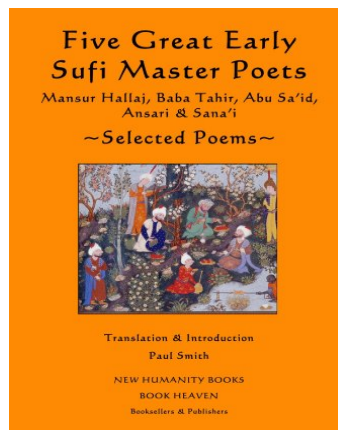
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Translation & Introduction by Paul Smith

The early Sufi Perfect Master Poets (859-1131) were straightforward and inspiring in the poetic forms of the ghazal, ruba'i, qit'a, qasida and the masnavi in expressing their love for the Divine Beloved and their contempt for this world and its illusions. Here are hundreds of beautiful poems by them in the correct form and meaning and biographies about them. The famous & infamous Mansur Hallaj (859-922) tortured and executed for saying 'I am the Truth' and more in his God-realized poems; Baba Tahir, one of the most revered of the early Persian Sufi poets who composed only ruba'is; Abu Sa'id (967-1049) the famous Persian Sufi/Dervish Perfect Master (Qutub) and poet who contributed extensively to the evolution of Sufi tradition and poetry; Ansari (born 1005) a famous Persian Sufi ruba'i poet who lived in Herat (then Khorasan, now Afghanistan) and Hakim Sana'i (1050-1131) known for his classic mystical

poem in masnawi (rhyming couplets) form: 'The Enclosed Garden of the Truth'. He is one of the finest poets in the Sufi (Islamic mysticism) tradition. Introduction on 'Sufis & Dervishes: Their Art & Use of Poetry' & 'The Main Forms in Sufi & Dervish Poetry'. Pages 617

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