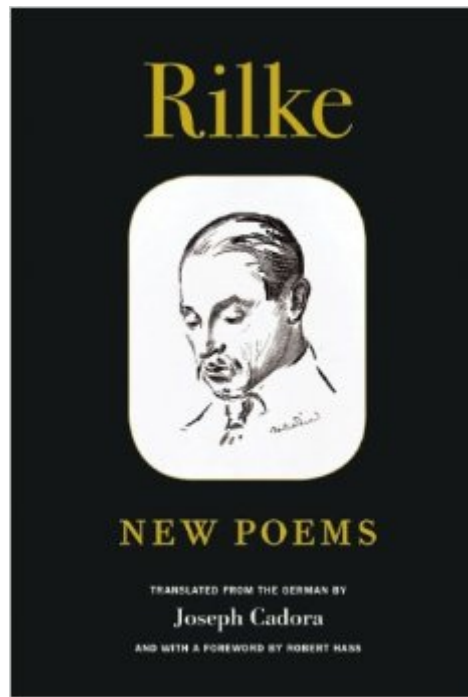


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The Panther

From endless passing of the bars  
his gaze  
has wearied&#151;there is no more it can hold.  
There seem to be a thousand bars  
always,  
and past those thousand bars there is no world.  
The soft pad of his brawny, rippling  
paw  
turns itself in a tightening circle till,  
like a mighty dance around a tiny space,  
it centers a numb  
but still enormous will.  
But at times the shades of his pupils rise,  
grasping an image he cannot  
resist;  
through his tense, unmoving limbs it flies,  
and within his heart it ceases to exist.

Rainer Maria Rilke (1875&#150;1926) is one of the world's most beloved poets. Joseph Cadora is a guitarist, writer, and translator. He lives in Berkeley, California.

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