

# Not Here

by Rumi

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There's a courage involved if you want  
To become truth. There is a broken-

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Open place in a lover. Where are  
Those qualities of bravery and sharp

Compassion in this group? What's the  
Use of old and frozen thought? I want

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A Howling hurt. This is not a treasury  
Where gold is stored; this is for copper.

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We alchemists look for talent that  
Can heat up and change. Lukewarm

Won't do. Halfhearted holding back,  
Well-enough getting by? Not here.