

## A TRIZ POEM?

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Below is a poem written by one of the most famous German-speaking poets Rainer Maria Rilke. Rilke wrote this without any knowledge of Triz but I think captures some of its essence. If you come across any other Triz type poems please e-mail us.

Carpe Diem Creatum

Andre de Zanger

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"As once the winged energy of delight  
carried you over childhood's dark abysses,  
Now beyond your own life  
build the great arch of unimagined bridges.

Wonders happen if we can succeed  
in passing through the harshest danger;  
But only in a bright and purely granted achievement,  
can we realize the wonder.

To work with things in the indescribable  
relationship is not too hard for us;  
the pattern grows more intricate and subtle,  
and being swept along is not enough.

Take your practiced powers and stretch them out  
until they span the chasm between two  
contradictions.....For god  
wants to know himself in you."

By Rainer Maria Rilke