

Other Recent* Poems [Edition 2.15.26]

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Standing Together in the Radiant Enticement
Of Gustav Klimt's Massive Shimmering Masterpiece of 1907-08
In the Upper Belvedere Palace, Vienna
On October 1, 2025

*For My Carol Lynn
On February 14, 2026*

Amid the dazzling indifference of
Earth's processes profuse, we strive in flesh
Tones, soft and warm, to feed our hungry love,
Which throbs behind this veil life manifests.
From out its pulsing cells we're seen revealed,
Engaged in deep connection, deaf to those
Distractions all around us where we kneel
In love's abundance, on a stage enclosed.
It is this longing to but feel and taste
Each other's life these nerve cells thus impart
As meaning, like mere burnished metals chased
Into the spangled pageantry of art.
And through this kiss we share in something vast:
A great mosaic formed from pieces of our past.

—David Borodin, December 1—February 2, 2026

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