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Abstract

Nikolai Nikolev: between earthly and divine love

Nikolai Nikolev was a prolific poet and playwright in 18th century Russia. A major topic of his poetry and drama was love. Imperfection of the earthly love turned his attention to the heavenly love, to God who is love. However, his lofty theological statements are considerably belittled by his exaggerated praises of the Russian throne in his numerous panegyrics.

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