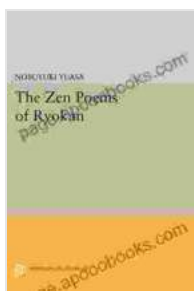
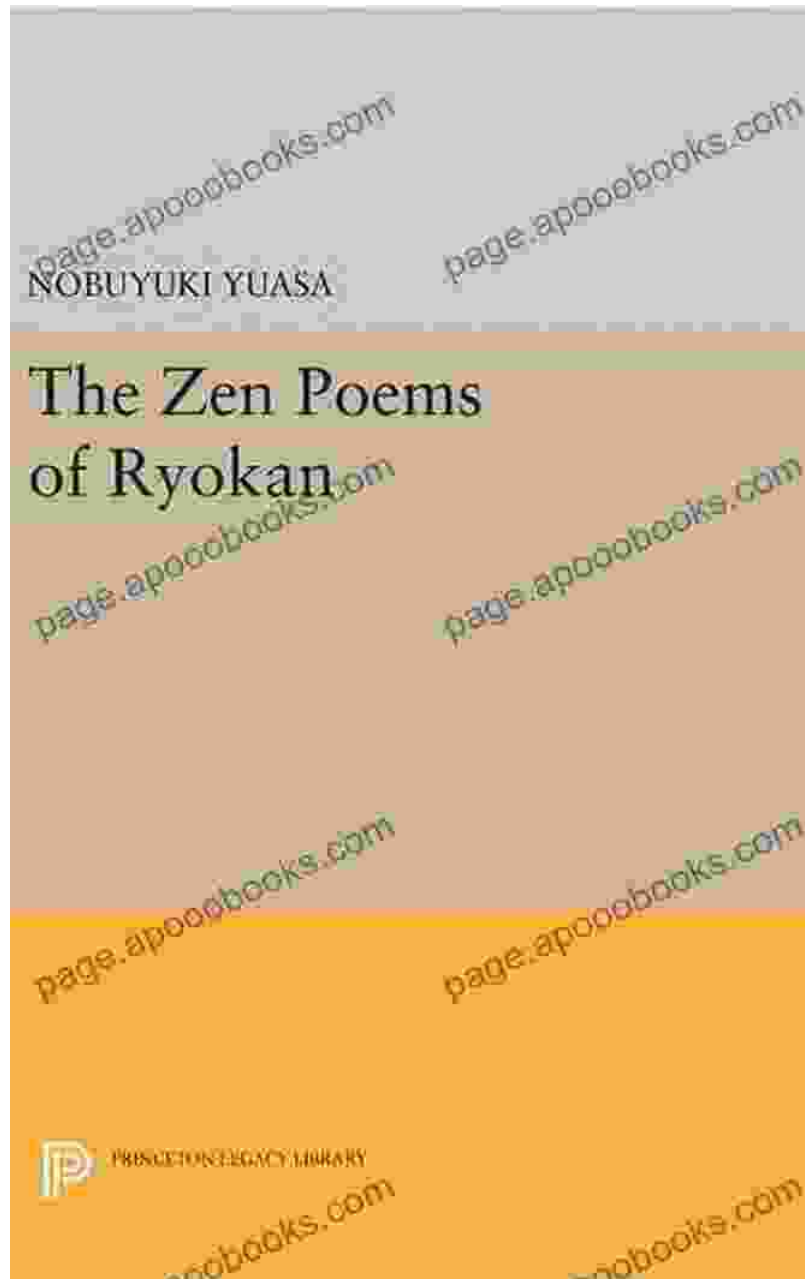


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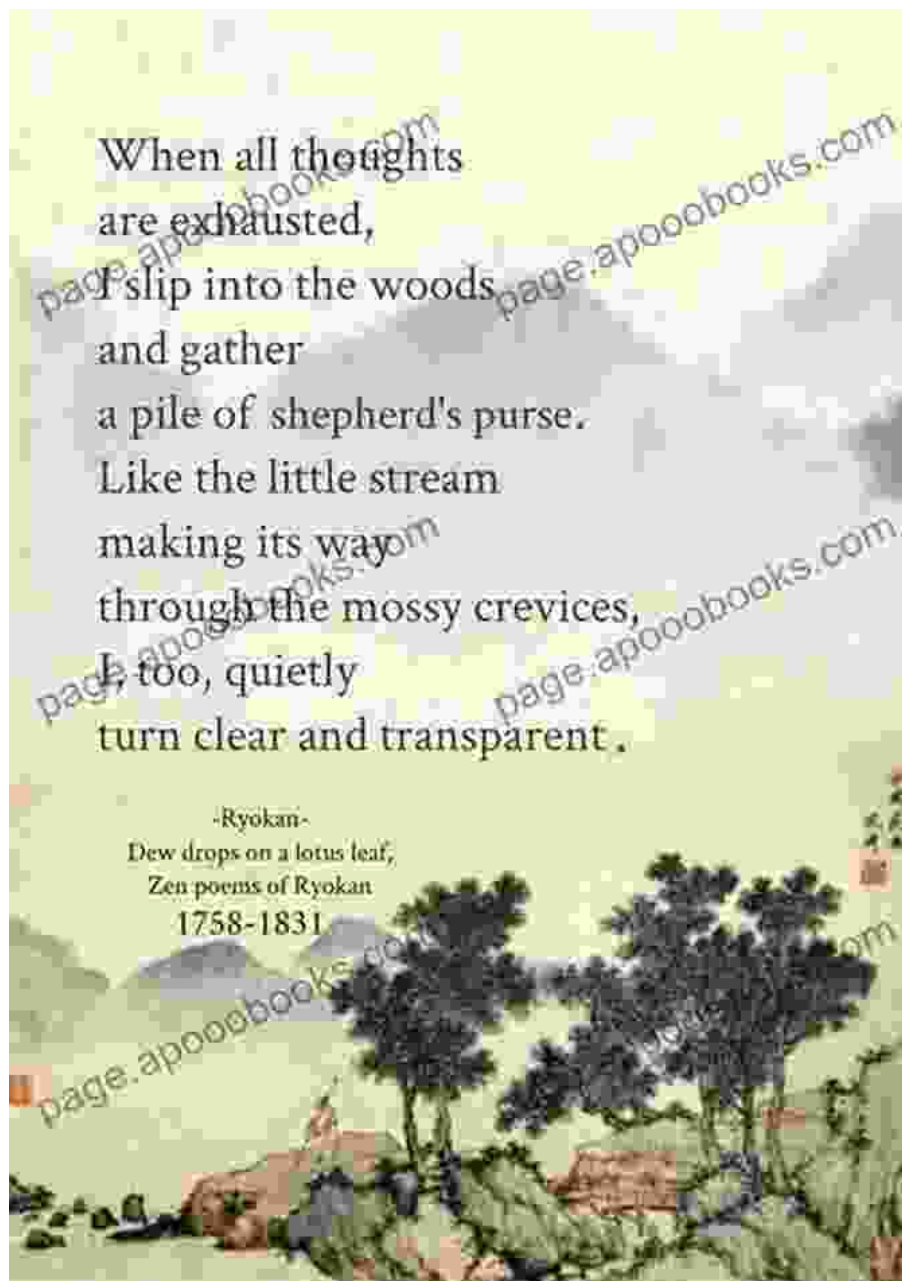


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When all thoughts
are exhausted,
I slip into the woods
and gather
a pile of shepherd's purse.
Like the little stream
making its way
through the mossy crevices,
I, too, quietly
turn clear and transparent.

-Ryokan-
Dew drops on a lotus leaf,
Zen poems of Ryokan
1758-1831

A sample poem from "The Zen Poems of Ryokan," offering a glimpse into the master's unique perspective.

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