



10,000 Singing Cicadas

David Lee

**10,000
Singing
Cicadas**

David Lee



**Krafftvoll
V E R L A G**

Verlag Krafftvoll KG
Korneuburg
Vienna
Austria
www.krafftvoll.at
verlag@krafftvoll.at

ISBN 978-3-903632-02-8
First Published in Austria in 2025

10,000 Singing Cicadas copyright © 2025 by
Verlag Krafftvoll KG, Austria.
All rights reserved.

No part of this book may be used or reproduced
in any manner whatsoever without the written
permission of the publisher.
David Lee has asserted his rights as the author.

Editor: Alexa Dvorson
Book design: Bekim Berisha
Illustration: Page 114-115 by Mojca Fo



Printed and bound in Hungary by
Gyomai Kner Printing House (est. 1882)



Krafftvoll
V E R L A G

The serenade of the cicadas

urges us

to make every moment sing

–Unknown

First Impressions

Moonlight over the waters
Who knows what the light of day will reveal
Tonight, encased in darkness
A speck of hope shimmers in the sky
The world seems at peace with itself

I strain to hear the whisper of the ancient souls
Below, where the Pharaohs once prayed
Wishing for all to remain unchanged
Yet antiquity crumbles into grains of sand
Forming ever new patterns
In the dunes of time

Second Thoughts

The morning light reveals what
The cautious night
Seeks to hide in her folding cascades
Soothing ripples of endless peace
Lap at her shores

It is here that we have chosen
To invest the most precious of jewels
Where darkness and light mingle
Where water and earth caress the sky
And tug came to pull
In the dance of evolution

Third Try

Only a tiny sickle remains
In an untouchable sky
Far beyond the wild dancing sands
And unending expanses
Of blue waters lying before us

In a vision, I have seen another shore
Where there is only white above and below
A blinding infinite abyss, nuances frozen
Folding foolhardily, one into another
Today no moon animates the scene, yet I see
A figure frozen sharing a rare gesture of affinity

In the Dry Zone of my Heart

In the dry zone of my heart
You may think it uninviting
But there are things I can show you
Experiences awaiting
Gifts for the taking

 In the arid regions of my heart
 A wide-open space holds
 Stacks of miles for bestowing
 360° of horizon, where heaven and earth
 Embrace day and night

In the bone-dry swath of my heart
There are rules and regulations
No one can make their own
Listen to the desert spirits
Heed their words and walk their way

 In the bleak areas of my heart
 One hundred thousand shades and hues
 Sand and beige, olive to camel
 Biscuit and copper, bronze to gold
 Buff and amber, suntan to sultan

In the jejune territories of my heart
There's more heaven than you can imagine
The largest sky you've ever seen
The only clock we've ever known
Twinkling a hundred million times a night

In the raw experience of my heart
Bedrock and stone will support you
Friendly winds will sing their songs
Constellations tell their stories
Passing planets share their gossip
 In the torrid uplands of my heart
 The elements converge
 To bring forth vast open space
 Only those true of heart
 May walk among the ancients

In the parched landscape of my heart
Untold life abounds
Beneath the sands, unseen
Intention and motion
The desert never sleeps
 In the barren plains of my heart
 Fata morganas come and go
 The unexpected may appear
 As a kingdom of a thousand wishes
 And one single hope

In the desert of my heart
A bubbling up of the senses
An oasis for body and soul
Lush green endows the land
The wellspring of my heart

This

That which man creates, God destroys

This is the test of time

That which God creates, man destroys

This is our nature

That which God creates, God destroys

This is nature's law

That which men create, other men destroy

This is sin

Contents

First Impressions	9
Second Thoughts	10
Third Try	11
In the Dry Zone of my Heart	12
Convergence.	14
Holy Conflation	14
This	17
Story Time	18
Showing Up	20
Plumeria.	21
Ignoble Anticipation.	22
Finding Out	25
Luster	26
The Call	28
Slip Sliding	32
Morning Tide	33
Habits.	34
Elementary Education	34
Carmen Cygni I	34
Unrelenting	35
Unrelenting II.	35
Some Things	36
Ferryman	38
Humble Bumble I-III	40
Good Things come in Threes.	41
Great Late Night	41
Restless	41
Down on the Pharm	41
Call and Response	42
Harvest Moon.	43
Releasing the Night	44
Early Morning Gra(y)ndiloquence.	46
April in Prague.	49

Fairy-Tale Moments	52
Steaming	54
Clap of Thunder	55
Ephemeral	58
Lonesome	58
Simply	58
Waning Moment	59
Instant	59
Quaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaack	59
The Door to Eternity	60
Best Wishes	65
Embracing the Incomprehensible	66
Three Sticks of Redolence	68
point of vantage	70
Poetry Bag	72
Under Blue Skies	74
Dinghy	76
Potluck	78
Corner of my Life	80
Three More Stents	81
Java Calling	82
Puzzle Pieces	83
Glorious Unfolding	86
Destination Star Crossing	88
Taking Measurements	90
I am the Bullock	91
Green Eyes	94
I Burn	96
I Burn II	97
I Burn III	98
I Burn IV	99
learning curve	100
guerilla warfare	102
The D-Word	104
Change for the Better	106
Dissolving Yang in Yin	107

Little Lacquer Box	108
There Are Some Things	109
Wake Capture	110
Intimate	112
Variiegated	114
VOTLINA Z RAZGLEDOM	116
True Luxury	119
Whom Shall we Feed?	121
Good Morning Adam	122
the joys of domestic comfort	129
Stories for Maybell IV/Polka Dots	130
aero-nautical	133
Enjoyability	134
Lullaby	136
Offerings	137
Prerogative	138
Acknowledgments	139

KRAFFFTVOLL

Krafftvoll (dynamic) is:

A feeling of strength

A capacity for openness,

A sense of courage,

To discover oneself

Allowing for the new

Letting go of the old

Accepting what is and

Rising to reveal your true self.

Taking your life into your own hands and

Commanding its responsibility.

Now!

The *Krafftvoll* day:

Once a year in autumn, in a relaxed atmosphere, we showcase artwork and books of our contributors.

The *Krafftvoll* way:

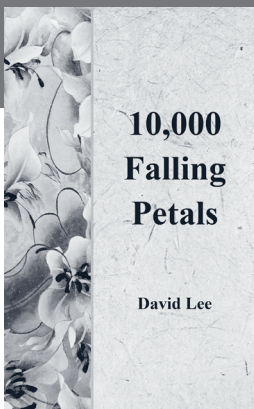
Monthly broadcast on Radio FRO with dynamic people and compelling tales.

For more information about the *Krafftvoll* day, our broadcasts and new releases see www.krafftvoll.at!

We look forward to your feedback at
verlag@krafftvoll.at!



Also available from **Krafftvoll Verlag**



10,000 Falling Petals

David Lee

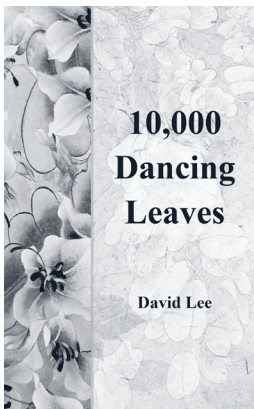
This is a book of wonder, poetry, thoughts and feeling,
Of questions and responses, pleas and perspectives.

This is a present for quiet moments, fanciful and philosophical,
Humorous and inspiring, multifaceted and down-to-earth.

Life on this planet is a celebration, joy abounding. May you enjoy it!

ISBN 978-3-9505275-4-4

144 Pages



10,000 Dancing Leaves

David Lee

Come dance with me

Like falling leaves
that rise and drift,
twist and spin,
soar and glide,
pirouette through time.

And when we touch the ground,
we're ready once more

ISBN 978-3-9505275-6-8

144 Pages










Krafftvoll
V E R L A G





Intoxicating Seasonality

Exotic spring fruit
Inviting summer peaches
Autumn's persimmons



Karma

Men train their sights on
The eye of the needle, but
Women see the thread



Krafftvoll
VERLAG

ISBN 978-3-903632-02-8



9 783903 632028 >

