**“A New Power”** (*„Jaunais spēks”*) by Rainis (1906)

Rainis was incited to publish the collection of poetry “A New Power” by Indriķis Baumanis — the head of the publishing house “Spēks” (Power). The year 1906 was the poet’s first year in exile in Switzerland. He had yet to become familiar with the new surroundings and couldn’t fully focus on creative work. The new poems were few. The poet explained, that: ““A New Power” is a gathering of poetry, but not an organic book of poetry, like the rest.” The collection was structured by the publicist and critic Jānis Jankavs. Poems from the collections “Distant Echoes of a Blue Evening” (*„Tālas noskaņas zilā vakarā”*), “The Strewing of the Storm” (*„Vētras sēja”*), as well as poetry yet unpublished at the time were included in the book. The collection was published at the very end of the year. “A New Power” hasn’t been published again in a separate edition. “Despite the fact that this book didn’t emerge organically, it was still a meaningful event for those years, and the mix of different periods suited it, because those years were the transition from active to passive fight against the same backlash. The expression still was free, but the bloody loses and suffering were already felt more evident and started to emerge in the society of fighters and their psychology,” remembered Rainis.