

## Re: Arthur C. Clarke Quote

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> *Only an idiot would such a thing a "tone poem".*

In my opinion, only an idiot would about such a thing a 'tone poem'.

What I think the writer is saying is rather like the advert for Monty Python's 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail' – The film that makes Ben Hur look like an epic.

What is 'Also sprach Zarath(o)ustra', then? Most people would have no objection to 'tone poem', maybe 'symphonic poem' is a bit nearer the mark, because of its length (about 35m), but hardly worth arguing about.

Roger