# **Poetry Series**

# Chandra sekharan - poems -

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# **Autobiography**

Read my autobiography
Creation of unconscious mind
Never read what my conscious mind writes
It will be like biographies of celebrities
Twisted and distorted
Several light years away from truth
Mine is a deep and dark void
Nothing happened and nothing will happen.

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#### **Black Bat**

My happy boyhood days

Spent in my grandparent's ancestral house

Indelible impressions of life

Playing, playing and playing

With lots of children

Most of them relatives

Pleasure of joint family system

My frequent dream was that of black bat

Flying below joisted and

Deteriorated wooden ceiling

Will cling to ceiling for sometime

Head down looking at children

And children looking up at me

They pelted rolled waste papers

And bits of used pencils at me

Avoiding the attack

I used to encircle below ceiling

Clinging to ceiling and swinging

My friends were furious

Game went on

Inadvertently, something bad happened

During my acrobatics

My wing hit against an old blade

Of rotating and creaking ceiling fan

Fell flat on floor

Unbearable pain of approaching death

Sound of jubilant children's clapping

Increased my pain

Abruptly I woke up

I was lying amidst

My paternal grand parents

On silky and cushioned bed

My grandma was tightly holding my

Shivering palm

And queried

"what happened dear

You had mischievous laughter for some time

And suddenly started screaming

As though you got injured and suffered"

My dream of myself flying around
As Black Bat happened
About six decades ago
Now I am a septuagenarian
And still those dreams remain as a mystery

# Blasting Of Moon & Sun

Bombing and blasting of our beloved moon
Though a scientific feat
Pains my heart and will hurt
Everybodys heart
One of the prettiest sights
We could watch from our earth
Is drifting full moon amidst dark clouds
As toddler I used to stand
On riverbank
Either side with sprawling, vast, greenish, paddy field
And watch moving moon in sky
Moon was witness for several millions of romances
Moon also would have wept now
When man – a most cruel animal of earth
Bombed on its surface and generated huge dust

Our next target could be burning solar surface If sun is bombed, blasted and finished off We all should be happy Earth will be shrouded by darkness We will be free from all miseries We suffer by exposing to light and cancerous solar rays Such as infra red and ultra violet We will be totally liberated No racial, religious, colour based, linguistic, discriminations No king and queen, no president, no ministers, no judges, No police, no expensive global climate control International seminars and conventions All are equal, all are masters We can eat, drink and dance in darkness We would realize value of darkness by eliminating All manmade dogmas made only for the benefit of few Law makers and dictators, Self styled or undemocratically elected

#### **Butterflies**

A man who would have never smiled
Sat in the corner of garden
Leaning on to lamp post
Was wearing torn, old dress
Vast garden with full of
Flowers and butterflies
Butterflies of various varieties
Were hoping between beautiful flowers
Garden with varieties of flowers,
Butterflies and plants
Decorated surface of earth

He did not say anything to me

I went and sat next to him

He didn't even look at me

He was constantly looking at butterflies and flowers

I attempted several times to talk to him

He avoided me

Nobody knew what he was thinking

One day suddenly, he held my hands

And said

"I am fascinated by beautiful and wonderful butterflies
They won't harm or hurt us and give joy to our eyes
I have an urge to keep them
On my palm to caress
But they fly away
Rest on flowers and suck honey
I silently pray that these beautiful species

Should not extinct".

## Cage

There is a saying That Age is a Cage We forget the fact that our Birth itself is coming out of a cage Which is a mini Universe Carried by our mother When we are in her cage She struggles and suffers With joy When is our total liberation? That is a cage less life That happens when I am alone On top of this world Free solitary life Looking at stars, sky and clouds above And oceans, mountains, rivers, Greenish Amazon like jungles below But Here I become lunatic

## Cat And Robot

My pretty Japanese wife
A Robot of high caliber
My two kids
Son and daughter
Smart and cute Robots
Why
I myself is a Robot
Controlled by my cranky cat
Not a Robot
But eats away mouses of computer.

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#### Centaur

Like a powerful centaur He galloped from Macedonia Conquered Persia, Egypt, Greece, Babylon And North of India Annexed and expanded his empire Majestically returned to Macedonia En route he massacred millions And became great conqueror Before he could reach his home land All captured countries Were declared independence By his supporters and enemies He died of stroke at tender age Today his descendants Are begging in streets Old kingdoms are perishing New empires are flourishing They also would follow their predecessors Pages of history are full of Wars, battles and mutinies Temporary treaties With hidden intention of back stabbing and toppling Blood thirsty centaurs are galloping

Crushing and killing millions

#### Chimera

Sight of chimera Frightened all people Including animals and birds on earth It had lion's head spewing fire balls Have poisonous serpentine tail Belly of goat filled with stolen wealth Chimera was performing Dracula's dance of horror By stamping on bodies of all creatures on earth Including infants, children, men and women Like vampire it was sucking the blood of all And was getting bloated It's head resembled that of Cruel dictators, kings and politicians of earth, Who would dance on the corpses of human being From the fire balls, other Chimeras were borne And were fighting each other for survival Suddenly and unexpectedly A gigantic dinosaurs with millions Of water cannons fitted on the body Appeared on earth from some other planet To save human beings and other creatures of earth It sprayed water on to the fire spewing mouth of Chimera This time all Chimeras got united To fight against common enemy They destroyed all cannons And drank all water stored in the belly of dinosaurs Equaling to the entire ocean of earth Few human survivors can be seen Struggling in the flame Emanating from the mouth of Chimera How long the survivors would last?

# Death Of An Egoist

Earth celebrated Death of an egoist Who declared Just before his death With out him Entire universe would perish But Millions and billions of globes Are continuously Revolving on self axis With Unending motion of galaxy Shining much brighter than before But Tiny man with shrouded brain Stood like unruffled rock Skeptic to bow his head And Had final sleep on small earth

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## **Elephant And Land Lord**

Arrogant, aristocratic land lord

Had one dozen majestic elephants

With big tusks and trunk

Tiny eyes and tail

Disproportionate to their dark, big body

Several mahouts were deployed

To tame tuskers

They were forced to swallow

Sumptuous food

Big banana plantains, leaves of several trees

Land lord was very lavish

In exhausting wealth for welfare

Of big animals

He was miser for servants, mahouts and other dependants

Once a bearded, stooping

Starving man with torn clothes

Appeared near the massive gate

Landlord was standing in the huge portico

And enjoying playful behavior of well-fed elephants

Landlord on seeing the beggar like man near the gate

Ordered watchmen

To untie German Sheppard's

Dogs leapt barking towards the helpless poor man

Was biting and slicing him into pieces

And landlord burst into laughter

Enjoying the barbaric torture meted out to the poor man

Landlord again commanded all the dogs to return

They obediently did and their master appreciated this act

All the elephants lost their joyful mood

Stood silently, shedding tears

One elephant was so sad that

It struggled hard and broke from thick chain tied to the stone pillar

It ran towards smiling landlord

Pierced his bulging belly with sharp tusks

Land lord collapsed oozing out

Fountain like blood

Elephant raised his trunk towards sky and roared

Entire area reverberated

Ferocious, he swirled his trunk

Sucked up bleeding body of lord
Swung and slashed against tall column of portico
Body of landlord almost dead was dumped on the ground
And then
Stamped and crushed his head to death.

# **Epitaph**

Epitaph was written
While I was in my mothers womb
It was engraved on all milestones
But not on any tombstone
It reads here lies a noble soul
Neither born nor dead

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## **Evening Of Life**

Traveled and traveled Now I am on top of a cantilevered cliff Projecting into a deep sea Tired I stood there With crumbling legs Immovable arms, cataract eyes, struggling to breath Deep sea below, nonstop waves touching rocky valley Faraway gigantic ships were vanishing like toys I turned back to have a glimpse Of vast path traversed Wonderful, beautiful scenes Affectionate men, women, kids, full of life and love And other innumerable animals Sky scrapers, highways, Rivers, jets, cars, malls, theatres Oh God, let me not leave this world when the layer of darkness spread over earth I could see millions and millions of human beings Struggling nude, shelter less, nothing to eat Skeletons carrying rocky boulders on head and shoulders Beaten up by masters to build another Taj For the emperor of democracy Again turned back and looked at the sea Tired red globe was sinking Just before final immerse, like me.

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# Frozen Thoughts

</&gt;I pulled out from freezer
Heated and melted
Became liquefied and gaseous
Started flowing
Spreading on entire Universe
Velocity faster than light
Catastrophic flow
Annihilating everything en route
Engulfed me and my freezer
Freezer empty of thoughts

## **Glittering Gold**

Narrow muddy road from village to nearby town

Reddish sun was about to touch

Vast, greenish paddy field on western hemisphere.

A young woman and her daughter

Were rushing to market for purchase

And return home

Before dusk drowns the earth in darkness

She was wearing a thick and heavy golden necklace

Around her fair, slim, long neck.

It was dangling left and right depending on her body movement

Suddenly a young cyclist came fast

In the opposite direction from market side

He stopped the bicycle by the side of the woman

Who was panic stricken

And abruptly snatched away necklace

Leaving reddish, bleeding scratches on her neck

Frustrated woman and her daughter started crying

The thief pedaled and rode fast

After some distance thief stopped pedaling

And turned back at the woman to study her reaction

He was astonished

Holding the hand of daughter

Woman was standing there and laughing

He shouted at her

"why the hell you are laughing?"

Woman sarcastically replied

"You fool that is not real gold. It is fake"

Thief suddenly took a U turn and reached

Victims who were laughing non stop

He flung the snatched chain on her face and shouted

"You bloody cheat, why are you wearing

Such useless ornaments "

Disappointed he rode back towards market

Woman picked up the lost chain from ground

With a proud and smiling face and kept it in her hand bag

It was too late for her to go to market

She cancelled shopping and returned home

While walking, her curious daughter asked mom

"It is really true mummy, isn't it real gold"

Mummy replied with the sad face
"Yes dear it is pure gold which your late father bought from Dubai
And he made this necklace
To give you at the time of wedding
This is the only asset your dad made by working
In hot deserts of Gulf for three years"
Woman had become a widow during her tender age
After giving birth to this only daughter
She continued to walk holding the hand of her daughter
And thinking about glittering gold and lost husband

# **Habeas Corpus**

The giant sized, hungry, furious Tiger was hiding among green bush of jungle Leaves of bush dancing By the touch of gentle breeze Tiger's piercing eyes were Focused on a deer moving forward far away To drink water from river Slow moving deer One of the natures finest carving with life Turned back, saw the head of fast approaching tiger Started running Tiger leapt fast Deer to escape was running zigzag But tiger like a fast bowler galloping Over took deer Took a U turn Caught the neck of deer Deer collapsed on the muddy ground Tiger took away its struggling, Blood drenched, moaning prey To the shadow of a big tree To guench its hunger \*\*\*\*\*\*

Few days later This tiger was

This tiger was entrapped and encaged By a bearded, muscular, tall hunter

An agent of animal trafficking mafia

Holding his gun he stood in front of the tigers den

He looked at the tiger and smiled

Tiger reciprocated

Looking at the hunter tiger thought thus;

"You are worse than me

I kill only for my food when I am hungry

I don't kill and eat my own species

But you kill your own people

For sadistic pleasure

For capturing other people's land, property and women

I mate only for breeding But you rape and ruin innocent girls Before their pubescence You are barbarous and treacherous Destruction of earth commenced On the day the first man was born " The cage with the tiger was already sold And ready to get airlifted to another country Where democratically elected ruler Suddenly imposed emergency After dissolving parliament of elected members Declared himself and his dynastic son As life time presidents They need several tigers To finish off their political enemies Tigers would be forced to starve For several days And the ruler's opponents Would be pushed In to the starving tiger's den No habeas corpus

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## Hurry - Hurry

Prayer hall Place of tranquility Priest is in a hurry While performing his rituals Frequently looked at his watch To reach home and take children to school Devotees are also in a hurry Children to attend school Youngsters to meet girlfriends or boyfriends Husbands, wives, Employers, employees Businessmen to make more money And settle down in Switzerland Politicians to win all elections And amass unthinkable wealth All in a hurry even in a prayer hall Octogenarians about to crawl To reach the nearest graveyard

#### **Investment**

Every day, on the way to my office I used to park my car Offer prayers at the temple Near the front entrance of the temple There used to be chain of beggars With stretched arms This class is one fourth of Our country's total population One day I saw a beggar woman With a cute, good looking female baby Cuddled up in her dirty lap Baby - fair with curly hair Charming, smiling, innocent face Put some coins in the cloth Spread in front of her And asked "your daughter?" "No sir, I bought the infant for Rs.100/-From her mother Who was about to dump The infant in the dustbin Surrounded by street dogs Before the sunrise, the day she was born" "Why her mother did this?" "Mother was a prostitute And this was an unwanted baby And would be a burden to her This baby has brought fortune for me My daily collection is Rs.500/-" A good investment - I thought Who knows? She will be another Merlin Monroe

## **Jet Journey**

JET JOURNEY

Super sonic jet took off from

Seaside Air field on a rainy day

It zoomed up towards gloomy and cloudy horizon

Within few minutes started jerking and reverberating

Piercing through mountain like dark clouds

Hanging from nowhere

Silvery and ready to move anywhere

Oh god save us

Cruising silently

Rays of sun traveled through voids of clouds

Sky above and clouds below

Bluish, hemispherical sky like an umbrella above

Silvery cotton beds of clouds below

Journey of solitude

Few hours felt like static and motionless

Started descending for landing

Braking through thick clouds

Wings hissing, flaps opened up to release

Suppressed passion of all passengers

And jet commanders

Eagerly searching for safe runway to land

Will it be a silent ocean bed infested with blood thirsty sharks

Or Turbulent earth infested with human wolves

More ferocious than sharks

## King Tyranny -v The Great

Entire world celebrated

My royal swearing ceremony

I was crowned as King Tyranny V

My octogenarian father King Tyranny IV the great

Was on ventilator for few days

The moment I was enthroned, he had his last breath

He ruled thirty million mass of

Different religions, culture, communities and languages

For more than 40 years

For elite class of my country

Who were sycophants of my royal family

It was a gay day

They drank, danced, and crooned day and night

For the poor it was as usual

Nothing to eat and nowhere to sleep

My father and grandparents

Who were ruling several decades

Had sucked their blood and squeezed their flesh

Leaving their crawling skeleton on muddy ground

My father had deployed few Ukrainian

Beauties as my body guards

They were all tall, blonde, well figured with bluish eyes

Most of them were holding guns

With mysterious smiling face and cruel heart

Few days after my swearing ceremony

I felt my immovable golden throne

Was jerking and revolving

Felt I was waiting in a transit lounge

Looking at adjacent departure hall

I wanted to run away

One mid night when my Ukrainian beauties

Were fast asleep

I escaped from my huge palace

Wearing unidentifiable attire

Barefoot I was running and running

Reached a river bank

Wide river, depth unknown, pleasant and silent flow

River originated from nearby greenish

Chain of mountains

With dense, dark jungle Full of wild animals and reptiles River began from small springs of rocks And big water falls Water gushed down from mountains And started flowing on plane land Touching grass and small green plants On either sides After flowing several miles it merged With turbulent ocean of high waves I recalled my boyhood days of royal safari Together with my father and army Used to climb the hill on caravan for hunting Now the cool breeze touched my skin My bare feet was penetrating into Wet and slushy soil of river bank Suddenly I saw a convoy of My army men riding galloping horses Led by my army general They were on a hunting spree To mountain jungle To capture tigers and elephants for king Tyranny V the great Nobody knew King renouncing his kingdom Was on his way to jungle Routes were known to him During his earlier hunting visits as a prince

#### Law And Common Man

Stage 1 - Sessions court

From gallery we could see the accused

Alleged crime, assassination of friend's wife

Who was his earlier wife

Three months of legal battle by legal luminaries

Strong evidences

Accused was acquitted

His cheerful wife took him to village home

Stage 2 - High court

Again arguments and counter arguments

Lasted six months by legal luminaries

Strong evidences

He was convicted- lifetime imprisonment

With sorrowful heart his wife came and returned home

Stage 3 - Supreme court

Final arguments and counter arguments by legal luminaries

Strong evidences

Accused was acquitted

Cheerful wife came again

And took away the husband of supreme happiness

Bewildered Common man blinks

His heart and foot are deep rooted in grassy ground

They knew the truth

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## Life Of An Executive

Human life I led only for three years

Three years from the day I was ejected from

My mother's womb

These three years were heavenly

Playing and playing, laughing and laughing

I was basket ball for parents and relatives

To be in the air was most thrilling

Of course they took care that I don't fall

On the ground and injure my jaw

Flowers, butterflies, riverbanks, sea shores,

Small hills with tall trees, toys, Tv's

Everything I loved and enjoyed

On fourth year my mom took me to

Kinder garden left me with lot of toddlers

They were strangers, dark, fair,

Dwarf, tall, yelling and exhibiting teeth

I thought my mom was taking me to jail

To put behind bar

Lost my freedom

I was keen to go back to my

Beautiful garden with full of flowers and butterflies

School, university and got job

Everywhere tough competition

Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest

Mind became corrupt cunning and crooked

Forgot to get married

Jet travelling, lunch and dinner at

Airport restaurants and star hotels

3G on for twenty four hours

Laptop always on lap

Restless fingers

Jugglery with digital figures

And percentages

Physically and mentally I was getting wrecked

Darker, dwarfer, and monstrous

At the age of thirty I became Regional head

of Multi billion dollar global consortium

I felt as though something unknown was pushing me around

Without any specific aim

Am I tool for others happiness?
When I was alone in high altitude together
With my laptop and 3G I used to dream
About the golden days before I attained
The age of Four
My mind went on drifting
They promoted and posted me at Global head quarters
As International president
Took me by morning flight
They brought back my dead body
By next day evening flight
Funeral took place
Nobody attended excepting my mom and dad.

# Lyrics

Never cuff your opponent

Maintain minimum one meter distance
And hit his nose with your tongue
But be careful
Never allow him
To drag you to court
For defamation
When you are angry
Sing sweet lyrics
Of abuse or eulogy

#### Mask

I was born without any facial mask But lived with mask only Mask concealed my feelings World could see only my Twinkling pair of eyes Like two deep dark bore wells Gazing at stars My passionate feelings and Impressions were shrouded By mask of heavy steel What does the mask contain Whether Gandhiji's face Or Hitler's face I am ignorant During my last day on earth My majestic and Imperialistic physique Was cremated with unmasked head

# Morphing

Twittering from heaven
"I am being morphed together with
Sixteen thousand and eight gopikas"
He was Bhagavan Sri Krishna
Twittering continues
"My spiritual oriented
Love life with Gopikas would have been morphed
By a devotee – a software engineer from earth
To show the world
My occult power
Gopikas were spiritually entertaining me
By dancing and offering flowers"

# **Mundane Thoughts**

MUNDANE THOUGHTS Hermaphrodites Super naturals Either spiritually or physically Eunuchs cruel dictators and blood thirsty Gay men and women without soul and sprits lost Excessive epicureans with wretched spirits and wrecked life Endangering their own existence Pragmatic intelligentsia Preserve energy Like gigantic dams Diverts energy rarely for procreation like other animals of the world

#### My Birthday

Birthdays are unwanted milestones

To unknown destination

Today is my another birthday

I am alone

Stood erect with folded palms

In front of sanctum sanctorum

Within the closed chamber

My deity illuminated and garlanded with flowers

Remains silently listening to

Chanting of mantras and ringing of bell

By holy priest

I anxiously awaited opening of door

To have a glimpse of my goddess - my savior

Tiny temple with red tiled

Gable roof was facing adjacent rail tracks

Sound of fast trains running to and fro

Used to disrupt our silent prayers

Trains were carrying passengers and goods

To Megha super cities and ports

Here I am praying alone

Chill dawn of winter and drops of mists

Made my bare upper body shiver

Here my mother, grandmother and great grand mother

And several thousands of relatives

Used to pray for several centuries

I prayed " Oh Goddess let all of us in the Universe

Including invisible creatures

Live ageless and agile "

My prayer was unheard by

Cracking sound of super fast trains

Running like mad dogs.

#### **New Class**

A new class is born
Out of last clash of classes
Clash between yesterday and tomorrow
Fought ferociously
And new class of today exists
During last clash several millions
Shed their blood

Mountain made of corpses

For the sake of one power greedy man

And he sucked blood of all

Headless crowd muttering

Socialism, capitalism, imperialism

Dialectical materialism

Nazism and fascism and communism

Out of shadow of this cranky man

A dictator and a new class is born

This class will not last long

And another catastrophic battle would take place

All for welfare and destruction

Of human being.

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#### No

Chill winter

Men, women and children

Stood on sandy river bank, shivering

Covering part of their bare bodies

With wet arms

The curious eyes were

Set on bloating

Corpses of floating

Teen age girl and her infant

Died and tied together

Muddy, turbulent flow

Took a diversion

Bodies hit against a curving branch

Of a big tree touching river surface

Corpses got stuck

Crowds surrounded

Police reached and enquired

Bodies of Bulnaz and her infant

A rape victim and prisoner

Crime - physical relation without wedlock

This Sixteen years old girl was walking alone

During day time

On footpath of highway to market

Suddenly a royal rollsroyce

Abruptly halted by her side

Three giant sized thugs came out of the car

Dragged her into the car and sped away

She was taken to the palace of the ruler

And prince charming raped her

She has very little data stored

In her semi conscious mind

Her tender bones and flesh were squeezed

Her soft and flowery skin became hardened

Painful ecstasy

When she regained her conscience

She saw her dumped in her dilapidated house

She became pregnant and the news spread in her street

She was jailed

Nothing happened to the rapist – prince charming

Because he was a man In the prison she gave birth to a boy On a blood spattered stone floor Prince charming was enjoying life Outside prison in cozy palace After the birth of the child Rapist was invited to the court And was questioned He escaped from punishment of six months jail By agreeing to marry Bulnaz Against the wishes of Bulnaz Bulnaz and infant were released from the prison But their bodies were found floating A prison guard standing on the top of the watch tower Was shouting "daily I see several such bodies floating Which would not have happened Even in stone age era Is there any law to protect these Millions of helpless victims" He heard the echo of "No" from all surroundings.

# Nymphomaniac

Visitors on marine beach are seeing him

For the past two years

Tall, slim, young, handsome man with

Protruding parrot like nose

Wearing pant and shirt with full of holes

Sitting on sea side rock projecting into the sea

With bearded, fair face

Curly, unruly, long hair

Fluttering in sea breeze

He was sitting in an inebriated mood

Singing elegies, serenades

Dawn and dusk did not differentiate

He was looking constantly at the waves

And tides

Icy sea breeze could not harm him

Ferocious high tides used to engulf him

He would sit like a rock on the rock

Watch water dribbling down on the

Vertical rock

Some times he used to murmur at the onlookers

And crowd would disperse

His only friend was a sea snake

Which used to crawl from sea

On wet, rough, uneven rock surface

And wait and look at him for some time

Then would withdraw back to sea along with

Ebbing waves

He had forgotten his ebullient years

Spent in Washington as an executive of world bank

Faint memories about his girl friend for

Almost six years who made him emaciated

And emotionally mad

A slender baby faced New Zealander pediatrician

She was his blood and energy

Suddenly, she eloped with the a stranger

Who looked like a demon, cannibal

She was a nymphomaniac

Last he saw her was in a speedy blue Benz

Driven by her new lover

before leaving Washington he consumed few drops of very expensive and rare elixir to keep him alive without sorrowful memories.

# **Obituary**

Here lies a noble soul Who did everything to others Did nothing for him He loved all including animals and insects He hated nobody No foul words came from his mouth Man with radiant face And tranquility He never advised others Listened to others advices He was above human race A chill, moist, oasis, amidst Vast unending desert of hot sand dunes He is immortal Lives in the heart of millions Transcending historical eras

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#### Oh God!

An imprisoned embryo

In mothers womb

Struggling for early exit

Its non stop, powerful kicks

Mother biting her lips

Because of unbearable pain

Shedding tears of expectant mothers joy

She counted seconds, minutes, hours,

Days, weeks and months

Waited and waited

The embryo wanted more food, for more Strength,

more air to surge out

And finally the day of deliverance happened

Infant rushed out

With a thundering explosion

Of blood and flame

Impact was so catastrophic

Parents were blown up

And shattered into millions of blood coated

Burning molecules

Was it a human baby with suicidal bomb

Both father and mother were

Hard core spiritualists

Extremistic terrorists

They wanted their god to rule the world

They said their god had sermonized

That non believers should be either converted

Or wiped out

Their baby's explosive birth

Was highly symbolic

Oh God!

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#### **Oracle**

Yesterday a friend of mine Kundu passed away Had seen him in ICU in coma two days ago He was breathing with ventilator and mask With dead brain as proclaimed by doctor Was detained in ICU for the arrival of His sons and daughter from various Global capitals They all came saw his motionless, sleeping body Mask was removed breathing stopped Body was brought to his house and Kept in ice box of entrance hall When I reached, house and surroundings were Jam packed with mourners Many mourners were placing flowery wreaths Bereaved and screaming wife, sons and daughter Were by the side of ice box Their crying faces were covered with flowing tears Wife was shouting " My dear Kundu God could have Taken me instead of you. There is no life without you" She was beating her chest Sons and daughter were repeating similar things Few mourners were trying to pacify them But were not successful Daughter was shouting "dad if I had not gone abroad You would have lived longer and I would not have missed you I am cursing myself" None of the dead man's brothers or sisters were present there Since they were all chased away from his House long back by his wife for family feud Gradually situation became uncontrollable Mourning bob became restless Everybody was looking at the wrapped up body of the dead man Suddenly a little movement was noticed on his body Fingers and foot started moving, mouth and eye lids opened slightly Mob including wife and children were horror struck They summoned the family doctor and doctor said "his brain was dead but not his body " Suddenly the entire icebox with the body started shaking The lid of the box was thrown up to ceiling The dead man bailed out of the box with bulging eyes

Tongue jetting out
He stood like an oracle
Chased away the entire mob including wife and children
He gesticulated by jumping up and down
Totally tired, suddenly he became silent and stood there
Like a saint fed up with materialistic life
He screamed "I am ready to bless anybody other then my wife
And children whom I would
Have exploited and harassed for the betterment
Of myself and my family".
When incident reached such critical situation
Wife and children rushed forward
Caught him and pushed him into the box
And sealed with the lid
He was dead and funeral procession proceeded

### **Our Skeltons**

Sight of my own lonely Skelton
Without skin, flesh and blood
Kept in cup board
Creates horror and turbulence in my bones
But - when
Kept with my beloved and dearest
Rubbing against her shoulder bones
Thrills my bones
Exchanging warmth of passion
Surviving several historical eras
We would only pray
That no human bombs
Would perish us or
Would smash our bones into ashes

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## **Poets And Philosophers**

Poets and Philosophers
Their feet deep rooted
In slushy and grassy soil
Heads protruding above
Drifting, silvery clouds of sky
Intellectual academicians
They have no greediness for
Money or power like
Crooked, Cunning politicians
Human love they advocate
Float on dancing, colorful flowers

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Of cool and breezy earth

They look down
Upon faces of schadenfreudes
Who hilariously laugh when
Their best friends accidently die
When their kith's kid gets kidnapped
When friends wife eloped with another friend
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They look down
Upon faces of dynastic rulers
Who inherited power
From parents and grandparents
Who amassed unthinkable
Wealth and property and
Deposited in other countries
Mysterious safe deposit vaults
Annihilated all opponents
Physically and intellectually
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They look down upon faces of
Undemocratically elected democratic rulers
Who amassed wealth for
Their several wives
Children, grand children and grate grand children
Annihilated all opponents
Percentage of poverty rose from
Fifty to Eighty

Country got flooded with Vampires and cannibals \*\*\*\*\*\*

They look down upon faces of
Proletarian leaders
Who slaughtered bourgeoisie
And once in power they forgot revolution
And embraced illusionary evolution
For attaining personal benefits
To cling to power and suck blood of masses
Percentage of poverty rose from
Eighty to Ninety nine
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Poets and philosophers
With no individualistic aspirations
Wrote books and poems
Their immortal classics
Would transcend all corrupt and dark eras

RSEKHARAN.

### **Poets Lane**

I live in poets lane Not in millioners lane I am not a poet But taught poetry A poet laureate friend of mine E mailed " Poems are scribblings of lunatics" We have a beautiful poets park Adjacent to our lane We all meet there every evening discuss poetry We love nature, forest, mountains, Rivers, flowers, tall trees, creepers A poet declared "I write poems for myself and not for others We unearth hidden miseries of charming world And poems are written"

Chandrasekharan P.M.

#### **Rats**

As a toddler I grew up in my

Grandparents ancestral house

Large house with several rooms

Sloping red tiled roof

Semi dark, even during mid day

Located in the centre of vast estate

With reddish gravely soil

Horizontal terrain with several elevational layers

House encircled by tall trees of

Coconuts, Jackfruits, mangoes, bananas

Tamarind, papaya, pepper creepers

Such large house occupied by only

Four human beings

Myself, grandparents and a servant maid

House was infested with

Reptiles, lizards, small crawling snakes

Cockroaches, spiders, squirrels, frogs

Millipedes, centipedes, cats, kitten and rats

Black bats flying and clinging to ceiling, heads down

Best place for zoological research

House was surrounded by foxes, dogs, butterflies

Fluttering between flowers

Big poisonous snakes

Cows, goats and mongoose

Crows, chicken, woodcutters, owls

Cooing doves on red tile roofs

Ground filled up with

Dry leaves fell from trees

Every day when the dawn strikes

I could see solar rays

Fresh after a night sleep

Penetrating through tall trunks of trees

My grandfather used to offer prayers

To Sun God, standing erect

By folding palms facing rising sun

Same time, sitting in our north side verandah

I used to help my grandmother

Killing rats

Trapped in wooden boxes

My grandmother was
House hold totalitarian
She had unfathomable affection towards me
Rats were menace to our food grains
Stored in large wooden granaries
Clock of my grandmother's life
Stopped when she was only Sixty
And when I was only Ten
Memories about her and rats killed
Still after six decades lingers in my mind

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Last three decades I live in a pent house
Located on Fourteenth floor of a residential apartment
My tower is very close to an International Airport.
After retirement, I sit in my balcony
And watch busy aircrafts landing and taking off
Recently I noticed my neighbour
Standing in his balcony holding a glass casket
A struggling, black creature was inside the box
was head of zoology department
In University located in our city
Out of curiosity I asked him
"What is that doctor?"
"A rat"

"A rat"
"Where did you get it? "
"From a village in North Malabar
My research assistant who hails
From that village brought it
We are preparing thesis on
Rats, mouses and bandicoots "
Rat held inside could not be from my
Ancestral home in North Malabar
My old house of grandparents and tall trees were
Bulldozed long back for
Construction of luxurious resorts

Meant for foreigners and their currency.

#### **RASEKHARAN**

#### Re Incarnation

Death is the result of two mergers Departed soul with celestial galaxy And soul less body with earth, water or air Galaxy is always full of Homogenous souls ejected from bodies Of animals, reptiles, beggars, birds, billionaires Murderers, presidents and ministers United without any individual identity, Invisible, untouchable It orbits around trillions of universal globes Nothing perishes in the universe Only transformation takes place to all Moving and encircling soul in space Is keen to re enter into an organic shell To continue the cyclic life This could be re incarnation Hitler and Mussolini as deers Of Amazon jungle And Sadam Hussain as Bush IV

## Republic

This Republic, this country is mine

I fought for the freedom from foreign emperor

Although queen was romancing with me

With the knowledge of emperor

I was elected after winning freedom

For my fair skin and westernized

Culture and oratorical skill

Whatever I spoke was not understood by public

I am the ruler

I have declared eternal emergency

Introduced indirectly dynastic rule

Ordered my coteries to scream from everywhere

To enthrone my son as vice president so that

He can be the next ruler

Like me, my son also is a poet, philosopher and ruler

My philosophy will be taught in all universities

Although I don't have any philosophy of my own

I grew up in a castle of fear complex

My grandfather an advisor to one of the feudal kings of olden days

Was butchered by violent communal assassins

They sprayed bullets as though he was a dog

Till movement of his last finger stopped

Like me I want my son also to enjoy life with all luxuries

He should have everything made of gold

And play with trillions

My thousands of sycophants bowing in front of me

Will give meticulous informations about my

Enemies movements

Excepting my son the rest are my enemies

Mass in front of me believe that I am a socialist

Based on what I speak.

They are not bothered about my trillions in swiss bank

I erected my statues everywhere

On seashore, riverbanks, hilltops, airports,

railway junctions and bazars

All statues are protected with gun holding black cats

Millions were spent by sucking out

From starving and bony Bellies of billions

Ordered sculptors to carve my son's statues also

My mind was filled up with horrors Of oil thirsty imperialists hanging Saddam Who inturn had massacred millions To enable him to cling to golden throne History shows big lists such as Stalin, Hitler, Idi amin, etc., Who killed several millions for their personal greed Will my biographer include my name also in that list? I don't care, I want to enjoy My son has to enjoy My generation have to enjoy But I have an imperialistic enemy abroad Whose eyes are on my country's natural resources If my enemy can finish me, he can add trillions and trillions To his Amazon wealth, depth unknown He may also try to disintegrate the country And divide into federalistic regions And he dreams By inter fighting the regions My Republic would perish.

**RASEKHARAN** 

### Roses

Roses are not for plucking
It is for beautification of gardens and parks
For the onlookers sensual joy
Morning I would pluck and clip on to my shirt
What Nehruji did till his last day
Evening flower fades
I would dump it in the dust bin
Cyclic life continues
Single, isolated, blossomed rose plant
By the side busy high way
Would be a pathetic sight
Any time it can be destroyed
By a fast moving vehicle
Like nymph held by cruel hooligan.

**RASEKHARAN** 

### **Sceptic**

God stood in the queue

To get the boarding pass

Long, unending queue

He was taller than the rest

Holding his air ticket

Without destination

Showed only place of boarding

Slowly moved forward

After few hours reached counter

Duty officer scrutinized tickets

And queried

"Aisle, window, rear or front?"

"Anywhere"

He typed on the computer

Through the top slot of printer

Boarding pass slipped out

Like birth of an infant

Duty officer handed over boarding pass

And air ticket to God

He went through the security check

Entered departure lounge

Crowded with passengers

Shouting, reading, gesticulating

Most of them were in a hurry

Few were sipping coffee or cool drinks

God stood taller than the rest

Suddenly an announcement was heard

"Due to bad weather and thick fog all flights

Are delayed

Regret the inconvenience "

Waited and al hours passed

Passengers were restless

Became inpatient

But God alone was quiet

He simply smiled

Without any botheration

Again another announcement

"Weather worst. Regret to announce

That all flights are cancelled temporarily"

God folded the boarding pass
Dumped it in the dust bin
Came out of departure lounge
All others followed him
But one man remained in the lounge
Motionless like a rock
Dwarf, fair, bald with dark glass
Protecting his eyes
And thick black mustache
Who was he?
A sceptic, he missed flight
And also God.

# Schizophrenic

Phase I

Received an email

"Your transit lounge ready,

No.3 14 on 31st floor of Sakinaka Tower D

Get key from watchman"

Being frequent global flier

My company had sanctioned a rest house

At Mumbai

Negligently I drove during my first trip

To Tower E and reached 314.

Pressed calling bell.

Door partly opened.

A tall hefty fellow with silvery attire

Stared at me with reddish bulging eyes

"Who is this"?

He was about to bang door on my face

Suddenly a sweet little lady with Mongolian physique

Emerged from behind

"No no please come in"

She invited me to step in with charming gestures

And they gave clearance

It was a large deserted hall with few furnitures.

As though they were ready to vacate

End of the hall there was a mini bar with full of liquors

Tall man with huge nose, thick curly black hair and

Brushy mustache, ends pointing upwards

Was not ready to spare me

Pinkish, slim, short lady asked me to be seated

Tall man screamed. "You could have seen the name plate outside"

I rushed out and saw the name plate

"Captain Jinos kadre"

After I sat, well mannered lady introduced herself

"I am ti Professor of Nutrition Technology on

deputation from United Nations."

She looked up with difficulty to the tall man standing

Next to her with serious face and said

"My husband Jinos Kadre captain of Pan American Airways

<sup>&</sup>quot;sorry I want to see watchman to collect key"

<sup>&</sup>quot;Nonsense - get lost"

May I know your name please "

"Chandrasekharan. Going to Occupy 314 of D Tower.

By mistake I landed here

Sorry for disturbing you".

Although Captain was still stubborn

Sweet little lady offered me a peg of Champagne

"Sorry madam I am in a hurry to catch flight to Changi."

"Jinos brought just now Airbus A 380 from Changi to Mumbai

With more than 300 passengers

We both are US citizens. I got doctorate in Nutrition Technology

From Ohio University □

We were dating for 10 years and last month only we got married At Las Vegas."

Christy was only half of Jinos height and said again

"Originally I am from Fuji Island and he is from Hungary"

"I am Chandrasekharan from Chennai.

Originally from Malabar, Kerala"

"O Karala – a Worm like tiny place but beautiful and wonderful

World is full of migrants

We migrate for better living, comforts, love and wealth

Our ancestors who were conquerors, annihilated, aboriginals

Red Indians, Dravidians, Jews and built empires with blood soaked rocks ".

Captain was impatient and lifted her up in his massive arms

She was giggling, cuddling and swinging her

Both legs out of happiness and he pressed her infant face

Against his broad hairy chest

"Christi I am in a hurry. I will miss my flight. See you next time".

I departed.

#### Phase II

Again after a gap of 18 months I visited 314 of E Tower intentionally

To meet my sweet little Christi again

Amazed I was.

No name plate

Pressed calling bell.

No response.

Again pressed. Door partly opened.

Sweety looked at me and invited me inside.

This time hall was fully decorated with carpets, flowers, Chandeliers

And profusing odour of perfumes

<sup>&</sup>quot;What about you? "

From the abutting chamber, a short man

Dwarfer than Christi came out

He was roundish and totally bald

He looked at me with smiling face

And said "Hello"

Christi's face became radiant and introduced

"ong originally from Korea settled in US

Nutrition were University mates at Ohio.

We got married last month while cruising in Icy Atlantic Ocean

He is a wonderful person and we love too much."

"What about Jinos? "

"He was tall, muscular, hefty, powerful but no love and affection

He was a Schizophrenic

Mental disorder, he lost his job

Hundreds and hundreds of passengers and crew members

Would have lost their lives, if he had commanded the air craft"

"Even after 10 years of dating you could not judge"?

"He was good during pre marriage days.

Post marriage he became Schizophrenic and

We got separated

Phin is a wonderful person full of love and affection

His blood, bones and flesh are flooded with love only."

Saying this she jumped up and sat on his fleshy lap

And clung her slender arms around thick neck.

her pinky cheek brushed against soft and hairless cheek of Phin

I left in a hurry

Lest the spark of love from brushing cheeks would splash on my face.

#### **RASEKHARAN**

### **Secrecies**

Human beings are shrouded by secrecies
The rest are not
Husbands and wives
Parents and children
Employer and employees
Ruler and ruled
All are divided by wall of secrecies
If secrets are exposed and revealed
Volcanos would erupt everywhere
And would kill man kind
Let us get pleasure out of concealed secrets
And mysteries
Like flowers and butterflies of enclosed vast garden

**RASEKHARAN** 

#### Shark Smooch

Costa Concordia

Fully illuminated luxury vessel

Floating silently on bluish sea water

Carrying 4200 joyful holidayers

In inebriated, revel mood

People singing, dining and dancing

Ship deviated from nautical route

Hit against rock of gigio Island

Ship tilted and started sinking

Within few seconds illuminated heaven

Became a dark hell

Happily dancing crowd

Started crying in utter darkness

Dashing against tables and chairs

To save life

Freighted crowd were

Diving down to reach life boats

A desperate sailor gulped

Juice from a trembling tumbler

Sliding down from a tilting table

He dived down to a life boat

Bad luck, he missed the boat

Fell in to the turbulent sea water

He was drowning

Not even a thread to hold

Sailor's body was getting filled with sea water

Just like ship's hull

Sinking and dying sailor,

Suddenly saw a big shark approaching him

Shark kissed on his bleeding nose

Which was sucking sea water

Next day a dead shark was lying

On the shore of gigio Island

Sailor's bleeding head was projecting

Out of shark's mouth

Sailor in a hurry had consumed

Juice mixed with the poison before jumping

And this poison killed shark also.

## **Snoring Billionare**

My crowded flight from Delhi to Calcutta

I was in business class

Just before announcement of departure

A hefty passenger

Wearing safari suit

Clean shaven face without mustache

Dark, dwarf and bald

Body was as big as aisle

Reddish greedy lips, carried thin laptop

Walked as though he was

Pushed forward by invisible force

He squeezed his body

In to his seat next to me

With a jerking sound

His watch with thick golden strap

Was showing International timings

All his ten fingers were

With diamond studded rings

He struggled to fasten seat belt

Since length of seat belt is insufficient

He looked at me through his dark glass

And said "sorry"

For hitting my belly with his elbow

While fastening his seat belt

I simply murmured, though he encroached half of my seat

He leaned on his back rest

And pushed himself backward

As though seat was meant for sleeping

On his rear passenger's lap

The moment he leaned back

He started snoring

Sound of low and high pitches

Sound reverberated the aircraft

Pilot switched on the aircraft engine

Engine sound and snoring sound competed

Meanwhile airhostess came with plate of sweets

Seeing the passengers next to me

Lying almost flat with his huge body

And roaring sound

She was astonished

She gently patted on his shoulder

There was no response

She asked me whether this giant

Was my relative and I said "no"

She wanted him to sit erect

As per air traffic norms

Flight was about to take off

All her attempts were in vain

On the contrary

The intensity of snoring increased

Suddenly a passenger from rear seats

Toll, slim, fair with dark glasses

Rushed to the bewildered airhostess

"Madam don't disturb him

You know who he is

He is a multi multi billionaire

Owns several mines, steel plants,

Resorts, ships and estates

Have link with mafias, ministers

Politicians ruling and opposition

If required he can buy a fleet of

Aircrafts like this"

Airhostess stood silent and motionless

Started squeezing her lower lip

Passengers were impatient for the delay in taking off

She rushed to the cockpit

Meanwhile aircraft was slowly

Cruising towards the main run way

She brought the co pilot with her

Copilot and snoring billionaire's aid

Indulged in noisy argument and counter argument until

The aircraft reached the launching pad

My gigantic co passenger

Was asleep snoring, unaware of what was happening around

Probably he was dreaming of his coal mines and ships

Suddenly the blackberry of copilot

Made a musical sound

He pulled out mobile from his pocket

And listened to the caller

Caller gave instructions

Caller's voice was tough and rough

Copilot as a respect to the caller Was bending and bowing He was answering "yes Sir, yes Sir We will not disturb him, let him sleep" He then discontinued the talk Whispered something secretly To billionaire's aid and airhostess He rushed back to his cabin Flight took off and when it started ascending Billionaire's aid and airhostess Were pressing his head on to the seat So that billionaire's body will not roll down backward, Snapping the seat belt While air craft is flying in upward inclination Other passengers like me started wondering "Oh great billionaire You are really great All laws are made for your benefits And laws are made by you Laws will not take its own course Though politicians declare otherwise"

### Songs From Grevyard

Dark midnight I was alone in vast graveyard Between turbulent sea shore And hill valley of tranquility Thousands and thousands of tomb stones Protruding from greenish grass Feathertouched by icy breeze Stones with invisible epitaph Few slanting, few vertical I could hear songs from all stones Songs of sorrow and songs of joy Each stone had its own unique song Few were singing for several centuries And few started singing recently An isolated tiny stone sprouting from grass Looked at me while singing And it had a glimpse of glittering stars in the sky Music of this tiny stone was totally different It was feeble, innocent voice Voice totally uncorrupt Could be that of an embryo Died in mother's womb Full of deep love and affection Towards the universe it has never seen Listening to the song emanating from this stone I hugged and embraced and slept In the grassy graveyard of tomb stones forever

## **Space Craft**

Billions worth space craft with four astronauts were blasted off from launch pad with thundering sound, Thick huge smoke, spark and fire Engulfed the entire area Initially it travelled vertically, then tilted and Rocketed towards outer space They are on a voyage to study other planets As well as our planet Even after several centuries We are yet to study the secrets of Our own planet Zooming space craft was watched By millions in televisions Billions of children, pregnant women and Elderly population Without even food and shelter could not watch They are struggling for survival Millions are being annihilated Mercilessly by Tsunami, cyclone and earthquake And the question remains unanswered Why we spend billions and trillions For space craft which some times Would kill even astronauts also.

# Trip Through Dark Tunnel

Our train

Superfast, super luxurious

Was running non stop

As though to reach the other end of the world

Thousands of holidayers

With different culture, attire, language

Complexions and manners

Accommodated in one dozen

Beautifully decorated

Extremely comfortable coaches

It was racing forward

Without much noise

With occasional musical whistling

While bending left or right

Through large fixed glass windows

We could see unending sward

Disappearing fast

Tall, slender trees dancing

Depending on direction of wind

We could see small greenish hills

With projecting rocks on top

Vanishing in a winking time

We were crossing rivers

With turbulent, speedy flow of water

As though keen to merge

With shallow sea on the other end

Cluster of villages

With red tile roofs

Narrow passage lanes

And beautiful gardens

Grazing cattle and goats

Stopped eating and

Looked at the fast moving train

And few frightened ran away to take shelter

We were all reveled

Enjoying, drinking, eating

Singing and dancing

Few senior citizens

Indulged in conversation of

Serious topics

Of politics and philosophy

During dusk we could see full moon

Rising above jungle trees

And on the other side

Burning reddish solar globe

Getting slowly immersed

Into the bluish ocean

Our princely train went on running

And running

Until we reached

The circular entrance

Of a lengthy and dark tunnel

Tunnel of several kilometers

Piercing through several rocky mountains

We were told

That our tunnel was dug

Below lakes and thick forest

Located on surface of mountains

As we entered the dark tunnel

We enjoyed the journey

Because of the sudden change in surroundings

We had light and music in our compartment

Gradually we all became silent

No songs, no conversations

We all became grim faced

Children fell asleep ignoring their toys

Suddenly the speed the train got reduced

We could hear the metallic sound

Of clash between wheel and rail

The train came to grinding halt

Could be engine failure

Within few minutes

Light and music also went off

Could be battery failure

Dark compartments and dark tunnel

Panic stricken

We were all glued to our seats

Our train was lying

Like a dead snake in tunnel

Few hours passed, no indication of movement

At times we could see the flashing light of

Speedy train

Running in the opposite direction

We were hungry, thirsty and sweating

Screaming sound of the children, we heard

Hours of harrower and hell in darkness

Beads of tears soaked our cloths

We could not come out of the coaches

Since the tunnel was infested

With poisonous reptiles and dangerous animals

Suddenly there was a slight movement

Train jerked and was moving backward

An engine was towed to the tail bogey

And we were being hauled back

To the entrance of the tunnel

From where we started our dangerous journey

As we were approaching the entrance

We could see rays of sunlight

Peeping into the tunnel

Horror of tunnel ended, we came out

Our glorious train was dumped on a side track

Like a used, bony abandoned race horse on roadside

Or

Like a hulk permanently berthed

We were all tired and half dead

Struggling and crawling

We managed to come out of the coach

Interior of the coaches appeared

Like a battle field of lost war

We saw trains rushing towards the entrance

Of the tunnel like fast bullets

Will they also have our Titanic experience.

## **Tsumanmy And Meditation**

I was meditating on a silvery pyramid like rock Propped up from ocean bed Amidst vast expanse of unending bluish ocean I sat erect and cross legged Stretched, straight arms resting on my knees Beard and hair of several years Like entwined brownish cobras I never felt chill freezy breeze Scorching heat of sun heavy droplets of cyclonic rain Suddenly, on a blissful day Tsunami christened as Gayathri uprooted my rocky island My body was thrown off to violent and turbulent ocean With mountain like tides playing basket ball With my cross legged, unchanged meditating body Tsunami failed and my spirit succeeded My immortal spirit flew away to the vast invisible upper horizon And became part of eternal galaxy My abandoned trunk was gifted as food to sharks Up from sky I looked down Had glimpse of meditating billions on earth Awaiting another Tsunami

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#### **Two Wonders**

Niagara

"Maid of Mist" was cruising slowly

On turbulent "Hudson" river

Tilting, jolting and moving

Against strong, moist river wind

We were approaching nearer to Niagara Fall

Trillions and trillions of droplets of water

Hitting the rocks and gushing down

Amazing view would thrill our mind

We were wearing protective clothes

Still felt the powerful drops

Would pierce our skin, flesh and bones

Wanted to escape before it could slice our heart

But could not, our eyes were grilled to the massive

Fall of mixture of foam and fog

**Grand Canyon** 

Stood on semi circular

Glass bridge of "sky walk"

Peeped down through the thick glass

Where we were standing

To have a glimpse

Of Grand Canyon at several thousand feet below

Natural cavity of Colorado, fascinated us

But more than that

Huge cantilevered steel structure of glass base

Puzzled us and were astonished

Hanging bridge projects to the middle of Canyon

I am told depth of Canyon increases every year

Due to soil erosion

And probably after few centuries

We can dive down from bridge

And make" journey to centre of earth"

# Village Chief And Chief Minister

He became chief of village

When he was only twenty years old

After the sudden death of aged father

He inherited about hundred acres of land and estate

Including one or two small hills from his father

Within ten years he spread his estate empire

To more than thousand acres

With several hills, teak wood estates,

Coconut trees, tapioca and banana plantations

Several acres of pepper creepers, mango and jackfruit trees

He acquired, annexed and encroached

Major portion of land area in his village

Using his power as village chief

He was restless and sleepless

His only aim was to expand his landed property

As much as possible like Alexander the great

Although he had six children

He would have seen his wife only six times

He earned the enmity of several tribes and communities

He had unbreakable faith in his goddess.

He built a temple for his goddess

On the valley of one of his estate hills

And daily he used to reach the temple

Some times in the mid night to offer his prayers

No other person was allowed to enter the temple.

He considered his goddess as his personal property

One midnight he ran fast and entered the temple

And bolted the door

A large crowd was chasing him

With weapons and burning torches in their hands

To put an end to his life

They waited in front of the temple till dawn and dispersed.

Chief came out from the temple only next day afternoon

Immediately after the birth of his last son

He was missing for several days

His wife and children who did not get any affection from him

Started weeping out of unbearable agony

However villagers found his dead body hanging from the

Branch of mango tree near one of his hills

Rumor floating was that He was killed by one of his enemy tribal chief Who lost several acres of land to the village chief And body was hung on to the tree His young wife who had never enjoyed married life Became mentally wreck Children were too young to understand anything Chief's estate manager was entrusted With the responsibility of properties Manager was very shrewd and cunning He took away major percentage of property \*\*\*\*\*\*

I being a media person got an opportunity to interview Our Chief Minister recently Minister's secretary had fixed up One of the royal suits of Taj Palace where Clinton and other world personalities used to stay As venue for the interview. We were sipping costly champagne I enquired about his ancestors He said his maternal grandfather hailed from a village Called Ganugly and he was a village chief "My grandfather was a stupid, he did not enjoy life He had rarely seen my mother and his children. After death of my mother I sold my mothers property in the village And in the transaction got few millions" "Why you are remaining a bachelor? " I asked.

" I have billions I don't want to be like my stupid grandfather Let me enjoy life to the full extend and die." He answered after gulping half a bottle of champagne.

#### Waterfall

Narrow dark gap between two dangerous mountains One with amazing waterfall taller than the other one Void almost filled up with gushing water I rolled down in a winch, several thousand feet from crown Using motorized rollers and rope Sliding down on rocky surface with thick jungles on either side Landed in a projecting balcony made of steel and wood Balcony appeared to be one of the riskiest creation Droplets of super fast waterfall spilled in the balcony Stretched my arms to feel the droplets of water Felt as though I would collapse along with the balcony Impact of trillions and trillions of water falling from Several thousand feet above Hissing sound of falling water was heard from the day Universe was born Would, continue till the last day of the universe Mother of fall is broad, quiet, deep, river Flowing on upper strata several thousands of miles away Suddenly it branches off, like a highway bypass Narrowed down, picks up violent speed and Finally suicidal dive to unknown depth Eternal song of water lifted me to a heavenly abode

#### **RASEKHARAN**

#### Woman On Run

She was the richest actress of the century Blonde, curly, fluttering hair Millions dreamt of her Attractive, curving figure Even ugliest billionaires fell at her feet Had several boyfriends and gay men With whom she enjoyed life In all parts of the world Despite everything under her thump She felt insecure Restless, sleepless Something frequently knocked her brain Though there was no pain Knocking made severe impact on her Entire body and molecular cells She had an irresistible urge to run away To an un inhabiting planet She assigned her architect To design a four legged structure In one of the hottest deserts A four legged tower With roofless chamber on top Where she can lie down And get dried and fried

#### Womb And Tomb

From womb to tomb My journey took more than eight decades On eleventh day after my death I resurrected, sat on my tomb slab And wrote this poem Gentle, pleasant odorous breeze Pushed me always Felt like sliding on Wonderful, beautiful, colorful Bed of flowers shrouding the earth No cyclone, earthquake, Tsunami or terrorism Nothing to shorten my life span But I wept and laughed In both the containers Of womb and tomb Without contaminating The inner environment And listener was only myself.

**RASEKHARAN** 

#### Wonder Land

During my interplanetary travel

Once I landed in a peculiar planet

Called wonderland

While landing I felt as though

I was floating in a flower decked garden

Country was full of flowery gardens

Greenish landscape with beautiful

Lagoons and rivers

Highways decorated with arch of

Creepers and flowers

Clean wide roads with no dusts

Small cars with no emissions

Elegantly dressed people always with

Smiling and charming faces

No sky scrapers

All medium sized echo friendly structures

Healthy smiling children with

Pinky flower like faces

"What is the religion here? " I asked guide

"No specific religion here

Our religion is love all and no hatred to anybody"

"Who is ruling this planet?"

"Elected senate members would select

A president and he will appoint ministers

Their term would be only for one year".

"Then what will happen?"

"Another team will be elected".

Pointing to a gardener he said

"Salary of president and gardener would be same

And even gardener can become president

Our planet has no judges and police

Since nobody commits a crime

Women can move freely through streets

Even in the midnight

No raping and no murders

Life style of all the people are almost similar

Retired people will be taken care by state

Education and health care are

Responsibility of the government

No savings required for anybody" Planet with out slogans, banners, cutouts and statues It was a wonderful land with cheerful population Water, atmosphere and drainages not polluted Ozone layer thick and undisturbed Not bothered about anything Everybody was working for all Without any selfish motive "I would like to stay here for ever "I told The wonderland guide He answered with a smiling face "We don't entertain people from other planets Especially from earth. We have heard that people from earth are Born corrupt and devilish with divine mask" Disappointed I flew back To my hell like earth.