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A Happy Child Nursery Rhyme

I am in the park, happy like a lark, A happy child am I, Who swings very high, Swings very high, up in the sky.

I like to sing and play, On the good Sunday, With chocolate, chips and cheese, Chocolate, chips and cheese, with gentle cool breeze, Under the green trees.

A Promise

O land of love and peace! The devils try to forcibly fleece Your identity from the globe, Knowing not your sons on probe Will never let them do And shed their blood for you! Will send them to hell soon And make you free of every goon.

A Weapon Free World

You will see no more Weapons in the world, If my dream comes true And the war is hurled.

Weapons kill And weapons burn. Weapons are terrible, They always turn

Man into corpse. Heaven into hell. I have seen children What should I tell?

In the lap of mothers, With bleeding eyes. Death over every one Like a vulture flies.

Play your part, Come and Awake! Don't waste time. Move and make

A weapon free world. Without any plight What the world would be Without any fight.

Where peace prevails Like a paradise Come! come! Come! Reach and rise.

Allah, The Merciful

Praises to Him who deserves, He who is the Lord Almighty, Was when there was nothing, And will be in the Eternity.

He enlightens our dark hearts, And He is for us beacon of hope. He Who takes away all the pain, If we keep hold tight his rope.

He always answers when we pray, And never leave us alone in pain. He blesses us with all we need, Bright sunshine 'nd shower of rain.

Those who keep faith in Him, And in His name they only pray, He, the Merciful and Beneficent Will never let them stray.

An Apology To Charles Mackay

We are ashamed, sir dear We are ashamed.

Neither the earth glistened In the ray of good time, Nor we are still In the way of good time.

Pen is serving, not right But the mighty lord, Kneeling bowing bending, Instead of superseding sword.

Nations still quarrel To prove them stronger. Men are being slaughtered For the sake of honour.

Men are being burned, Terror rules the world, Birth, not the worth Still fools the world.

War, the monster of iniquity Has worn different masks. Somewhere proving pride Somewhere deadly tasks.

We couldn't bring the good time The good time once you dreamt. "Let us aid what we can" We have forgotten what you meant.

An Ode To Wealth

Is there any? No, I guess no limits you have, And your victims, seem, never survive, Though you ruin, yet people for you crave, And unbound of all bonds for you thrive, You cause of all the vices in the world, Lo! For you but all strive very high Your admirers always in pain sigh Find no peace, but in the deep abyss hurled And sometimes you yourself become their grave.

Is it your love that pushed them into pain? Or stunning power that drives them ahead? Are all your enchanting looks fake and feign? Or sometimes, you too, take a majestic tread? For Pharaoh People know, No Moses heard, And it was your tempting hold Yes for you was Jesus sold `Ts true, to you, all relations are really absurd Love, passion, friendship entirely insane.

The prettiest thing, no doubt, you seem, 'ts right, Cause you not only bring all joys of merry life But for your possessors bring main and might, Nothing remains rough, and nothing in strife What all you want get, what all you wish hold Hence dearer, all adore you a lot, And tie with you their love's knot But you destroy all who come in your fold So in your presence good ones always feel fright

You are, no doubt, the biggest enemy of the soul, And you make people richer, their hearts poorer You breed in them greed, nothing but for the dole With infected inward, they remain no more purer Too, they waive their vision and become all blind Neither they perceive the truth Nor can they know the sooth Lust and leisure, but never find peace of mind Abyss of anguish, agony their ultimate goal

Bless Me Peace Of Mind

Dear Lord, bless me peace of mind, So that easily I shall find, The ways of virtue, not of vice, To be bold, brave and nice, It will give me courage enough to fight, and to help the poor in the plight, Your blessing will surely make me wise, to understand life's mysteries and ties

Butterfly Butterfly Nursery Rhyme

Butterfly, butterfly Teach us how to fly Your wings are colorful You are very beautiful

Butterfly, butterfly Do not fly high Come down come down Yellow and red, blue and brown

Can An Inspiration Be Killed?

They tried to kill you but Can an inspiration be killed, Your blood even strengthen hope And faith in the dark hearts filled.

The candle of love that you lighted Brought an end to the night of terror You know betrayers always bring Their disaster by their own error

They thought your voice will be Silenced for ever with your death Never knew that your martyrdom Would give all souls a new breadth

Now in the bright sun-lit day that Has been brought by your sacrifice All the vicious villains will be chased And be brought to an end every vice.

Chivalry

Chivalry is not to fight in the field, To kill the crowd and not take shield.

Nor it is to defy the death, And try to fight till the last breadth.

Fray the foe and stay with strength, Keeping in the chaos line and length.

It is to subdue, the soul in the plight, And always be by the side of the right.

Death

Among all which draw out our breath, The greatest of fears is nothing but death, Which you feel follows everywhere you go Yes, but not to those who follow this foe.

Deceivers

I often think of people who deceive others Never think of people's rights and druthers Who feel nothing in playing with feelings And keep above all their own dealings They never think of others' whether they Would plunge into pain or dismay Being selfish, they do it all to gain glory's fit In order to be successful in the world, they do it For their own sake, wishes, desires and pleasure But of course nothing they get from love's treasure And when the Lord decides for them fate, decides With no mercy and kindness to suffer, besides The're doomed and get back whatever they designed For others, and no saviour, aide and help they find.

Determination

Perhaps, sometimes life reveals Some secrets, which when we know We then become more wittier And Know, most friends are our foe

So, the wise are, who neither share Secrets, nor depend over friends For the victory, and of course dare To set for their success their own trends

And they must not keep hope into those Who, never hesitate to boast the support, But with you for their designs, actually foes Success depends not looking at others court

Yes but determination and untiring effort Make somebody victorious, who never wait But begin to move towards the destination And they turn in their favour their fate

Efforts Never Waste

Yes, with the break of the morning Even after the dreadful storming Houses whether scattered on the plain Or stand still in the sleepy lane Where the feeble sparks of lanterns did move But after all efforts could not remove The darkness which was all around But left not hope and were not downed They knew they won't be able to turn Darkness into light but from history they did learn Need not to go in the search of the light Bear the time, as the day will surely come after night Efforts never waste, efforts never fail Success does come honour does hail Those who struggle for the right, and fight With velour and not lose hope in the plight

Haikus About Faith

When all leave us alone, Faith embraces And let us not moan.

Haikus About Friendship

Our friends' Value and worth We come to know In our misery not in mirth

Haikus About Hope

Hope takes us ahead Even when Our reason is dead

Hope never let us down We move ahead And wear victory's crown

Hold only the God's rope Hoping in people Is hoping against hope

Haikus About Life

You ask me what is life? An undue compromise And nonparallel strife!

Like a fast flowing stream, Long life passed, But it feels like a dream.

Haikus About Loneliness

Loneliness is like termite One may seem well But the soul is in plight

Haikus About Love

All efforts we render In love, not To fight but surrender

Love is life people say But from the valley Of death passes its way

Strange is love's cruise It is the only game We eagerly want to lose

All the claims of love Are false if it is Not the all above

All the claims of love Are false if you Won't remove ego's glove

Love doesn't look nice If you don't Surrender and sacrifice

Love is but to subdue Yourself and come Into beloved's hue

Love doesn't see but feels And finds sooth of Soul in the surrender's deals

Haikus About Soul

Soul, that is ambitions' slave Is nothing but A soiled corpse in a grave

Haikus About Wiat

Waiting for those who leave Is as if, like You yourself deceive

Haikus Of Sadness

Spring's breezes gently pass On the Indus bank You are not with me, alas!

Autumn deserted look wears You in my mind And in my eyes tears!

Parting summer days I, lonely think Why this life's phase?

Норе

He who believes in fate and fall, Never loses hope at all, Knows in life there comes time, When all goes wrong, nothing fine Remains around, we feel alone, Our heart hurts and makes us moan, But our hope pushes us ahead, Makes us toil, though time bad, We fall and rise and lump and move, finally we find us out of groove.

I Will Never Give Up

You may go on, go on to continue, Whatever you can, and desire to subdue, My passionate soul, but will never give up, And will always raise our heads to live up, Even if cut into thousand pieces, But will never change our thieses, And I am not worried even if killed, My blood will show the path to my guild

In The Honour Of Mothers

May heaven help me and hail me the height, So shall my pen be able to write, In the honour of those whose name when we take, It makes the mind glow and heavy hearts light.

In the honour of mothers, whom himself Lord praise, The poor poet tries, but finds not phrase, They never live their life, they never hesitate, On the cost of their comforts, they their children raise.

Have they not dreams and have they not need, Yes indeed, but they always sacrifice, Working and waking, toiling and training, For making the life of children nice.

Neither summer nor winter they take into account, Their charms and choices are linked with the child. How weary and worn out, tired and troubled, But always for the child, mellow and mild.

We were feeble and faint, delicate dependent, Frail in the form, crept and crippled, Who was there, with us and always took care, Our soul slumbered, When her love rippled.

Intention

Never wait for your goodness to grow bigger, But carry out deeds even very small they are. For, not the help but intention is counted, And makes your deeds worthy on the par!

Justice Delayed Justice Denied

Delay not justice listen to the cries, Leave your slumber, wake up and rise.

Masses mourn with hearts out worn, Ask for help with their tongues torn.

Of course you are not at the devil's side, But you know; JUSTICE DELAYED JUSTICE DENIED.

Let Me Not Bless With Wisdom

Dear Lord, let me not, bless with wisdom, Blessed ones are always weary in tears. And those who 're blessed with the help, Live their life without any fears.

Dear Lord, help me live within limits, To be content with what I own. Wish of having, much, lot and more, Makes us mad, we always moan.

Make me strong to be much bold, To be very kind to those who hurt. If evil entice me to Wrangle and Revenge. Halt me, help me to avoid and avert.

Help me to help, to those who suffer, Make me able, to wipe away their Woes. Enlighten my heart, to be with the truth, to seek the strength, and forgive my foes.

Let The Friends Not Go Away

Sincere friends, no doubt, are healers of our pains and plights Sooth us even in the misery when the world leaves us alone, Cause the world is only ours in our merriment and delights And the friends, with us in our cheers and also when we moan

Friends! let the friends not go away at any cost, stop them, Sometimes misunderstanings might occure and create disparity And, if not carefully dealt, faith fades and relations break And know, what makes them not to go away? your sincerity

Let The People Live

No man on earth can deny and dare, Duty to dust and fight to fair, for tales tell us if there were a few, Brought death over them in despair.

Make not a wall between the bread, And those who die of hunger, You won't find a hiding place, If they make their mind and lunger.

Let's Raise Our Voice

Honour to those who always fight, For their land and for their right. They feel pain of the humankind, Anywhere in the world if they find, Any misery or humans in trouble, They raise their voice out of rubble Of unconscious heap of human souls, Look into the death's eyes with dare, They never think and never care, Of their own lives; but the people's plight And raise their hate to haul the height. Against all atrocities which forcibly compel Suffering human beings to crush and quell Let's join them for the sake of humanity For the sake of honour to avoid vanity To make miserable world a peaceful place With no feelings of bias, blood and race.

Life

Life is no doubt But a teacher stern. In its own way It makes us learn, The value of things Which we do own, By depriving us Of them and moan. It seems beautiful, Yes it is indeed, Until we strictly Follow its creed.

Llife Is To Serve

Lord has blessed us life to serve Not to blow up in ashes and smoke How can one help others and solace When he himself needs stoke Nor can bring any good for him Neither of any worth for others Being a black mole on the life Becoming a burden losing all druthers

Love Makes Life Beautiful, Brave And Bold

When? I know not it crept into my veins, Holding hold of me by its powerful reigns, Molded and turned me to a man unbound Of the chains and reigns of things around, I was not then the slave of lust and leisure But the worth of worry could I measure, And it made my vision clear enough to see In the darkest vales of desires to gee This led me to lands of faith and hope And that made me easily live and lope Without any fear and with no any hold Love makes life beautiful, brave and bold

Love Unfetterred

It is no doubt no matter for love, To be bold and face, though frail, fray. Of adversity, asperity, power and proud, Love though lone, can never be a prey.

Chains and bounds of so-called norms, Can easily be broken by love profound. When love wants, dreams come true, It has remained always unbound.

No tactics of tyrants, no plights of power, Has ever subdued love unfettered. Whoever wrangled to sully it or slay, Love never is defeated, remained bettered.

No monarchy can mold love, neither tyranny, Towards their side and find any favour. Yes, but if one wants to win love with love, Can subdue and surmount with no endivour.

Must Not Withdraw

No matter how slow we begin to move, But if the pace is paced, in the right direction, Sooner or later we are due, to be rewarded With what we wanted - our destination.

Our destination, may be, far, far away, Inch by inch, bit by bit, but we move. Must not withdraw without being afraid, All the obstacles, surely, will nature remove.

In the course of our struggle we might be alone, We may lose hope if we lose aiming at the goal. Moving and marching, aiming and advancing, Will make up our mind and strengthen our soul.

Out in the world, tales tell us, those who sleep They neither reach anywhere, nor get anything. And those who keep on moving, though tortoise, Always win the race and victorious songs sing.

We must not afraid, of fortune or fate, Keeping in our mind, it favoures the brave. "Despair is dangerous", must be our motto, Success goes to them, who keep on and crave.

No More Ignorance

A sleepless and terribly dreadful night All around are the winds of misery and plight When the sky poured down the fires; death Prevailed everywhere in the length and breadth. But the sons of soil are out in the field to foil The devilish plot against motherland's sweet soil Determined not let the enemies win, and Make their people migrant over their land Atrocities with those unarmed who can't fight, Ignorant of what happens around them and You slowly move their land beneath their feet You but surely with your ultimate fate will meet Because how long can one sit and see, who knows The foes all together conspire which shows No more ignorance, but if, will be fatal and final

Ode To River Indus

O, dear Indus, the witness of millenniums' History, traditions and culture You feed us with your sweet water And in your lap you us nurture

You might be a mighty channel Of flowing water for the world On your course with water southward Moving, marching, whirled

But of course for our nation No doubt You are, but the life which quenches our thirst, and

Grows for us grain in rife You, dear Indus, like our mother And of course our culture's cradle You feed us with all your love With your sweet water by a ladle

You, in the length and breath Of our dear motherland Make our life so lofty, And make our living grand

The originator of the culture Of the ancient Indus Valley Begin for us form Monserver And keep on your untiring sally

Through mountains and forests And over the vast plains And stretch across the valley Through your countless veins

That infuse life in us all And teach us not to give up Through your untiring efforts We learn how to live up You witness of valiant accounts Of gallant sons and daughters Tell us to continue and carry on With your sally of waving waters

With your water pure you nourish Not only our bodies but our souls And make us strong, determined To get whatever we set our goals

Yes you are, but our beingness Land without you for us sear! You are great and strong and, For you we live, you for us, dear!

Rain Nursery Rhyme

When it rains, We sing and dance, Cause for merry making It's a great chance.

It's no more hot, It's cool, cool, cool. We jump play and run, In the water pool.

So-Called Champions Of The Human Rights

No matter if you lose sight and see not, But what to those who vision clear claim, Can see pebbles in the children's hands, Cannot see bombs dropping over them.

The burning bodies of toddlers, Painful bleeding mothers' eyes, Mean nothing to them, neither rubble, Of collapsed houses and the deafening cries.

But they do say, children's protest annoying, Slogans raised for freedom blackest crime, Without any slightest feeling of shame, They say they do it to wash away the grime.

The so-called champions of the human rights, Silent with dead conscience and lost insight, Are the black mole on the face of humanity, Instead of lessening misery augmenting plight.

The Battle Field

This piece of work is translation of Sur Kedaro which is one of the 32 chapters of Shah Jo Risalo, the great poetry book of renowned mystic poet Shah Abdul Latif Bhitaiform Sindh Pakistan.

Canto 1

1

The month of Muharram arrives, heart for the princes sinks

God knows better, as he does whatever he likes, thinks

2

The month of Muharram returns but the Imams did not,

I might meet the lords of Medina, God I pray thee a lot.

3

The stalwarts left madina and they did not come back

Am in Plight for those went away, dyer, dye clothes in black

4

Plight of martyrdom was nothing but blessing

Yazid knew not about their eternal love, passion

To sacrifice their lives for their ultimate love

And die for their word their way, their fashion

5

Plight of martyrdom is nothing but pride pure

Stalwarts to know the Karbala's tragedy obscure

Canto 2

1

The Imams leave Madina when the moon sets there Equipped with swords, lances, axes and eagles along To the battle field went the sons of Ali where They will take the field with iron weapons strong 2 Settled in Karbala, the field of fierce battle Faced Yazid's army with great vigour and whim

Fierce battle couldn't make their passion dim

With stunning strikes and with their teeth rattle

3

4

The Prophet's siblings came to the land of Karbala Their fine swords downcast the enemies to slaughter No doubt the unfearing and undaunted in the battle Were the sons of the Prophet's beloved daughter

Stalwarts came to the land of Karbala Brave, worthy of praise, undaunted Earth jolted, and skies too shivered 5

He gets friends slaughtered, beloved ones killed And puts his closer ones into pain and plight He does whatever wishes and whatever likes Of course there lies some secret of deep insight

Canto 3

1

Is there any, saw gallants fighting in the field with valour great Blood all around and death, feel the way fair, where life under threat

2

Gallants shine axes, swords and holding lances erect high They relax them not, eager for martyrdom, ready to die

3

Charging and marching and fighting are the gallants' trends

They keep on assaulting and, too, take care of friends,

4

The warriors came across with deafening sword strikes And the stalwarts one after the other came down dead Bloodshed all around, bloodstained bodies scattered All around is hue and cry, and the field is all red

5

Warriors in the war shout and charge And here cried one there the other breath Trumpets cry at high on either side Heroes and horses embraced the death 6 Heroes and horses shorter lives lead Either at home or in the battle field 7 Martyrs' bodies are brought back In the battle field is hue and cry Wives mourn for'em in the shack With soiled hair on death of ally 8 Clad in wedding clothes, get ready and come along, groom And fear not in spears strikes till you earn martyr's bloom 9 Say not the husband fled away the field, Pleased if hear, killed with wounds in his face

But If he bears in the back, I would die

Of unbearable pain, plight and disgrace

10

With out-thrust neck, proud wive sing aloud Whose husbands were in the field martyred 'Such brave and undaunted warriors' they say 'With their blood red they their clans honoured' 11 I'd love If you die fighting and I for you cry But. dear husband flee not of the field Life's nothing but a very short ally Shame forever which carping taunts yield

Canto 4

1

Dew fell or the twisters made them reach a weald

There came night over Ali's children in the battle field

2

Yazid, put not Ali's children in the quarrel's plight

You will never avail whatever will be Hussein's delight

3

Cruel Kufains came to the tyrant's fold

Imam determined not to give up faith Though under the impure people's hold And gladly braced a martyr's death 4

Cruel Kufians sent word in the name of Lord We your slaves, you the master of us all Must you come once, we for your wait here Be our saviour and listen to our eager call

5

Cruel Kofians allow not drink water in Karbala There the children remember Ali, their father And look around for Muhammad, the Prophet Ask for aide from tyrants around that gather 6

Early in the morning there came a bird At the Prophet's shrine cried with painful moan From the land of Karbala with saddening word Seen swords striking, aide the children own

Canto 5

1

Hassan not there to aide Hussein in plight And he is far, far away from his natal sod Where Yazid assaults over him day and night With his well trained, equipped warrior squad

2

Hassan not there to help the brother in the battle If were there would have helped and sacrificed Now, no one else is there to offer some aide, Who could for Hussein his enemies have sliced

3

Not all in the battle field remain bold and brave But only who care not life and for death they crave

He yet loves life if he does take shield Gallant waits for none but marches ahead Among all the warriors in the battle field Stalwart all aloan jumps to fight instead 5 Make doubt free heart, if want thee victory

Assault and wrestle and take not shield

Strike with spears with cries and shouts

6

Hur, the sturdy stout came straight and said, Am but a slave to your grandfather, the Prophet nice May I get his blessings as I am here to present Myself, my soul and body for you sacrifice

7

Hur, though came from the other side to fight He was with Hussien from the core of his heart 'My life is for you dear lord' said the true knight Allah doesn't burden a soul more than his sort And I will do whatever I can against the plight' Then braced martyrdom and well played his part 8

Wearing combat hamlet, audacious stalwart proud and sure Stood undaunted though turned red with his blood pure

9

Beard bloodstained, teeth too, read like pomegranate flowers Turban in the battle field shone like the full fourteenth moon His mother to feel proud in the company of Muhammad, the prophet Praise is for the vigorous gallant, martyred on the tenth's afternoon The mother cleansed the Karbala's dust, and Ali wounds of the martyr The Lord Almighty pardoned for the gallant's brave blood's barter

Canto 6

1

O warrior lord! throw thee onto the spears till thy last breath For such an adorable sight for the years waits the death

2

As the goats cover mount, the vultures on the battle field The warriors charge and chase and follow and fight Widows of martyrs to raise the price of blue in numbers They are to wear the mourning clothes after the plight 3 Vigorous warriors can't stop fighting in the field

They battle in the name of Lord and sacrifice Their lives before Imams, and warmly welcomed With flowers' wreathes by virgins in Eden so nice

Heaven is the home to stalwarts where they go To Eden they move then, and meet the Lord Bless me with a chance great, O, dear God,

And show me their face with your kind accord

5

Hassan and Hussien mourned by three clans
Men and brutes and angels in skies
Birds, too, cried, the bloved ones depart
Oh lord, eternal honour for them apprise
6
Those heartily adore not, Hassan and Hussein
The Creator Lord will never forgive them

The Lord Of The Ring

When all the doors you pass are shut, And all the roads you travel are blocked, When the life seems to be dump and dull, And the luck seems to be locked.

Leave not the rope of the hope, Even if you so feeble feel, Make your mind and call your courage, It brings in the brain zest and zeal.

Have not you heard the spider's struggle, That showed the path to Bruce the king, Who thought and fought to gain his glory, That made him finally the lord of the ring.

The Love Of Land

Life is nothing but to turn into ashes, If not lived with love of land. All the cracks such love crashes And blesses you a grandeur grand The miracle is as you turn down to earth, Your grace grows higher 'nd higher to skies All the pains and plights suffer dearth And like a sovereign sun you come and rise.

The Profoundest Love!

The profoundest love that is ever made Is the love of motherland, dears That makes us bold and brave, And waves off all our fears, It turns men into humankind, And they reason of their creation find Love of land infuses in them celestial breath Which keeps them alive even after death.

There Would Be Someone Waiting

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Not all but trees crowned with still green, And yellowing fallen leaves with wind fly, And the beautiful moments we can still glean Under the pleasant shades when clouds ply In these passing days when nature attracts, And you my dear friend say farewell why? My eyes wet, heart aches, breaking all contracts You, leaving me making pain my only ally. Why people part others like yellow leaves, Why they become for their interests so sly, Knowing without them their heart heaves, But you must listen before you say bye, In the course of life so sweet you dream If you find you alone and weary, and spy Infidelity, and feel sad and want to bream, Need not to recall the past moments and sigh Go back with firm belief that there would be someone Waiting for you with heart broken, wet eye, I.

Time Will Show Worth Of All

Measure not the sincerity of friends, Time will show you worth of all, Those with you in cheers and delight, Probably won't, answer to your call, When you're in trouble or lagging behind, Most of them'll fly and flee. Lose not hope and make no mourn, Let them go and gain their glee. This is how heaven helps us all, Showing the faces of foes in friends, Driving the devious away at all, Teaching us, training us, the life's trends.

Worth

Whatsoever traits the world may adopt But to betray the nation is not worthy of man The invader's power is the fact no doubt. But to bow and live before him insane!