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My name is Anil Kumar.I was born in a small n lovely hamlet.I love poetry, literature, staring at moon etc.....Nice to be in a networking community like this.

A Peaceful Place

When I was ten, went to a village where groundnut seeds were freshly sown Where everything about the outside world is completely unknown

The house I had to live in was isolated from the village In the middle of nowhere, I had to live like a secluded sage

Lived in the house was an old man of eighty years of age Resembled a weak lion in the most peaceful cage

Behind that home was a land almost filled with yellow grass Can we find another such a place with lesser gathering of mass

It was too beautiful to look in twilight Hard to fully remind of other places than that sight

But the night was full of darkness with nothing to find You can even get a doubt whether you are blind

Closing my eyes on that darkness, I try to sleep But I wake up suddenly when on me cats try to leap

Those were the cats my master was growing For me it looked very annoying

They always wanted to sleep beside me So fully covering myself with bed sheets, i felt homey

Waking up in the early morning, I see moon still in the sky And the gentle sound of cowbells made me see them pass by

A bit and slice of every emotion neatly served Which would make all experiences of life fervid

Just a small boy was I then, so it's hard to recall much Wasn't it worthy to live in a place as such

A Pleasant Place To Live

Trickling water tickling the rocks Joining the flow, hastened sand grains Drops of rain that got stuck in tree branches Falling down, enjoying to join in bunches Chirping birds added music to pleasance Experiencing the beauty by sitting on a fence Sprinkling the muddy water, the vehicles passed Cheerful children sang as the drops shed So long it has rained, so clouds took a break Allowing travellers to take a walk Wanting to wander along the countryside With barefoot I headed to have a gad Distant meadow was glowing in green With sprinkled rain drops giving it a gentle sheen Trying to jump in air, muddy water took bounce As I walked along by raising my feet, hence Making my legs coated with mud Until reaching the place, where I wanted myself to led With scent flowing from sand mixed with soft breeze Made the place pleasant with gentle wind and vernal grass Gazed at the evening sun coming out of clouds slowly To add twilight to the pleasant sight fairly With bunch of butterflies and grasshoppers flying around Thought, a pleasant place to live is finally found

Cat And Mouse

I went up jogging in the greenish forest Saw a whimpering cat, wiping tears with mustache Told me that she was happy before this august From when a little mouse was purloining its stash

'I went to a home nearer and stole a bread And ran away faster before anyone caught', it said 'I closed my eyes to pray for God And that sneaky mouse came and in my belly it prod'

'In disgust, I threw it a small piece But it wanted much more and stole everything away It left me nothing not even peace So I started to chase it to a nearer bay'

'That louse was so small and hid in a hole Where it stored all the things it stole Peeping from the hole it held its face And winked to me as I could not further chase'

'One day when I was free and on saunter It came and threw some pebbles and ran I went up chasing it, but could not find her Returned home and found that empty was my pan'

'Now, whom to tell my hurdles', it said While tears trenched its face, which was pale and red Dry leaves came and stuck on its nape It turned its head and rubbed till they could escape

I told her not to worry And her time would turn up soon A time when she need not, for food, to scurry The time which would be a boon

The dry leaves are leaving the trees To help them bear the new and healthy ones It was all cold and mouse could not come out Even cat's tears are unwilling now to leave its abode

Day Of My Life

How far would you go in this weather Oh, why to bother...?, it shall wither

It is all muddy and you cannot step out But to earn money, it's all about

Rainy day was it, with continuous drizzle wasn't it a joy to watch the clouds to wash Earth's castle

Land was soaking with rain water and washing everything away Letting the hidden perfume come out of sand and cay

The fragrance of sand is carried by the fresh breeze Making all the hurdles of the workers for a moment to cease

With the peaceful mind, I passed across the street Kicking the stones gently with my feet

Cheerful children playing in that mild wind blow By letting paper boats sail along the water flow

Without knowing I reached a lake Thought the whole place was designed for my sake

Throwing pebbles into it, ripples did I observe Making way for the stone to sink in the watery cave

And I helped a flat stone fly towards stepping three times it chose a place to use its force

As I saw each stone sink All my sorrows melted in a blink

Realizing it was time to go, I took a deep breath Unwilling to leave the place as I spent lesser time for its worth

Marching towards my shop, realized it was the only day I kept aside my grief Thanking the day for giving such pleasures, wished it would be the day of my life

Dread

Waiting for a car to come I sat on a bar dome Felt a black smoke all over Trying to escape I ran very far Going faster, I saw my mom Suddenly stopped and foot fixed to the road by gum Removed my boots and kept it on footpath to dry Snake came hissing towards and I started to cry Ran far and I was in a garden Beside me was an old man with a gun Far away was land covered with sand Layers of dust covered my hand Middle of nowhere, a well full of water Waiting for someone to provide a shutter Inside was another person resembling me staring at me as if he was at acme Leaning forward took a closer look Slipped because of sandy glue could not hook Falling down faster than I can even think Nose beak almost touching the surface of water tank Panting and searching for air to breathe, I blinked And I was in a dark room lying on a bed

Just a dream was it But felt as if near death pit

Hanging Words Got No Respect

Customer is equal to God Try never to him you nod Treat them with patience He is not an outsider to our business

Gandhi quoted the words And they hanged them on wall boards

I saw an old man forgot to fill a field Throwing it away, officer started to scold

Standing next to him, I was staring at those lines Could not understand meaning of hanging them hence

Better to clear that board hanging against the wall And consider to put the instructions on how to fill Doesn't it help them to save some time and words And turning themselves to complete turds?

Why to name a man as father of the nation When his words are of no value in any organization? Why to hang those words of his on the walls Unless to insult him by yelling at customers?

*When I went to a bank, an old man from a near village was getting scolded by an officer for not filling the form threw it away and went on to ignore the old man even after I helped him to fill the form.I could not do anything but simply stare at those beautiful words hanging against the wall, appearing as if suicidal....

Hop! Hop!

Hop! Hop! In sunshine With lollipop in mouth These days are fine Sweet are the memories that soothe

School is cool With daily new things to learn Sit on stool Till your soft bums burn

Wait for the bell to ring To run faster than your friend Play games and sing 'God! Let these days not end'

Fly your kite so high in the sky Till it poke a cloud and make it weep Tears of the clouds when your happy kites fly Touch your face and make you leap

Jump joyously in beautiful rain With a long curve on your cheeks Don't shrink it till the rain is gone And sit under a slit where it leaks

Play happily on sundays And come home only to eat With all marks and dust on your face Irritate your mummy till she beat

Learn pretty pretty rhymes in the school To sing them happily in the moonlight When cool air kiss your cheeks so well And sing you a lullaby till it is bright

Hum! Rum!

Hum! Hum! Working in a hot sunny day Hum! Hum! Drops of sweat on us lay

Dry weather with no sign of rain Makes us feel tired, with no interest to work Trying to work further singing a refrain By making all our hurdles in that sound to lurk

Lum! Lum! Every night for us would be a boon Hum! Hum! Ploughing in the fields till noon

Yes! It is almost seven in the night Our tiresome work for today is done We quench our joyous thirst in the moonlight Ho! Ho! Ho! Isn't every night fun

Rum! Rum! Rum! we go to tavern Rum! Rum! Rum! we drink and dance Rum! Rum! Rum! We scold and scorn Rum! Rum! Rum! Till we fall into trance

We close our eyes in the night Day swallows our beautiful night When we wake up, with all its might Well! Well! Well! Not to worry, darkness follows the light

Hooooo! Hoooo! Gummmm! Gummm! Rummmmmmmmm! Ruu

I Met Surya That Day

I was sitting in the last row Mild wind blowing inward from the window Eagerness to talk with the person sitting next to me arouse Took a phone away from another friend without his notice Scared because of his mobile is stolen Under the bench he searched to find it, if he can Rumbling, he started to search other benches too Yet he could not find, so I gave him a clue Acting so cleverly, I kept it with me for some time Trying very hard, he was vexed and told it was lame Handling it to him, I told him it was just a joke And told sorry but my friends caught my cloak Thought I was so innocent, but incident changed their opinion Dusty chalk powder came and poked the eyes of mine All of them laughed and it was just a game Yes, person next to me talked to me and Surya was his name

I Miss You Moon....

Now, I long to go out in the night By breaking walls, if I might To roam here and there in the moonlight Pity on me...!, beautiful moon is out of sight

Soft is the wind outside could not enjoy because of the rules I abide To stare at the illuminated outer circle of the moon Wouldn't it would be a joy to let cool breeze rub your skin...?

*Devastated by our college decision not to let any hostel inmate outside the hostel after 8: 30PM, I wrote this poem with little anger and grief.

In Search Of....

Feeling of air passing through my dry larynx Making me to search for water with the eyes as telescopic lens Flying for time unknown from a far away place After I was lost from my group of birds Finding only deserts all the way long Throat getting dried slowly as i sang Saw a place with hunger stricken people With lesser food to find and each having only a nibble Desperately trying to find food in turn Even if you help, they have nothing to return Slowly my song is drying along with my air pipe And feathers wearied out with only tears to wipe Praying to God I know, to take my life away After letting me to quench my thirst, I say Only with my two eyes as pathfinders and no one else to care, Leaving my pathfinders half open, flying to a place to dare Hot wind blowing in the opposite way, with sun over my head, Caring less about my body, flying to find a water bed Reached a place with full of trees, but no wells or lakes to find Trying to relax for sometime, sat under a shady bower, with gentle wind At a distance from here, I saw a pond with full of water With extreme happiness, flied panting towards and drank faster

Lo! Lo! Lo! Water is found Lo! Lo! Lo! with joyous sound I sing a song with all my might Life is pleasure and full of delight Lo! Lo! Lo! Don't worry even if sadness mounts Lo! Lo! Lo! Life is a mixture and every moment counts

My Lonely Childhood

When I went to school, I was too small Such a fool was I to complete it so dull

Everyone had friends except for me So shy was I to mix in a team

All kids played a very nice game I kept myself aside, for me it was so shame

All of them waited for the bell to ring To rush out to the streets once they heard the ting

Not daring to go through such a rush Used to wait till there was a hush

Went home alone everyday Mother used to beat for the delay

It was common as I used to take long turns on the way home When she beat, I went and sat up on the dome

From there I saw hills at a greater distance Pencil sketches were they like when I took a glance

So I stared at them for long time They were very smaller than my dime

And I observed a road was laid near them When a red color bus passed by them

Wondered where that bus would reach Kept on seeing until it disappeared into a rocky ditch

Tried to track down the road again Could not do it as no vehicles came in

Heard a voice calling me to come down Now I totally lost sight of the road on which buses go to the town It was my mother asking me to wash my face Still I remember perfectly all those days

Now I grew up and am in college trying to track down my life in the order of age

I can remember of times only when I was alone All I can say is 'I don't have friends', in a grieving tone

Starry Beach

Watching the moon in the middle of scattered sparkling stars I lay in the bay side on the soft sand spread across

With the tides trying to touch my feet Pulling my legs from them, I try to cheat

Winning or losing is not their concern Goal is to play the game and into sea they return

Crawling crabs marked their place with their tender legs Marring them, laughed mighty waves by claiming it as their place

Children are playing and collecting the shells At a distance from me, I hear their yells

Dominating everything, the sea grabbed attention With harsh sounds of water and its constant fluctuation

In that moonlight, sea water is black except for the tip of the ebb Resembling bright and dark spots of our memory web

Melted in the black starry sky, was the belly of the sea Pushing the tides towards, for it feared facing me

Lovely and pleasant was the beach in the midnight Thankful to the stars, for accompanying the sight

These Days Will Also Pass By

Well, I went and sat in a porch with sad little Pillai Longing to help, I asked him the reason for his grief Turning head towards me, he told he wanted a beef And I could not resist telling him that these days will also pass by

Thinking that I would help, he dreamt of me as a hero; But i said to the kid, 'I lost my dinero'

He asked me, 'Without money, how would you expect me to stop giving a sigh..?

No matter how much I tried to console him, he started to cry

Waiting For My Son

I peeped out of the door and gazed at the street, still there is no sign of my son If it only took a moment to go near our dearer ones, wouldn't it be very much fun

He told me not to worry and would be home sometime All I can remember of him was he always wanted a dime

He sent a message promising that he would be home, before couple of weeks So long I waited and yet no sign of him made tears run down my cheeks

Through my watery eyes, I saw a man coming across the lane Having little hope I thought it was him, but in vain

We All Are Even

I am a little dropp waiting for the thunderclap To go ahead of every other dropp and hit the earth's scalp

Hearing the sound, we all hurried towards our goal Not waiting to hit the ground first, to win the race and minding not to foul

All kinds of obstructions in the middle of our way No matter how louder we cried, they did not move away

Some of my mates were stopped by them Only I wished, with me it should not be the same

Hitting the ground with great joy, thought I am the one who won But the moment after touching the surface, came to know we all are even