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A Rose Bruised Before Its Bloom

She slept still on the bleak bed Her fragile frame was forever fixed The sullen smile on her frown face Crowned her earthly end An emblem of victory gained in demise

The somberness of the ominous knell Ushered in the undertaker for his task To amass his masters latest loot Fallen along the weary long way A rose bruised before its bloom

The lamentations of the little lass The groan of the grey gentleman The solemn sympathy of a stranger The clergy's confession of her circumstances All a label of a life led in liaison

The strongly sealed sepulcher Bears the remains of her mortality The epitaph on it concise as her life A testament of her times to lingering legs On rock engraved on hearts chronicled forever

The worms that merry on corpses Shall soon party for their spoil That skin so tender shall decay From this world she carried eternal hope And though she is dead she shall live

An Adventure

My heart yearns for an adventure For a strange and rare venture Oblivious of the tons of dangers For in adventures I ain't a stranger For I would relieve childhood years That I spent with my little peers.

An adventure in distant lands Where the children play with wet sands. And dolphins jump out of water When the noon sun makes the ocean hotter. Where the fisherman yaw his boat To capture all the salmon afloat.

An adventure by the oasis in the Sahara desert Where Tuaregs sit by the cactus to eat dessert. And watch as scorpions prey on lizards To feast on their gizzards. I want day sun to warm my smooth skin And the night cold to shiver my crude chin.

An adventure cuddling cold snow on my hand Where the icy pillars in their majesty stand. And make a cave of snow Strong to stand when wind blow. Then I will scare the polar bear That my cave like a paper wants to tear.

An adventure on the corn field When in summer the flowers yield When the butterflies pollinates the corns And the farmer weeds out the thorns I want to watch the corn spring to life When the early rain is rife

An adventure across the sky in a plane And watch as daylight slowly wane. I want to leave a route on the sky That in the future I would still ply. Then immortalize my name in the cloud That dark clouds in their anger cannot shroud.

An adventure deep in the amazon woods When the purple squirrel burrow for food. Where the monkey sway their tails And rotten leaves litter narrow trails. I want to watch the ants builds their mounds As the ripe mangoes fall on the ground.

An adventure that will lead to places Leaving on all its paths my traces. Permanents prints that will last Even when my life like history is past. And my adventure would be told as a tale That like time will not stale.

Find Love

I know not where I shall find love By the foots of the steep mountain or on the plains of clove Where the oak trees shed their green blades on the brown grass Perchance by the deserted road where lays the heap of trash

I know not when I shall find love During spring when 'April showers bring may flowers' When wintry chilling cold bites the pale earth When the woods glow in amber in the hearth

I know not how I will find love Through divine appointment or by shove Whether from a recent friend or a foe of past days May be from stranger met by the labyrinthine ways

I know not why I will find love Whether possessed passions will cause me to move To seek the friendship of some lovely lass Or May be just another ritual of life to pass

Whether in known or unknown places Whether in familiar or strange faces Whether time is constant or flies like a dove I one day shall find love

I Shed Tears

Yesterday with my hands on my chin I shed tears Hot huge round drops after many years For my heart was abundant of darkness as night And nobody could understand my plight The tears roughly flowed down my cheeks Like rushing water from a creek It tasted gall on my dry lips Though I wiped it, it still made trips I therefore allowed it to flow at its pleasure For my wounded heart knew no measure After time on its own it dried Though my spirit it had tried I shed tears for loves sake When I found out she was fake

Music Of The Stars

The dark night clouds are starlit As though to mock the moon That arises at each twilight To take the mantle from the sun All united in an assignment To light the dark auditorium below The radiant stars gloriously move Age to age whispering its adventures It's the music of the stars Singing of the past, present and future Singing of a past heard in legends Singing of a present felt by all men Singing of a future obscure to mortals It's the music of the stars

The inaudible lyrics of the stars That needs neither lute nor lyre To arouse the heart with its ancient rhyme That chime that is older than any note Like a spell enchants the audience Its glory inspires the astronomer Its music moves a poets' hand It's the music of the stars Singing to the 'deaf' mortal Singing how his life is brittle Singing how his life is ' little' It's the music of the stars

The music of the stars: Its melody wanes towards daybreak Like a script come to a timely end Its rhythm diminishes Like the beats are fleeting from dawn Its harmony dis-accords Like the harpers string is breaking It's the music of the stars Singing a comforting ballad to the seafarers Singing a solemn hymn to the wayfarers Singing a loyal anthem to the soldiers The day ends the vigil from the celestial stage The morning stars continues the refrain It's the music of the stars