Putholi Arumugham()
A Night, By Your Side

Waves, the words of these untiring seas
Writing an endless poetry in your beauty’s praise.
Stars, the night earth’s replacement for birds
In your blanket to match hues in your soporific eyes

Breeze, the partner for the moon light at this hour
at ball dance which music conducts in your honor.
Lark and nightingales, the singers of lullabies for world
by your side to take notes of your sleepy blabberings.

Dews, perspiration of green grasses turning blue
due to shameful loss in matching your skins softness

Bringing all these into life
and reflecting them in the tiny dropp of tears
of joy at the corner of my eye
Your careless whispers in my ears.

Putholi Arumugham
Bitter Butter

Dont think of her again
surely you shall go insane
my mom advised me
oh mom let it be
I replied her
being erratic for my brain
is far far better
rather than just being
like a rotten butter

Putholi Arumugham
Burden Baby

Were you born
ever to be a burden.
Then for your mom,
at her lap.
Now for me
in my heart.

Putholi Arumugham
Chastity

What if sun that just went down dissolves himself in the sea in sheer shame looking at our bodies together aflame and raises up as crimson love tsunamis

What if moon and its residing cold mountains Seeing our gentle cuddles Sublime into erotic effervescence and twinning passion tornadoes

What if every serene dewdrops on the velvet sleeping grasses get aroused by our warm breaths rises back to sky and burst as ecstasy bubbles

What if every star from the sky gets into dirty war outright for their right to sneak us first turning themselves into orgasmic shooting stars.

Hence we never made love that night.

Putholi Arumugham
Covert Goddess

Enlightment! enlightenment!
every religious book read  
I have never understood 
what it actually meant 
till you made me realise 
with your pacifying kiss.

Putholi Arumugham
Falling In Love With A Friend On A Cloudy Night

When that night whispered in my ears
I ignored it as devils usual call to copulate.
My words and yours mingled like
moonlight and breeze in a deserted street.
Our words in rhyming and we in gaming.
I felt butterflies in my stomach fluttering
Must be some left out still undigested,
Along with flowers, I once swallowed.

What we spoke fell upon my dried grass soul like dew
to make usually threatening night blossom anew
Words that I had decided not to be spoken, showered
in unknown terrains of my heart like hailstones in my nightmares
But you wrapped them up like a bouquet,
decorated them with affection and utmost care.
Scared, I tried to chase you off with my vows
But like driftwood you came back to me in my thought waves

Night was growing deep and dark
And crude hands of your soft bed pulling you back
I let my anxieties and fear cloud up sleeping sun
So as to wish him a sound sleep till noon
Even that mateless stray dog had stopped his bark
but we spoke and spoke and spoke
Now I clearly heard the nights yell
'Oh son, you are ringing your own death bell'

Harder and harder, I tried to keep you at bay
Your pranks and whimpers kept me gay.
I fought, lost, exited, and came back to you within seconds, not long
As I couldn't untwine mine from loneliness in your hearts song
You spoke of him, her and your love lost
My future watched over us from those little stars aghast.
Involuntarily I was losing myself to orphic time
getting myself downsized to a puppet in its game

My tired nerve trees woken up by scattering of white birds,
Radiating hope across my darkened sky, your words.
Those eyes, lips and flowing hair unseen
I was feeling them warm and close as my own
Am I in that merciless love again?
What else can tear my steel heart and cause such pain
In you, blossoms my long lost dreams -
She is your friend, she is your friend, but my dying heart screams.

Putholi Arumugham
Haiku Today

breaking free gently
a wild dandelion - and with
every piece of it, my heart

Putholi Arumugham
How many years
since we met at palani
oh spring rain

rain has stopped
why still umberlla
mushrooms

Homicide
at my home
Ayirrai fish curry

New year begins
as usual with
old wine

Putholi Arumugham
Haikus - 10

Examination hall
a butterfly came in and left
in complete freedom

Dark clouds got pale
by adding water
water colour

Hostel Building
full moon
Drakula castle

reducing in size
whenever i urinate
freshner balls

Putholi Arumugham
Haikus - 12

Spring full moon
where have all the
crowing cocks gone

Soldiers tombstone
father wanted inscriptions
to be in BOLD

Even before drinking
looks upside down
bar glasses

Beneath peeple tree
for centuries Ganesha
Buddha got enlightened

Putholi Arumugham
Haikus - 13

Pureness deceives
pebbles in pond
still deeper

with small hops
sparrows come close
to the net

How pure it is
stealing whiteness from moon
Brook giggles

Midsummer noon
only smiling face
Sun's

Putholi Arumugham
Haikus - 14

our lips say bye
still relents
our hands

still pond
a hyacinth moves
fishes

Autumn
the earth gets
heavier

Your lovely face
even my hairs make
exclamatory marks

Putholi Arumugham
Haikus - 2

Monk walking up a hill
counting steps
his? hills?

A sparrow sits
tree bends
a bonsai

Caught in mud?
partly visible
pond moon

Newyears eve
feasting kingfisher
along with fishes

** Kingfisher - Beer brand in India

Putholi Arumugham
Haikus - 4

orphaned night sky
two fireflies wakes up
i cross you

oldage home
ooh!
How many question marks?

waiting still
for your invitation
to visit your home
oh snail.

Dead tree
under the bark
thousand live ants

Putholi Arumugham
Haikus - 5

silent night
why are they speaking
so loudly
mosquitoes

I have never seen
a mosquito dying
of natural causes

unexpeted showers
catched on way back home
you too frog

silent autumn night
still no one hears
sound of a dying flower

Putholi Arumugham
Haikus - 6

Botany lab
keeping everyone on heals
cactus

Disected frog
pumping heart
mine skipped one

Chemistry practicals
lead nitrate gave me
only sour taste

Holi day
bong left me
feeling off colour

Putholi Arumugham
Haikus - 8

Torching sun
dripping dropp by drop
urine

Failed rain
food for cows
scarecrow

April afternoon
coolness prevails
female voice in radio

May noon
only air through this road
my breath

Putholi Arumugham
How Poetry Comes To Me

It comes blundering over the
Boulders at night, it stays
Frightened outside the
Range of my thoughts
I go to meet it at the
Edge of my consciousness

Putholi Arumugham
Lines Of Love

I do write
thousand lines a day
with so much love
thinking of you.
But none has been so sweet
As the graceful lines, that
decorate your rosy lips.

Putholi Arumugham
Modern Messiah

your indifferent looks
struck me to a cross
your smile later
told me its easter
standing here clueless
me a second Jesus.

Putholi Arumugham
My World

My friends argued
'Who created world? '
'Nature' cried one
'God' shouted the other
they came to me to bother
who created your world?
After some silence - I uttered
The name of your parents.

Putholi Arumugham
Namesake

Change your name
to Abracadabra.
Its so much shame
when other girls love
the boys with your name.

Putholi Arumugham
Nudity Preferred

When have my men turned cannibals?
Running amuck here and there
Searching fellow men’s flesh for meals.
And killing each other in full roar.

Books- one of their hand do bear
“The Holy book”, tells the cover it wears
That says don’t harm even the tiniest living
With their other hand doing the killing.

As them why.
For my god’s sake, they cry.

Now their kids
Whom they felt
That in god’s hands they left
Roam in roads
As poor little orphans.

Oh great poet
Once you said
“Religions are just like shirts one wear”
Now we want to tear
And roam again as nudes
Hoping atleast now for some peace.

Putholi Arumugham
Prayer

Ah! then I could spend my life
with that lovely flower
that she would defenitely wear.
Then I could happily die-
Oh Lord wont you turn me a butterfly.

Putholi Arumugham
Prophet Papa

'Love is a sewage
I have known it from my age'
My father advised.
I fell at his feet the very moment
'Dad you are a phrophet'
'Have you realised?'
affectionately dad lifted me
I said ' No dad
just now I am able to realise
why you called me pig all these days'

Putholi Arumugham
Real Reason

Oh my love, I could marry someone else
As you always advice, with so much ease.
But you know, for his every touch
My lips by reflex shall pronounce-
Only your sweetest name,
bringing me so much shame.

Putholi Arumugham
Severity Of Your Silence

Heat a rod red hot
press it into my eyes so hard.
Then with your lark voice,
you can very well ask
Does it hurt dear?
that shall be million times better
then this cruelty of your silence
which kills me in seconds.

Putholi Arumugham
Take Me There

Where in a peak, the icy breeze cuddles my lonely heart and makes it frozen taking away its warm feelings lessening its unendurable pain

Where in the lake, the silence dwells chasing away all my thoughts from my brain like adrift rats and let me stay as a sinking boat

Where in a forest, the nature kills my ego and all my dreams making me realize - Im no better than autumn leaves

Where in a plain, there are no known faces to share their love with me causing emotional rashes – take me there wherever those damn places be.

Putholi Arumugham
Three Cards

No King-size spade,
Queen is clever,
My trump card is
Hearty Jack off.

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