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MY POETRY
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Having started off over a decade ago as a hobby, my poetry has evolved in the way Robert Frost describes it... 'begins in delight and end in wisdom'. Over the years, my style has grown with me... from childlike innocence, to teenage anguish, from early adulthood self discovery to more mature thoughts and a deeper understanding of the workings of the world.

MY STYLE OF WRITING
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I prefer rhyme and meter to be an inherent part of poetry and generally write with a solid rhyme scheme and a decent meter (harder to follow). However, I do believe that all a good poem needs is good context, subtext and flow. Non-rhyming poetry too can be excellent and I say that from not just reading a lot of contemporary poetry but also having written some, despite my discomfort with the style.
A Friend By Me

Devoured by friends, betrayed by own
Left in this unknown world all alone
The best of friends seemed so distant
Life reminded of hell every instant
I stood alone facing the world
Who thought of me as a worthless soul
Trying to please trying to prove my worth
I was praying to God for another birth
So I wouldn’t have to face the trauma
Of a fragile soul broken with drama
As the world pretends or maybe in real
Was never bothered as to how I feel
And stood against me and time just paced
And I almost died, but I saw your face
Giving me a love anew, a dream come true
Giving me what was given to few
Giving me a friend that would never leave
Giving me a joy that I could keep
And so I knew and a stood relieved
To face this world with a friend by me

Vidushi Khera
A Life Ruined And Saved

You want to be happy
You see happiness waiting for you at the end of the path
It’s a tough path to tread
It wears you out and you want to stop
But you go on
Coz you want happiness so bad
You think it’s so eternal and you keep moving
It keeps moving farther away
You want to see it near
And so you go on
The path is so dazy you never know
It’s a road, it’s a bridge
And the next moment you’re hanging from the edge
But you wearily get back up on your feet
Coz you want to go on
The bridge, the river, it never ends
You just keep moving, at least you think you do
But you know it’s not true, you’re on the wrong path
But you still go on
And you don’t know why
It’s the path you’ve taken
You don’t know the route ahead and you’re uncertain
Uncertain of going back coz you’re tempted to go forward
You just want to be happy
And the path leads you there, but you see
It’s nothing more than an endless bridge
And you want to get to the other side
You’ll never reach it coz it’s an illusion
It’s watching you, you amuse it, you’re the devil’s plaything
And still you just go on....
I’ll be your angel, I’ll give you my love
I’ll pick you up from this dump
If only you’d reach out to me
And take my love, it will make you pure
I’ll help you out if you want me to
Reach out! But you can’t until you try
Use your head not your eyes
Coz eyes deceive you with the darkest lies
But now I’m here, I’ll bring out the truth

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If only you’d listen to me
Coz I’m helpless without you and so are you
So it’s all up to you
Do you want to go on?
Or are you going to come with me
Coz you know I care
I want to give you what you want - but the right way
If only you knew I could give it to you
You’d come, you’d reach out
Give me your hand
Come on! !

Vidushi Khera
A Slave To My Dreams

My untamed heart so easily builds,
Dreams of an unbound love,
And even though it breaks each time,
I just can’t get enough.
Unknown desires present themselves,
Only in slumber, I guess,
But reality brings hopelessness,
And leaves my mind in a mess.
I feel the pain of waking to a bitter life,
But time and again I find,
A fairytale moment is still more precious
Than the heartache it leaves behind.
Like a bird in a golden cage,
I stay a slave to the dreams I see,
And these golden bars, they break my wings,
When I face reality.
Until I create an outside world
Filled with the beauty of the cage,
I’ll bear the pain of breaking away,
And still come back to age.
I try hard to realize my vision,
But only in vain, it seems,
And until I fulfill them, I’ll stay
A slave to my dreams.

Vidushi Khera
Alas

Looking at my life reality’s hardly there
Seems like fiction to me
It’s almost unbelievable
That I’m unable to read it and see
Why reality is overshadowed
By blurry thoughts of the mind
Why the heart just feels so wrong
And I can’t distinguish what is right
My mind is crowded and overloaded
And I don’t know how I feel
I just cannot think straight
I’ve lost myself or did I just steal me
It seems the time I knew myself
Is just lost and blown away
I don’t know where’s my heart right now
And my mind has gone astray

I can’t recall what feelings are, coz I lost them
Coz they didn’t matter to the world
But the world did matter to me
So I left myself for the world and now I am alone
Or maybe the world did care
But they never told me so
But whatever the reason maybe
They still did leave me alone
Coz they did see me
But never once asked me who I was
They were just oblivious to the real me
And I followed their path. Alas!

Vidushi Khera
An Empty Space

Torn into a million pieces
Like someone just detached pages from my life
And halved them till they were no more
Empty spaces lie in their place
As days go by new pages are attached
But not to the ones I already lost for sure
My life is incomplete and will always be
Coz those days won’t be back no matter how hard I try
No matter how much I wish
Nothing but some memories are left
Of the time I lost... the time that will never come back...
The time life wasn’t the way it is
Oh how I wished life would be
A dream come true, after all dreams are good
Never saw the nightmares too
Oh how I hoped life would be
A party that would never end, but then realized
I had been such a fool

Vidushi Khera
Are You Gonna Join My Band

All I needed was a person to rely on,
A shoulder to cry on

And so I started searching for
A person who has been gifted by GOD
The art of being a perfect friend
And make it last till the end
And I knew that I would find
A person who really wouldn't mind
Helping me out in times of need
And from the sorrows until I'm freed
And tell me so that I would know
Where I really wanna go
And I’m searching for such pals
Who wouldn't make sudden withdrawals
From my life and friendship
People who'd cherish this relationship
And one thing I came to know
I'll find friends, wherever I go

And next on my list comes your name
So tell me are you a support to the lame
An eye to a blind, A voice to a dumb
Tell me can you feel even when you are numb
And I’m sure that somewhere in you
There's a person who can fill these needs and more too
So I give you a friendly hand
Tell me
Are you gonna join my band?

Vidushi Khera
When at the end of the day
As the light seems to fade
When eternity meets eternity
As the endless earth meets the endless sky
And all their differences disappear
As the horizon is dispersed at the set of dusk
As two worlds so different, combine into one
No distinction, no discriminator
To state that both are opposites
One in land and the other is space
But both diffuse into one at this place
One world that is made of two
So very different things
If the horizon is the end
Then this is the beginning
Of two worlds so entirely different
Yet so strikingly same
Of two worlds that please the mind
As they play this marvelous game.

Vidushi Khera
Betrayed By You

Made a fool of my heart
Broken down and torn apart
Didn’t know what to do
So I ran to you
Hoping you’d be there to hold me
I just wish someone had told me
That I was wrong all along
You don’t miss me while I’m gone

Vidushi Khera
Bleed My Pride

It’s pretty clear now
How you love to see me cry
By the way you always find
A way to bleed my pride
I see you just can’t stand
To see me be myself
Coz doesn’t it please your mind
To see me live in hell
You always think you’ve got
A point of your own to prove
You never even care what I think
Or what I might want to do
Well to let you know
Now I really don’t care
I’m way past being concerned
It’s really much too late
And I can’t love you anymore
I can’t even pretend
That I’m happy to be around you
So it’s got to be the end
Before you make my tears run dry
Before you make me weak inside
Before you find more reasons
To try and bleed my pride

Vidushi Khera
Climbing Hills Of Slippery Stone

He walks his life a determination in mind
He’s working hard through the distance of time
Believing in himself, doing what is right
Following the truth, and never quite
Turning to temptation given by others,
Many turn and he loses his brothers
As they fall for the easy wrong
In their minds, the truth is long gone
But he is strong
He might have deflected but he’s back again
He knows the misery, he knows the pain
That lies at the end of the easy path
And so he’s back, so that the after math
Of his journey towards his destination
Would lead him to his dream ambition
Working most while he’s living,
He knows the worth of what he’s giving
He’ll get his aim before he’s gone
CLIMBING HILLS OF SLIPPERY STONE

Vidushi Khera
Days Of Glory - A Bid Goodbye

Days come and days go bye.
Each day we grow
Each day we know
What is the worth of time,

And clutching each moment,
Holding on to dreams,
Clinging to memories,
On this day we lament,

For days that won’t be ours anymore,
Coz years that will come
Can never replace the ones
That we leave behind, as we close the door

We’re leaving behind a wonderful past
Looking at what’s new.
But, who can hide what’s true –
These days of glory will forever last.

Vidushi Khera
Devoir

I was blind to my calling in life,
I didn’t wanna take on what GOD had in mind.
I thought that I wanted a simple life,
But, the Lord had a different aim for me to realize,
And he’s asked for my heart, my mind, my soul
The things I thought were mine, what made me whole.
But, He tells me I am a part of Him, and my goal
Is to fulfill my destiny, to play out my role

Come to think of it, until now I thought
“Why are my dreams shattered? My hopes shot?
And why every memory, in time, seems to rot? ”
I realize I was a fool to have sought
Things that took me far away from Him
I thought I was here to fulfill my whims
And fancies, but He gave me my skin
To show the world the more divine things

And he guides me breaking my forced dreams
That I keep building to run away, it seems.
Coz he has a job laid down for me
And from deep down inside His voice screams.
Screams so hard because I refuse to hear,
But my Lord, trust me now, I will bear
The path you have for me, I’ll start right here.
So bless me lord and force away my fear.

Vidushi Khera
Don'T Be Wasted! !

There’s a human inside of you
Wasted upon an illusion untrue
It’s being played upon by sin
Showing the path as an escape route
But instead being lead to misery
The misery of being a wasted soul
You’re conspiring against the human in you
For it’s not the truth but a lie untold
It’s sucking you in a one-way street
There’s no return if you don’t turn back now
You may not find your way back so soon
But before it’s late you’ve to leave somehow.

Vidushi Khera
Don't Think That I...

Don't think that I am
Waiting to be told what I have to do
I can think my way through
And I'm thinking

Don't think that I want
To be spoon fed about life and that I have to strive
Coz life's teaching me all that
And I'm learning

Don't think that I need
Someone to make my road in this journey
Coz I know my paths and turnings
And I'm walking

Don't think that I want
Someone to lead and not a friend by me
Coz friends are what I need
And I have them with me

Vidushi Khera
Emotions

I am a fun lover
a child of the moon and the ocean tide...
born to play in the arms of water...
sway like the waves to the music in life...
under the moonlit sky...
like a symphony
with each part of me dancing
and bringing the ecstasy of the music in the world
together with the music in the soul...
that's me...fluid...like love...like music...like water...like the soul...
that's me...I can't be defined...
I can only be understood when I am taken completely within...
I take my shape to suit the people who dare to accept me! !

Vidushi Khera
Fire In Ice

From underneath the frozen smile,
My heart melts to silently cry.
The burning emotions from the days
When these embers were all ablaze,
Now rekindled by the fire in your eyes,
They burn with revenge for all the times
Every eye coldly looked the other way.
Brutally wasted, they left me where I lay.
Slowly I could feel the chill in my spine
Spread more and more each and every time
The cold blind stares refused to see
The horror and pain they unleashed on me.
Had to learn to become fiercer than ice,
Colder than their coldest vice.
Had to learn to welcome with frozen smiles
All those I met as I walked the miles.
Not many bothered to stop and hold,
To seek the fire beyond the wall ice-cold.
Those who cared to stay found their place
In my heart and it’s warm embrace.
The glow of embers behind the icy wall
Beckons you as it shouts it's call,
“Break the Wall! ” it pleads to your glowing gaze
Come into my world; make your place to stay.

Vidushi Khera
To say goodbye is impossible forever
And yet we part too soon in time
Unheld talks postponed till never
Unspoken thoughts buried in the mind

No messenger of love can reach you now
And show you how much you’ve meant
No breath so full of love can be enough
To reach you with this love I send

Though the time we had was bit unkind
Each moment we spent changed a part of me
As each breeze does alter time
And each rock reshapes the sea

Though you may rest somewhere beyond my sights
And all the talks of after-life be lies
You still remain for me alive
And be my friend till the end of time

Vidushi Khera
Hate 'Em All

I just want it to be
No others but you and me
No one to spoil our lives
No one to intervene
You are the ones who make me feel
All the things that could be real
The others just make me go wild
They treat me as if I’m a child
You’ve taken me as I am
And all of them, they never can
Do what you have done to me
All the lovely things you’ve made me see
And I don’t need anyone else
I know we can live with ourselves
And I know this very well
They are the one’s who made me rebel
And I hate them for all they do
And the ones I really want are you
Coz you are the ones who can make me
What I really want to be
If God asked me my wish
It really is going to be this
That I lose contact with them
Then I would be in heaven
I just want to be far away
I’m sick of seeing them everyday
I just can’t bear it anymore
I wish I could kick’em outta the door
I don’t want’em in my life
And I want you to realize
I am with them coz I have to be
It’s coz they’re always in scene
And all I want in life is that
With them I should have no contact
Coz I want to be with you
And those, who make me feel better, too

Vidushi Khera
How Lonely Do You Feel?

When times are bad and you have no friends  
When the hopes of life lead to dead ends  
When all your surroundings have nothing to give  
And you can’t imagine life the way you live  
When on your knees you bend and you kneel  
How lonely do you feel?

When time goes by and you can’t keep pace  
When the world laughs at your weary face  
When all that you thought had belonged to you  
Turns into trash, your happiness too  
When life takes the fruit and leaves the peel  
How lonely do you feel?

When all those things that once were yours  
Go by like the ticking hours  
When you’ve got nothing, no one to turn to  
When all your people have betrayed you  
When you are left with no joy, no zeal  
How lonely do you feel?

When life is more of a terror than a test  
When you get nothing though you try your best  
When you are numb and you find not a wound healing  
When you are a bird without any wings  
When in the game of life you’ve lost the deal  
How lonely do you feel?

When you find a person in such a state  
Go up to him, do not wait  
Let this question go on like a wheel  
Ask him, “How lonely do you feel?”

Vidushi Khera
If I Could

If I could I would
Tell you my story
Of all the moments in my life
I’d show you my world
Open your eyes
To what I am inside
But you don’t even bother
And you don’t even care
How I feel when I’m alone
And you don’t want to be there
If only you’d let yourself
Be a part of me
You’d know how special I think you are
And how much you mean
But all you do is pretend
And knowingly betray a friend
And yet I don’t know why I feel
Someday you’ll realize what you do to me
When I’m ready to be the friend you need
When you can be a friend to me.

Vidushi Khera
Illusions

Love at times seems like a mirage
And illusion that plays with the heart’s eye
Coz when I run towards it to feel it close
It seems to fade away and die
And then from afar it calls again
And I’m told that’s where ’twill be
Then in search for love I roam in vain
And run towards nothing endlessly

Vidushi Khera
In A Far Away Desert

In a far away desert,
A man sat all alone.
The man had no family,
He had a house but no home.
In a pitiful state he sat,
Waiting for a passerby,
To ask him for what no one had,
Coz he had the travelers’ life line.
The water seller sat and waited
In a dreamy world he passed his time...

In a far away land
Far from this weary desert
Where there was breeze instead of dry hot wind
Where the flowers lay instead of dirt
Where he could lie and feel
The cool mud, the lovely earth
Where he could sing with joy and glee
As if he were a bird...

The passerby came, and he was lost,
But he bought this man back to his lands,
The desert in which he and he alone
Could save the lost and life less bands.

The savior of the desert, himself
Never knew what his life meant,
And so he lived in his dreamy world,
When no traveler, his way, went.

When he could have been glad that he
Was meant to do God’s noble work
Was meant to get blessings from all
Was meant to be the better one
Was meant to live as a noble man...
And he considered himself alone...

Even in this far away desert of life
No man is single, no man is lost
Coz lost men find their saviors
And saviors find blessings a lot.

Vidushi Khera
In Search For A Dream

I need to be liberated
From all the thing I’ve hated
And yet held on to
Coz I thought that I would lose
My memories and my dreams
That were attached to these
If only someone could tell me
That I can rebuild my dreams
And I can collect memories again
I would try to forget the pain
I would give myself a new aim
And forget that I was maimed.

Vidushi Khera
Innocence Of A Smile

I sat in a crowded place  
Chatting with my mother  
Leaving the conversation  
I realized there were others  
I sat and talked and ate  
As I looked around at people  
Some too busy to be friendly  
And some with a smile, but feeble  
When I was about to leave  
I saw a person in front of me  
He threw at me a friendly smile  
And I smiled back at him sweetly  
As I walked away I realized  
The innocence of that smile  
No intentions of cheat or deceit  
No extraordinary display of style  
Then innocent smile that I received  
Changed the way I thought of life  
Now I'm not afraid of any suspicion  
That might arise from a smile  
I thank that stranger  
For making me feel so right  
Thank you for showing me  
The innocence of a smile

Vidushi Khera
Knowing Me

I'm an ordinary person with extraordinary thoughts, yeah that's me –
I'm quite different in a lot of ways you see.
I love you; yeah I'm crazy about you,
And every one else too.
Coz I wanna see what you are and what you want to be,
I wanna see your dreams and how u turn them into reality.
I wanna know - who and what you love,
If you believe in what lies above.
I wanna know if you can see me as an individual soul,
And not just as a kind of person in a stereotypical world.
I wanna know if you can love me the way that I want you to,
If you can go past the brackets I’m in and just love me as the person who loves you.

Vidushi Khera
Learnt

Been a slave to my dreams all my life
And woken up each day just to find
I can't be who I am, I can't be free
I'm in a world that's not meant for me
They said I was wrong, they said they were right
They said I had started all the fights
And I wondered if the world had shown me it's back
Or was I the one staring into the black
And for the first time I looked inside
The place I thought I was meant to hide
Never before had I searched my soul
And I never knew before all that it could hold
It was then I realized that I could change my life
And turn the tide so time would be on my side
And now I’ve broken all my dreams, coz I realize
Reality is so beautiful I can see it before my eyes
I’ve stopped looking forward, stopped waiting for the future
Coz I realize the beauty in what the present has to offer
I’ve stopped making promises, stopped constructing plans
Coz I know god's compass will take us all in its hands
I’ve stopped feeling bad about things and found their better side
Ever since I’ve opened my heart, my eyes have been opened wide
And I’ve learnt to see, learnt to look into things
And learnt to understand the hidden meanings
I've learnt from loving myself, even for the mistakes I’ve made in life
Learnt to win over my weaknesses and the bad things in my life
I’ve learnt that love has power, the power to change
And that in the bounds of love, nothing is out of range
Now I know I can be myself and still belong
And when I sing the world will sing along
Now I know and I can reason why
Love can never change, never fade, never die.

Vidushi Khera
Life in Flashes, fragmented pieces
Some moments happy, some indecent
I try to figure out what all the means
I try to put together broken dreams
Hoping to find the truth in time
Hoping to find the purpose of life
The truth I realize I can never see
Until I look what’s inside me
So I try to search for who I am
What I can’t do and what I can
I realize life is good and times are better
The picture is beautiful when I piece it together

Vidushi Khera
Lost In Thought

These days life is so confusing,
I'm really wondering what the truth is.
I'm wondering what I have to be,
Be complex or stick to simplicity.
Be good or a bit of bad is okay.

I'm wondering if life is coming my way
Or going away,
If I'm losing or gaining,
If I'm laughing or aching,
If I need to unlearn what I know,
If I need to keep what I'm letting go,
If I need to believe in the world or in me,
If I need to realize what I'm unwilling to see,
If I need to face life one on one,
Or move with it and live till I'm gone,
If I need to work hard to enjoy after,
If I need to bear ache for my forthcoming laughter,
If I need to worry about what the world thinks,
Or just let them be coz they'd be gone in winks.

Am I free bird or bounded by chains?
Am I pretending that I can bear the pains?
Do I need a friend or can I face life on my own?
Are my friends going to be there when the whole world is gone?
Is my trust going to pay or am I going to be betrayed?
Would I be better off if they left or they stayed?

I'm scared coz I wonder if life's really good or bad,
I'm scared coz I wonder will I lose all I had,
I wonder if I'll ever know if I'm wrong or right,
I wonder if I should accept life or fight.
I wonder will people like me for who I am,
Or is this just one big conspiracy plan,
I wonder if I'm on track,
Or I'm just another one who's going to be attacked.

Vidushi Khera
Maybe

Maybe a tear, maybe a smile
A forgotten moment from the last mile
Maybe something I can’t think of
Maybe something that I dreamt of
Maybe a foe, maybe a friend
Maybe an opening into a dead end
Maybe a picture or a thousand words
Maybe the heaven or an unholy world
Maybe some or all of what I say
Maybe the beginning or the end of a day
Maybe something of an illusion sort
Maybe something I haven’t thought of
But what “Maybe” seems more likely to me
Is all of the have acted like keys
To the doors of life that unravel marvels
Each door opening to a treasure or an encounter
Each door leading to a moment of emotion
Each move affecting my devotion
To this mysterious life how happy can I be?
When things are not around things that I need
At times when times are bad
Can I stay without being sad
What life has taught me is I’ve got to deal
With what comes my way, coz they are keys
To the doors of the amazing life
So just open them and look inside

Vidushi Khera
Me

You can’t control me
I’ll do everything on my own
You can’t ask me for what I don’t have
You can’t tell me to be what I’m not
You can’t command over me
I’m a free spirit.
You can’t ask me to do something
If I think the time is not right
You can’t tell me I have to behave
In a manner you think is right
Coz I obey my heart and it obeys God
And you and me can think alike
Only if you think like God

Vidushi Khera
Memories Of You

Though many a day have passed
I still think of you my friend,
I still can hear the talks of yesteryear,
The smiles, laughs and goodbyes in the end.
Our time together was not enough
But still each moment did matter,
With those fights and talks and...
Teasing people with dumb chatter.
The bond of friendship still holds my heart,
And whenever I think of you
It strengthens two fold each time,
And I hope you feel the same way too.
The love of a time when we were
Nothing more than playmates
Still feels like fresh and new
And I still do thank my fates,
That I came across a person
That I could chat with and tease,
That I could enjoy just plain and simple friendship,
And the days flew past as breeze.
I still warm up to old memories
Because they hold you so near,
To my heart, my thoughts and my life
And the past seems so clear
And when I think of you again today
Tears fill my heart, and my eyes, too, well.
With the same tears that I cried when you left,
And on those precious tears, I still dwell.
With all the love for you my friend
And hoping you’re thinking of me
I ask God to send you an angel
Just so you can be close to me.

Vidushi Khera
Morning Brings Hope

Ever wondered what it feels like
To chase the sorrows out of your life
It’s like the morning light
Chasing away the night
To see it and feel it
One must give up some sleep
To experience the sheer pleasure
One must give up some dreams
Open your eyes to what god gives
And learn to move on
Don’t hold back fearing a bad day
And you’ll find your worries gone
Coz unhappiness is a state of mind
When your brain is sleeping dead
And the only way to look for joy
Is to put to use your head
Learn to see the beauty
In the small little things
Learn to love the light
That the early morning brings
Dreams are good to see
But there’s a time to stop dreaming
Coz better is to hear the song
that the early birds sing
They sing of joy and happiness
And all that makes the day so bright
They sing of how the merry morning
Chases away the melancholy of the night

Vidushi Khera
My Idol Is Dead

In my life on one fine day
My idol came along my way
Oh that person I admired so much
Oh that person inspired me so much
I wanted to be like him in everything
Just to be like that, what joy it’d bring
I wanted to live life the way he was living
Oh just the idea, how much joy it was giving
But one day to me my dear God said
I’m sorry my Child, your Idol is dead
From that day on I cried and I wept
Only God knows how those nights I slept
The person I admired lived no more
I had never faced such a situation before
He was the best person I had ever known
Tell me God, just why? He left me alone
Even with that news there wasn’t much I could do
I would not forget him, tell me could you?
Just thinking of it fills me with dread
I just can’t believe MY IDOL IS DEAD

Vidushi Khera
Nature Thinks

I walk past the thickness of the plants
I walk past the hundreds of little flowers
Into the forest I pave my way
I spend my life’s loveliest hours
I sit down to think about the beauty
In the biggest trees and the smallest weeds
And the thought comes in my mind
Who planted the forests’ seeds?
Who made the place so lovely?
That I can’t lift my gaze
It lights a little fire inside me
That will always stay ablaze
Ablaze with memory of this view
That I have captured in my heart
The memory that I will carry with me
When from this place I’ll part
Who was the person?
Who thought such good?
Who wanted to embrace everyone’s mind?
Who wanted to hold every soul that stood?
What it a gardener who had big dreams?
To plant the whole jungle himself
Or was it someone I can’t think of
Was there someone else?
I ask a little flower near me
That stands in its blooming days
Who planted all these beautiful things?
Tell me Oh flower, I want to know his ways
And then I hear a little voice
A little voice that holds my ears
It tells me ‘it was or mother nature
Who grew all the plants for years.’

Vidushi Khera
Need You Badly

My heart is aching
Give me a reassuring smile
The worse is breaking
Give me strength to last another mile
My life is nothing but a bundle of lies
Talk to me in comforting words
Take this pain away give me a smile
Don’t leave me alone in this strange world

Vidushi Khera
Never Smiled

I never smiled, until I realized
That living my life is reason enough
Reason enough to smile

I never smiled, until I realized
That the small little things we do
Can liven up our lives

I never smiled, until I realized
That truth prevails and so does love
But there is no place for lies

I never smiled, until I realized
That my destiny depends on the way I think
And I can change my life

I never smiled, until I realized
That I can make other people happy
And all it takes is a smile

Vidushi Khera
No Joke

I’m a secret no one knows
And a lot of times t shows
When you don’t really know
What you’re laughing at
Am I a joke?

I’m a secret waiting to be told
But no one’s really that bold
To let the world know
I’m not a joke!

Vidushi Khera
No Time For Yesterday

Every day that I walked into
Carried the burden of the past
Time itself tried to hurt me
I was not gonna let it last

Flickering memories, broken dreams
I knew life was more than what it seemed

I knew I had to fight it out
Coz that was not what I was all about
I was more than what they treated me to be
So I gave it all away
No Time for Yesterday

Everyone looking down at me
Pointing fingers in my face
Rose through, broke free
Got myself out of that frikkin place

Future’s calling, tomorrow screams
Life is not what it has been

I know I have to fight it out
Coz they’re not what I was all about
I’m more than what they treated me to be
So I gave it all away
No Time for Yesterday

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Vidushi Khera
Not Fitting In

I never let out what my heart had to say,
But the moment of truth is here,
And it’s gonna stay, so today,
I’m gonna show what it feels like,
When I hide the truth from my soul,
When I ignore
What the person inside me has to show.
All I wanna be is pure,
But I keep telling myself,
No one’s gonna love you,
And I’m so scared that I let go,
Of what I want to be,
And what I want to do,
And I run from the truth,
But the lies hurt me too,
So what am I supposed to do?
I’m stuck in a world that is even worse,
For everything I have to rehearse,
What I’m going to say,
But again,
I’m trying to break free,
So I’m not even fitting in between.
Truth and lies are okay,
But my woes are here to stay,
In this world I’m stuck in,
Where everything is twisted and mixed,
What’s true what’s not I’m in a fix,
Don’t know who to believe, who to ignore?
What to treasure, what to let go?
Trying so hard to be everywhere,
Had more of life’s everything –
Joys, sorrows, hurt and pain,
Much more than my share.
And I don’t know what to do now,
Now that I have to choose,
But what’s the point, tell me how,
Can I keep what I have to lose?
Nothing Lasts Forever? ?

“Nothing Lasts Forever” ... they try to tell me
But it doubt the line to the very core
And even the words between the lines can’t really
Justify, as they are themselves unsure.

How do you define “NOTHING” lets talk of that
That “THING”, which you could touch or see
That “THING”, which you could have had
Or had, but perhaps, could not leave.

And what of “LOVE”? - True, pure love, instead?
That love which goes beyond boundaries that lie
Love that cannot be defined nor withheld
Love that cannot change, cannot fade, cannot die.

Or let’s talk about “TRUTH” – that has carried on
That truth that can never be proved untrue
The future, the present, and the past that is gone
Shall testify forever that I am me and can never be you.

Or the “MUSIC” - talk of that – and bow your heads in shame
For, those strains of the soul you cannot defy
And the emotions it glorifies, let’s give them a name
And then tell me, can a smile ever stop being a smile? ?

So before these lines, in gold, are embossed
Realize they are just words, whispered to calm you
When you can’t accept the face of the coin that is tossed
Or feel the universe is out to harm you.

So here’s the reason these words cannot hold a stand –
“Forever” is too immense to be held in words, even by the clever
And “Nothing” is just a word tossed around by the knaves of the land
Prove me otherwise and I’ll accept – “Nothing Lasts Forever”!

[08.11.2005 - Another one for a competition - won 2nd Prize]

Vidushi Khera
O Bitter Life!

I’m trying to believe
That life has got to be the way it is
But it seems
My heart feels it’s got to be better than this
Everything bitter can’t be the truth
It can’t be a valid golden rule
Somewhere there’s gotta be a change
I’m waiting it seems a hopeless wait
How can life snatch away all joy
Isn’t there a moment I can enjoy
Life’s a sugar coated poison candy
The deeper I go sweetness seems farther away

Vidushi Khera
Painkillers

My heart ached with sorrows that I had all my life,
It was like being cut to pieces by a knife.
But just as I was about to die, just before it was too late,
I got joys that were like painkillers, but side effects filled my heart with hate.
When I asked - “Why? ” Why is all the pain for me?
I was told - ‘It will make you strong from inside you see.’
I hoped it would be soon, but life shattered all the hopes I had.
I asked “Why? ” and all I got for a reply was - ‘Aw isn’t that bad! ’
I said I didn’t want to live this life anymore.
And I was told - ‘But that would hurt your loved ones for sure! ’
And so I’m back at where I was - crying my heart out again.
Hoping that painkillers of joy will somehow ease my pain.

Vidushi Khera
Directionless as the air, with nowhere to go.
Suspended like a particle with knowledge all around.
Yet unable to bring together things...aside, above and below...
Only capable of carrying the nothingness that is found.

Turning into liquid which takes the shape and understands...
The intricacies of its surroundings, yet with no form of it’s own.
But at least it learns and shapes itself to the knowledge at hand...
And with a gust of pointless air, is not so easily blown.

Lo and Behold...it musters itself to form a solid mass...
Visible as a shape, tangible as a form, has an identity – a body like gold
A body of knowledge that it has amassed
And now holds it’s own without support – reaching the zenith of its existence in this world

Vidushi Khera
Tell Me... But Don'T...

Tell me what you know
but don't force me to believe
Tell me what you are
but don't force me to be
Tell me what you do
but don't force me to act
Tell me what you see
but don't force me to watch
Tell me what you learn
but don't teach it to me

Vidushi Khera
The Answer... All I Expect

I don’t ask for too much
Just a little love would be enough
But more of what I need is to
Show you all that I feel for you
To know that it makes you happy
And makes you feel loved by me
And I’ll be content that I can love too
And my love and I do matter to you
And I need just glimpses of a world
In which, on me, simple pleasures you unfurl
Like a word or two of love or more
Straight from the heart’s innermost core
No promises of forever I need
Just an appreciation of now and here
Just need to feel that it’s something special
Something that’s never been there
And maybe just a stolen moment of unspoken feelings
When you and I are real, and no other things
Come between the closeness, that all talk of with sighs
And I dream of with hope that it’ll someday be mine
And then with no regret or demand for more
I’ll let you go where you feel the need to go
But to set you free, I first need to love you
And that’s all I expect and hope to be true.

Vidushi Khera
The Girl

A girl is born to a family
"Female infanticide" her fate will be
Even if she lives and has her breath
Her life will be even worse than death
Yes she is the one I’m talking about
The common girl I’m talking about

That little girl is not educated
At a small age she is married
She doesn’t even know what marriage is
Her husband died, now a widow she is
Yes she is the one I’m talking about
The common girl I’m talking about

She is the one who’s given no respect
What’s being done to her, is there no one to inspect?
She’s being burnt, she’s being cut
She’s being raped and her mouth is shut
Yes she is the one I’m talking about
The common girl I’m talking about

Oh! That poor little girl
On the floor she has to curl
She works all day
Doesn’t get any pay
Yes she is the one I’m talking about
The common girl I’m talking about

Shouldn’t we help her in any way?
To improve her condition day by day
Shouldn’t she be given her rights?
To let her dreams fly like kites
Yes she is the one I’m talking about
The common girl I’m talking about

She is now working equal to men
With the tools and with the pen
She gets wages and salaries too
Now she can support her family too
Yes she is the one I’m talking about
The “GEN-X” girl I’m talking about

Vidushi Khera
The World

My mind drifts away into world
I can’t hear or see people around me
My eyes just cannot bear the weight
They just fall as if all the problems
Were rested on just a little feather
I’m lost in fact my brain is lost
My material self is here
But my spiritual self has left for someplace else
Everybody think they can make me stay
But I’ve already left, they can’t take me back
I’m in a world filled with everything
The soul ever yearns for
Peace, love, happiness, feelings of joy
Everything that this material world
Could never give to anyone
It’s a world that you’ve been craving for
But the path to it is so unclear
It’s hard to reach this place
But the end is eternal bliss
You’ve got to find the road to this world
And you’ll find it in yourself
Coz the world itself is within you
And you need to realize your self

Vidushi Khera
The World Is In Pain

This world was once as bright as gold
With happy people young and old
But then as the people tell
To the evil goodness began to sell

The world wasn’t as bad as it is
With people’s tears coming out as rain
It wasn’t filled with darkness
It wasn’t like today - The World Is In Pain

And as the darkness began to prevail
So says the story tellers tale
From bad to worse, and worse to worst
It felt as if the whole world would burst

The world wasn’t filled with all sorts of crimes
With all the people going insane
The world wasn’t filled with killers and bandits
It wasn’t like today - The World Is In Pain

Now evil is ruling and angels are dieing
No truth is there and the people are lying
And as the truth is overpowered by lie
Over all places the dark clouds fly

The world wasn’t filled with lies
With search of truth ending in vain
The world wasn’t filled with darkness
It wasn’t like today - The World Is In Pain

Vidushi Khera
Torture

All stand like withered leaves
Looked upon by the ruthless demon
He stands there staring and glaring
Terrorizing big and small, everyone
All drenched in the blood of sin
The protector is nowhere to be seen
And the destroyer has ordered his men
And they are scorching,
Laughing at all those who stand bound
Bound by the devil himself
And he himself is nature bound
Not just to tepefy, but to burn
The good and bad alike
He cares for no one, and he’s not afraid
Why should he be?
The protector is gone
And the world is overshadowed
By the clouds of the sinning demon
Who don’t allow no wind to blow
No rain to drop, no dropp of rain
All stand hoping to bathe in holy water,
But they bathe instead in sinful sweat,
Poured on them by the heinous demon
He prowl and growls and laughs
Watching their pitiful state
His time will come when the protector comes
And blows the wind to sway his courage
And showers water to destroy his flames

But when will the protector come?
When will he hear the cries
Of these prisoners of the devil
Who hope and wait to be rescued
Oh protector hear the cries
Coz they won’t be able to cry for long
Hear the cries of big and small
And save them from the sinful one
War Of Words

Quintessential flames fired
In a war of words.
Debating, fighting, they conspired
Against the truth of the world.

Twisting turning tongues spat
Ideologies, each of a different kind.
In their own primed worlds they sat,
To the un-worded truth still blind.

To each his own and their words
Dipped in blissful ignorance.
Fighting over the same worlds,
In their own thoughts like a trance.

In every word they made a liar
As oblivious to the truth they endorsed.
And each man felt it his own devoir,
And yet, lost the War of Words.

[23.11.2005 - Poem written in ten minutes for a competition - it didn't win]

Vidushi Khera
What You Are To Me

In unhappy times when you hurt and bleed
I’ll be the friend that you will need
Coz you’re special to me in many ways
The way you’ve helped me in troublesome days
I’ll never forget the sacrifices you’ve made
My smiles you’ve loved, my tears forbade
You’ve been with me in all my joys
Every moment with you I have enjoyed
Everything you’ve done I will repay
In my own small insignificant ways
Coz you’ve been the friend I’d always need
And I’d be to glad if I could be
Something even close to what you mean
Everyday I thank God for giving you to me

Vidushi Khera
You And Me

In the dark of the night
The wind blowing like a spirit
Filling me with life
I reflect upon the being I am
And I think what makes me “ME”
Is more that just my life
It’s your life too and the one we share
And I’m glad I’m made of you
In the depths of the sky
I know what lies
It’s you and me
And the stars behind
And you know one day
We’ll all go up to heaven
And remember these days
Till the end of forever

Vidushi Khera