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## 'no' Not 'i'

Know not I to me  
For I know not who actually I  
Can anyone know I?  
For I struggle to know I

Can any help me with I  
For I is disturbing me to die  
Know not the people said I  
To this I questioned why?

Know not the people I  
Because they bother you  
You and I what's difference?  
Asked I the disturbing I

Who knows I knows divine  
For I and divine are the one  
To this answer satisfied mine  
And no longer asked who is I?

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# A Poem On Poem

A man sat in a scriptorium to script a poem  
Thought on a woman's gorgeousness  
To put pen to paper her beauty  
Started thus, "To what shall I compare  
Thy beauty my love."  
"Why can't you compare?" Interrupted his inner self  
His hand couldn't move any more...  
Came out of the scriptorium to relax  
To his eyes nature was an angel from heaven  
Thought of nature's beauty to letter a poem  
"How beautiful oh you nature  
Who is the man behind you to nurture?  
All beauty in you is a mixture  
Of everything that exists  
Anyone who sees your beauty  
Can lecture on you....."  
"How good the God who created it?"  
Again interrupted his inner self  
Annoyed, irritated, infuriated, maddened  
By his inner self, thought to just scribble on the paper  
To his surprise, he saw himself scripting a poem  
Out of the blue, something beyond belief happened  
He was writing a poem!  
"Who is writing a poem?" asked his inner self sarcastically  
"Indeed I have written a poem" Said the poet proudly.

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# Letter To Love

I am sorry, really sorry

It iS my misTake

I'm sorry  
for I know I made mistakes  
of hurting you often  
without knowing so;

I'm sorry  
didn't realize the needle in the haystack  
but just moved on pressing you harder

I'm sorry  
knew you'd make things perfect  
though I had you as suspect

I'm sorry  
for not standing by you or being around  
in times of great hardships

I'm sorry  
for breaking your mind into thousand pieces  
and even more your lovely heart

I'm sorry  
for not listening to you  
when you're full of pain

I'm sorry  
for turning away from you  
when you still held on to me

I'm sorry  
for moving away with my mistakes  
as if they were the best things

I'm sorry  
for letting you suffer

with my ignorance and attitude

I'm sorry  
for all that I was and am  
which made you helpless and hopeless

Remember!

Strong we stand together  
Wonderful we be together  
Amidst trails and tribulations  
Together we can overcome  
Honoured with your company  
I remain in your love ever

I was in love as a child  
Lovely we were playing as kids  
Overwhelmed to see it again  
very person I long to see  
Every second of my life  
Yielding every sorrow  
Overcoming with respect  
Uttering not a word, I say....

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# Love

Loving from afar  
Pure and chaste

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# Ministry In Kisumu

The days in Kisumu spent  
To the places I went  
And the people I met  
Will I not forget, I bet

the problems I faced  
on Christ's love, I based  
love of people I've embraced  
my stay by their presence graced

there are days I cried  
looking at the people suffering  
gazing at the love showed  
my sorrow turned into joy

may you all be fine  
and God's goodness shine  
spreading light, lighted  
by Christ to all delighted

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# Religious In The Technological World

Here in our world  
Religious are the bold  
They are the people who mold  
Everywhere they are behold

Mind not they the weather  
Mission of Christ only they bother  
They go to nations to gather  
The people who wither

World improving with technology  
Made everyone so busy  
Though everything to our eyes crazy  
Religious make their way easy

Though religious outdated in form  
Update themselves with Christ in calm  
Written their names, God in His palm  
So, ever ready they are to sing His psalm

Technology improves or not  
World changes or not  
Preaching Christ is ought  
For the religious brought  
And brings and will bring  
The Good news that itself is Christ

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# The Struggles Of My Life

I questioned as child out of innocence  
To which elders thought nonsense  
But still understood not I  
The mystery of all, why?

I questioned, posed but stopped not  
As I grew up, 'not to pose is ought'  
Reminded was I again and again  
But I kept posing in mind which was fine

I struggled to know human existence  
Without worrying to know my essence  
I searched to unravel the secrets of nature  
Without ceasing to know me as creature

Inadequate was my knowledge  
As I was balanced on a knife edge  
I thought it would be an unending search  
As I was searching for great light with a small torch

Though my hair turned black to white  
And I remained all days long quite  
Summer passed and rains came  
And winter gave itself into spring

I beheld others' birth and death  
But my search remained with  
I thought of a day to come  
On that day my search would bloom

Though I may die and be dust  
Let my search be continued lest  
Truth remains in the shadow of error  
Life remains in the shadow of death  
Love remains in the shadow of hate

This dream may seem impossible  
Push yourself beyond horizons of life and death

One day my child, the truth be revealed  
Secrets be opened, codes be broken and  
Mysteries be under the control of mind

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# To A Friend

In the words of a poet  
Flows indeed a sonnet  
Sounds like a trumpet  
For sure all would connect

Words of wisdom found  
In the melodious rhyming sound  
I know we are all bound  
To read lest I mind

Oh my dear friend  
Don't just follow trend  
Create for yourself a wind  
At the same time be kind

Move into the world of wisdom  
You shall have your stardom  
Enjoying always the freedom  
You'd be king in your kingdom

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# Wake Up Friends, Goal Is Yet To Be Reached

Young minds with flowing wisdom  
Young bodies with flowing spirit  
Young hearts with flowing desires  
Young thoughts with flowing doubts  
Youth of yesterday, today, and tomorrow  
Will have one thing in common in them  
To heed their lives without problems  
Eat, drink and make merry  
Is becoming the precept of youth  
WAKE UP FRIENDS, GOAL IS YET TO BE REACHED

Think not "what I have to do"  
Think "what should I do"  
You are the question for yourself  
You are the bundle of answers for others (yourself)  
Think of something you can give to the world  
Sharpen your mind, gathering wisdom  
Strain your body, feeding the soul  
Let not your desires vapour  
Let not your doubts sink  
WAKE UP FRIENDS, GOAL IS YET TO BE REACHED

Just think of the possibilities we have  
Innumerable things to be done by us  
Look at the people disabled  
If they can what they 'can't'  
Why can't we can what we can?  
Think not "I am not the one"  
If not we who will  
If not now when will  
WAKE UP FRIENDS, GOAL IS YET TO BE REACHED

We coming from mud, go back to mud  
We have the power to bring change  
Let us rise up and stand straight  
Never give up, till the goal is reached.

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# Women Of Necessity

Created God women (out) of necessity  
But know not men the clarity  
As I see everywhere the calamity  
Raging on them causing difficulty

Men without women can exist not  
But call them slut, whore & whatnot  
Most of the women in adultery caught  
But the men involved are never sought  
All their efforts for some are naught

Eclipsing women for glory of men  
Turning them into subaltern women  
Marketising women for attraction  
Assuming that they can't take action  
Thinking that men always win

Wish you not to know the goodness  
Of women who struggle for rightness  
Where shall you go to confirm  
Look around there are many to inform  
About the women of righteousness

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