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I am Poetry

A song in motion

A bird in flight

A dancing dervish

A child laughing in delight

A gushing stream of water

A ray of sunlight

A thirsty heart

A star sparkling bright

Blog:

## (-) 2 (My Love) Flying-Haiku

I was wandering  
You walked into my dead life  
Flying in paradise

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## (-) 3 (My Love) Love-Haiku

Before you arrived  
Love was just a four letter word  
You gave definition

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## (-) 4 (My Love) Tum/You -Bilingual

Meri saans ho tum  
Meri dhadkan ho tum  
Meri jaan ho tum  
Meri zindagi ho tum  
Mere khwabon kaa aakar ho tum  
Meri tanhayee kaa kinaara ho tum  
Meri tamannaon ka saakshaat ho tum  
Mere badan ki kapkapin ho tum

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You are my breath  
You are my heartbeat  
You are my soul  
You are my life  
You are the shape of my dreams  
You are the shore of my loneliness  
You are the form of my longings  
You are the trembling in my body

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## (-) 5 (My Love) Just A Preparation

My bleeding tears  
become a dewdropp in the verdant lawns of paradise  
My festering wounds  
transform magically into a sunkissed vista of radiance  
My exhausted feet  
dance to celebrate the eternal journey with You  
My heaving heart  
sings a rapturous symphony to welcome You  
My weary soul  
gets a divine elevation getting merged with Yours

My entire life till now was just a preparation  
For a cosmic union with You

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## (-) 6 (My Love) Heaven Descends On Earth

Wrapped in your arms  
Souls entwined  
Floating in love's whipped cream  
Silver lined  
Heaven descends on earth.....

Swimming rose petals  
Heady wine  
A poem befalls upon us  
God's sign  
Heaven descends on earth.....

Long nights of passion  
Nine to nine  
Climbing peaks unimagined  
Finding our shrines  
Heaven descends on earth.....

Completing each other  
Love divine  
Birth after birth after birth  
Forever thine  
Heaven descends on earth.....

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## (-) 8 (My Love) Serenade Me Till The End Of My Life

Serenade me till the end of my life  
Will you dance with me till I die  
Come and share my every sigh  
Lets chase the cloud in the sky  
Baby, lets chase the cloud in the sky

Lets walk barefoot and feel the dew in the morning  
Where I am the Queen and you are the King  
Fluttering like butterflies with golden wings  
Baby, come and stir my soul strings  
Baby, come and stir my soul strings

Kiss me tenderly and kiss me on and on  
Kiss me everyday from dusk to dawn  
Lets swim together in this life like a swan  
Baby, You entered my life and I was born  
Baby, You entered my life and I was born

Our love is as deep as the depth of the earth  
Our love is as fluid as the waves on the firth  
Our love will last us through all our births  
Baby, Heaven has come down in our hearth  
Baby, Heaven has come down in our hearth

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## (-) 9 (My Love) I Am.....

I am

A bug snug in our hearth's rug

I am

A windchime tinkling your heart in a rhyme

I am

A rose releasing all my fragrance in your nose!

I am

A glow worm lighting up your coke and rum!

I am

The yearning for a puff; if you cant, its so bloody tough!

I am

The flood of blood in your muscles!

I am

Just a bum having somewriting fun

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## (a) 47 (Love/Passion) Beware, My Love...

Beware, my Love  
Of the thunder  
That we will encounter  
When we touch

Beware, my love  
Of the Rain  
The outpourings of the pain  
For the lost time

Beware, my love  
Of the lightning  
The resurrection that it will bring  
Of our dormant desires

Beware, my Love  
Of the flood  
The mingling of our blood  
When our skins dissolve

Beware, my Love  
Of the reverbration  
The resounding celebration  
Of Our eternal Embrace

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**(a) 49 (Love/Passion) This Is Crazy**

A shadow with me all day  
No body  
This is crazy, this is crazy

Notes of a scintillating flute  
No flutist  
This is crazy, this is crazy

Breathtaking verse on paper  
I was sleeping  
This is crazy, this is crazy

Vermilion laden sky  
Sunrise or sunset?  
This is crazy, this is crazy

Dishevelled clothes, swollen lips  
You came in my dream  
I am crazy, I am crazy

Or is this the only sanity? ?

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## (a) 5 (Love/Passion) When, Oh When

When do you want our breaths to meet?

When do you want our souls to touch?

When do you want to feel the heat?

And make me drunk on our love?

When do you want our gazes to entwine?

And then taste each others sweetness?

When do you want our dreams to be love lined?

When do you want to surrender to this madness?

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## (a) 11 (Love/Passion) A Wanderer In Love

My heart is a wanderer in love  
May it ever remain so  
Roaming in the pathless land  
In a caravan  
Just going where the winds blow...

Sometimes rendered miserable  
Blown in all directions  
In search of my eternal love fable  
In spite of all defections  
Always singing the song of love....

Longing for the moon  
Searching in the dunes  
Will only be still when it becomes crystal  
That there is no breath left  
For me to fulfill.....

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## (a) 12 (Love/Passion) As Real As...

As real as air, earth and water  
As real as a lovers fight  
As real as the laughter  
Of a child in delight....

As real as the expanse of the sea  
As real what lurks underneath  
As real as the lovers glee  
Of an unexpected rendezvous....

Come and touch my heart  
And make me real  
Gaze into the depth of my soul  
Make it sublime and surreal....

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## (a) 15 (Love/Passion) An Appearance Of Thee

Whilst riding on the phantoms of my musings  
I came across thee and I thought  
Are you a reflection of my soul  
Are you the reverbration of my drum  
Are you the truth that will make me whole  
Are you the song that I will hum  
throughout the night and the next  
till I am blessed  
with an appearance of thee  
infront of me  
elevating me  
uplifting me  
taking me  
from finite to infinite  
from consciousness to unconsciousness  
from earth to heaven  
from water to vapor  
from darkness to light  
from wrong to right  
from hell to heaven  
from here to oblivion  
where only two souls exist  
yours and mine  
and we revel in it  
we dwell in it  
we bask in it  
we shine  
whre you are mine  
where we are lost  
in just each other  
nothing else exists  
where its bliss  
where we are blessed  
where we can rest  
in the light of each other  
where there is no other  
than you and me  
me and you  
pew! !



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## (a) 17 (Love/Passion) I Wish You To Unfold Me ~

I wish you to unfold me  
I wish you to hold me  
I wish you to undress me  
I wish you to bless me  
I wish you to ravage me  
I wish you to savage me  
I wish you to blaze me  
I wish you to daze me  
I wish you to love me  
Love me to death  
I wish you to smother me  
Smother me with your love  
I wish you to inspire me  
Inspire me to sing  
Sing with you  
Together  
Where we can view  
and feel  
A garden of paradise

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## (a) 18 (Love/Passion) Untie The Knot

Untie the knot for me  
of your deep inner secrets....  
Give me the key  
of your inner fantasies  
where u have been drowning....  
Let me swim in the sea  
of your dreams, desires and longings....  
Let me unravel the mysteries  
of your mind  
thats made you blind  
thats been raging in you  
tormenting you  
spending you  
lusting in you  
bursting in you.  
Come...  
touch me  
and feel the peace  
walk into your soul....  
The storm will cease.  
Feel the calm  
like a balm.  
Stop searching  
and yearning.  
Feel my aura...  
Embrace it  
If you hug me close  
you can share it....

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## **(a) 21 (Love/Passion) I Will Be The Music That You Wore**

You sing

I will be the mountain and hold your voice deep inside

You feel

I will be the earth and keep your vibrations in my core

You cry

I will be the ocean keeping your sacred drops alive

You chant

I will be the holy hymn, we shall soar

You fly

I will be the sky, always holding you high

You dance

I will be the music that you wore

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## (a) 29 (Love/Passion) I Am The Silly Heart That You Stole

I am the warp, you are the weft  
I am the ground, you are the step

I am the lantern, you are the light  
I am the eyes, you are the sight

I am the touch, you are the sensation  
I am the drum, you are the reverbration

I am the mirror, you are the reflection  
I am the drop, you are the ocean

I am the spirit, you are the soul  
I am the silly heart that you stole

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## (a) 3 (Love/Passion) Heres To Us

Lets drink the wine of love...  
Swirl it and soak it in...  
Smell the fragrance  
Mmm...and the scent of heaven

A song in our hearts  
Smile in the eyes  
Love to keep us fulfilled  
For the rest of our lives...

Soar out to our dreams  
Swim out from the streams  
To join the ocean of love  
And discover...  
The world of paradise.

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## (a) 30 (Love/Passion) I Dont Want To Close My Eyes

Today I dont want to close my eyes  
My heart tells me that your image is going to fly  
From the horizon of my heart to its beyond  
I want to capture the image forever in the pond  
A sacred reflection into which I can dip  
When the sun is too strong and sip  
its drops when i want to quench my thirst  
When my throat is parched and I want to burst  
Into a song.....

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## (a) 33 (Love/Passion) An Eternal Fluoresce

Swirling mysteries of my psyche  
Come explore it with a tender hand  
The essence is hidden in the bark of the tree  
The sap is like nectar of the divine land

You have to enter untying your robes  
Layer by layer revealing the core  
Naked in all your majestic beauty  
Our spirits entwining, together we soar

Oceans part, thousands new moons appear  
With the energy of our combined kundalinis  
Infinite flutes start playing music to the ears  
Intoxicated, the beings start spinning

The sun will be eclipsed  
With the sheer fire set ablaze  
The dark sky will be illumined  
The stars will twirl in a daze

Then my love, we will cease to be  
Moving away towards infinity  
Finally the doors will open for us  
Our light shall always fluoresce

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## (a) 37 (Love/Passion) I Wish

I wish I was the morning wind  
Gently brushing against your skin

I wish I was a ray of sunlight  
Giving you warmth that would stay through the night

I wish I was a dropp of wine  
That mingled in your blood making it my shrine

I wish I was the fragrance  
In the garden of love where you were a prince

I wish I was the spring  
In your life with blossoms spreading their wings

I wish I was your breath  
Enervating you, keeping you alive

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**(a) 38 (Love/Passion)**

**You And I**

Flooding streams  
Soaring wings  
Musical dreams  
Passion sings  
Vivid blue sky  
You and I

Scented breeze  
Undulating hills  
Swaying trees  
Height that thrills  
Swinging high  
You and I

Dripping chocolate  
Luscious grapes  
Candlelight date  
Behind the drapes  
Clothes fly  
You and I

Sensual delights  
Skin on skin  
Reaching new heights  
Deep within  
Hoarse cries  
You and I

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## (a) 41 (Love/Passion) My Heart

Knocking the doors  
Of my senses  
My heart soars....

Urgent whispers, getting crisper  
Beckoning, calling  
My heart stirs...

Voices from past life?  
Heart pierced by his knife  
My heart cries....

Open the Door  
Whats in store  
My heart roars....

Oh God, whats that?  
Bolt the doors  
My heart combats....

I cant be yours  
Let me be.  
My heart implores....

In peace  
That my plea  
My heart is on lease...

Lets open the gates  
To our next lifetime  
My heart waits...

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## (a) 50 (Love/Passion) Our Embrace Divine

When will the warmth of your cheek rest against mine?  
When will the stream of kisses gush on my ravine?  
When will your heartbeat rhyme with mine?  
When will I stop writing these verses and become thine?

When will the fire of love envelop us and enshrine?  
When will the winter suddenly get warm with our heat combined?  
When will we be drunk on each other and not need any wine?  
When will the moon become bewitched with our embrace divine?

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## (a) 51 (Love/Passion) Return Gift

My budding love  
My flowering soul  
My blooming heart  
My blossoming whole  
Intoxicating fragrance  
Butterflies that dance  
Dancing dew  
Sparkling hue  
Velvety skin  
Drenched within

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## (a) 54(Love/Passion) O, Caressing Wind

O Caressing wind  
Touch my skin  
And go to him  
Let him breathe me in  
Let him absorb me within

O Kissing Moonbeam  
Touch my skin  
And go to him  
Let him feel me till i spin  
Let him dissolve me within

O Wispy cloud  
Rain on my skin  
And go to him  
Let him get soaked, let him swim  
Let him get quenched within

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## (a) 6 (Love/Passion) A Sensuous Dream

I was drunk with the sobriety of my love  
Wandering with a passion of a possessed soul  
Swimming in the azure waters of my wonderous cove  
Thought that I had discovered love that was whole

In your light, the rays that touched me set me ablaze  
Torching a flame in my heart, urging a song  
To give, to surrender, to live forever in this love haze  
And to live in this radiant light for as long  
as the fire crackled in this warm universe  
and the monsoon made love to this thirsty earth

Drenched in this ecstasy, I let the beauty dance  
Unleashing a rapturous force that shook my soul  
Breathing new life in me with just one of your glance  
Words pouring out to celebrate this romance

In this dawn of hope, he came with a searing kiss  
And woke me up from this languid dream  
where I had got lost in the timeless bliss  
Now completely awake, dazzled by the sunbeams  
Groping in the darkness of my subconscious  
All I remembered, t'was a dream...so sensuous

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## (a) 7 (Love/Passion) A Sanctuary

For weeks I looked and searched in vain  
When you were the only cure to my pain..  
Just one of your gaze was enough to quench  
the thirst of my heart that was wrenched

Let me drink you, my love and soak you in  
Till now I drowned in helplessness...  
Today I can drown in the joy of finding you again  
My eyes filled with tears of happiness

I seek nothing from you  
Just love me like no one has ever....  
Make my heart your sanctuary and nest  
where your soul can always come and rest

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## (a) 13 (Love/Passion) Your Tempest

In the azure waters of your eyes  
urging a need to wade  
the tide is on the rise  
your desires cascade  
into a whirl

the storm is brewing for a while  
i can hear the thunder  
from thousands of miles  
threatening to take you under  
its deep recesses

Let me swim in your passion  
let me swirl in the waves  
let me sweep you up  
from your dark sinking caves  
of your tempest

Lets swim out to the shore  
where waters are still and calm  
serenity prevails and we can soar  
reach out to a new dawn  
of bliss.

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## (a) 20 (Love/Passion) Oh, Yes! Lets Reach New Heights

Can you feel me?  
Feel my spirit

Can you fill me?  
Fill my emptiness

Can you stroke me?  
Stroke my passion

Can you hold me?  
Hold the lightness of my soul

Can you behold me?  
Behold the beauty that is within

Can you touch me?  
Touch me and make me whole

Can you hear me?  
Singing through my skin

Can you see me?  
Dancing with delight

Can you guide me?  
Show me the light

Can you merge with me?  
Lets reach new heights

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## (a) 22 (Love/Passion) Weave Me Into You

Weave me into you  
You, the warp and I, the weft  
In between, no space left  
If anyone tried to tear  
Will fail, because we will share  
A bond  
So strong  
With  
An amalgamation of our spirits  
No you  
No me  
Only We  
Only We

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## (a) 23 (Love/Passion) Where's The Thief?

Last night I was out of myself....  
Wandering, running, searching  
From street to street  
From river to river...  
Panting, shivering, falling  
My heart had been stolen  
How could I go back without it?  
Where was He?  
The thief? !

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## (a) 34 (Love/Passion) The Melting Ice

You are like the mountain of ice  
And am I the summer?  
Thawing you from your stony guise  
The water now trickling in the river  
Is it the end of your long winter?  
In anticipation, I quiver

Little by little  
Inch by inch  
You let me come in  
Still a long journey ahead  
For the river to join the ocean  
We shall softly tread

Just enjoy the motion  
Of the long ride  
I just implore  
To not to close yourself  
We shall explore  
The land of the elves

Laugh with me  
Run with me  
Dance with me  
Explore with me  
And  
We shall run away with the key  
To happiness

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## (a) 36 (Love/Passion) You Are My Opium

You are my opium  
And I am your wine  
And we are still intoxicated  
Though its been a long time

Hard as I try to forget you  
The opium continues to flow in my veins  
Daring me to erase you  
Forcing me to meet you again and again

I know the same goes for you  
Together our souls seem to be chained  
I get my weekly fix by just looking at you  
Preventing me to go insane

Wetted by my passion, words pour out  
Dry earth before now drenched in rain  
Living our separate lives, I live for you  
You are the only cure to my pain

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## (a) 39 (Love/Passion)

## Dream Blessings

Last night I dreamt of you  
Continuing what we couldnt complete  
Our salivas intermingling  
Lips travelling from head to feet  
Mmmm...whole body tingling  
Bare on the sheet  
Our souls singing....  
You, the hunter  
And I, the prey  
And then  
The prey becomes the hunter  
Satiating our hunger  
But the bodies are not enough  
Our thirst goes deep  
To dive into the soul  
To make each other complete  
Where its pure and divine  
We dont feel the heat  
Happy in our respective shrines  
We are floating  
amidst pristine white clouds  
Thousands of angels  
Come out and enshroud  
Showering us with rose petals  
And we are endowed  
With their blessings.....

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## (a) 42 (Love/Passion) Drunk

Words hovering around the fringes of my mind  
Refusing to emerge out  
All coiled up, frozen and entwined  
Have been sitting for hours in this drought  
My page is empty  
Damn!  
Can only write when I am drunk  
Drunk on your love  
Drunk on you

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## (a) 44 (Love/Passion) Sleep

To remove all clothes  
Wrap your thoughts around me  
and sleep

To scrape my mind  
Of all thoughts except you  
and sleep

To close my eyes forever  
since you are not in sight  
and sleep

To drift off in an eternal dream  
With you and you  
and sleep

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## (a) 46 (Love/Passion) The Garden Of Paradise

Your eyes....hypnotize.  
Let me swim in them  
Waters swell and rise  
An ocean filled to the brim

You say, I mesmerize  
You have touched my soul  
Putting an end to its cries  
My heart, Is that what you stole?

Listening to your heartbeat  
The sound of my universe  
This feels so complete  
In this magic I get immersed

O wind, continue to blow  
This sweet gentle breeze  
Touching us, making us glow  
Carrying us to the high seas

Connecting our body, spirit, soul and mind  
Maybe destiny wanted to make us wait  
Now hold our hands, keep them intertwined  
Take us to the garden of paradise, open its gates

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## (a) 52 (Love/Passion) Intoxicated

My house is full of roses  
The fragrance seeping through my skin  
Into my blood racing to the heart  
Permeating and settling within

I am intoxicated not by its fragrance  
But by your streaming presence  
Waking, sleeping, in everything that I do  
Your thoughts have possessed me through and through

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## (a) 56 (Love/Passion) You....My Light

I want to become....  
A dropp with no thoughts  
A stop that no one sought  
Nothingness so that I can absorb  
Empty so that I can fill  
Until  
I fill You in  
And Illuminate  
In Your sight  
And  
I become Your ray...  
You, my light.....

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## (a) 57 (Love/Passion) I Just Want To Keep Looking At You

I just want to keep looking at you  
What have you done to me, baby?  
Your smile quenches my inner thirst  
The spark in your eye lights up my being

I feel alive  
Like a germinating seed after a winter freeze  
I feel light  
Like a butterfly kissing the blushing blossoms  
I feel beautiful  
Like the full moon getting slowly uncovered  
I feel complete  
Like the parched earth after a thunderous rain

I am almost afraid to touch you  
Lest my dream come to an end

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## (a) 9 (Love/Passion) Come, Show Me The Way

Lost in the vortex of my thoughts  
Seeking a vision that got lost  
Fire consumed or a lost monsoon  
Parched earth awaiting a boon  
A solitary traveller in an undulating desert  
that got lost....

Come show me the way  
In your light, everything is clear  
And its a sunny day  
In your absence, its all dark and queer  
All thoughts gone astray

Come show me the way  
In your sound, everything is music to the ears  
To which I dance and sway  
In your absence, cacophony blares  
All notes dark and gray

Come show me the way  
In your touch, everything is pure  
With a bright spark and a ray  
In your absence, cannot endure  
Even my own skin, t'is like clay

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## (a) 35(Love/Passion)      What Do I Cherish More

Your kiss, your gaze or your breath  
What do I cherish more?  
Your breath that I breathed  
Suffusing me to the core  
Sanctifying me.....  
Have kept it inside safely stored  
Every breath that I breathe  
Intermingles with it and roars  
Ecstatic in its union  
Electrifying me....  
Keeping me alive.

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## **(b) 1 (Pain/Longing) Where Did I Go Wrong**

My heart is numb...so is my mind  
Lost the power of thought...its got entwined

Oh, Why did you walk into my life?  
I was quite happy....without any strife

You came with your gentleman like demeanour  
With a cloak of decency, my emotions got stirred

I was a fool opening up my heart  
Letting you puncture it with a dart

Darn, even my instincts got misguided by your charm  
Caught unguarded, you had me completely disarmed

Wooed and then deserted, it didnt take long  
My heart was pure, so where did I go wrong?

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## (b) 10 (Pain/Longing) Lament

Lament

My whole Being Laments  
For You are not with me.

Roar

My Heart roars  
For not feeling Your heartbeat

Soar

My Spirit Soars  
Of just thinking of You

Glide

My Want Glides  
In the want of gliding in You

Skip

My Heart Skips  
Just reading your lines

Breathe

I want to breathe  
The same air that You breathe

Dance

I want to break into a Dance  
With the thought of dancing with You

Sing

My soul wants to sing  
At the thought of a Union with You

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## (b) 17 (Pain/Longing) Tranquil As The Sea

Tranquil  
As the sea  
Thats how I feel  
Can you forget about me?  
It was not meant to be  
The waters were muddy  
I couldnt see  
Floating algae or debris  
Leaving you here  
All that you were  
All that you were not  
All that was a blur  
All that was hot  
All what could have been  
All that you screened  
All that you gave  
All that I craved  
All that you did not  
All that meant a lot  
The hurricane has passed away  
And now  
Tranquil  
As the sea  
Thats how I feel

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## (b) 19 (Pain/Longing) Let Me Enter

Will you let me enter the maze of your mind?  
The complex thoughts not letting you unwind

Sweetheart, I know your soul loves mine  
But something stops you from crossing the line

Didn't you say let's just go with the flow  
Then why are you not letting the wind blow

Honey, Why are you afraid of letting me down?  
What is it you are not telling me that's making you drown

Aren't we all ephemeral and our lives transient?  
Can't we enjoy all the moments that love has sent

Time will wear me and you and everything away  
But our love can last forever, if you let it stay

I am torn by your unpredictable ways  
But the anguish disappears with your gaze

Your absence makes my heart writhe in pain  
Your silence makes it bleed as if it's been slain

You are in my breath, in my bloodstream  
But if I am not in yours, I would rather let go off the steam

I don't want you in fits and starts  
I want ALL otherwise I must depart

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## (b) 2 (Pain/Longing) Foolish Heart

Something died today...  
Hope of the heart?  
Staring at me stark  
Smile in the eye?  
Song of the lark  
Foolish heart

Body turned into stone  
Ghosts dancing in a hush  
Promising love will be atoned  
Dont give up in a rush  
Foolish Heart

She will rise, she will shine  
Yet again, you will soon find  
For she disguises  
In her fragile exterior...  
A will of iron  
But a foolish heart

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## (b) 21 (Pain/Longing) O Beloved

O Beloved

When the pain in my heart is at its excruciating best

When my sensibilities are leaving me

When my mortal body wants an eternal rest

Will you meet me, then? ?

O Beloved

When its neither day nor night

When my body has stopped spinning with this planet

When its neither dark nor there's light

Will you meet me, then? ?

O Beloved

When I am finally singing in peace

When I am soaring up fearlessly

When my soul has got the release

Will you meet me, then? ?

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## (b) 22 (Pain/Longing) Remember? ? ? ? ? ? ?

Remember?

Our languid walks in the fragrant garden  
Sitting wrapped in each other under the chinaar  
With red flowers showering under the fading sun  
Sitting till the sky was filled with stars  
The garden is still there with its fragrance  
The tree is still there with its blossoms  
And you can hear faint murmurings of the night wrapped tree calling our names

Remember?

The sound of the mynah as if cooing our names  
The sound of the water when we played skipping stones  
The fire we lit in the chill of the night and its crackling flame  
The rising heat as we melted in each other and our moans  
The mynah still cries looking for us  
The water is still waiting for our stones  
And you can now hear a deathly silence wrapped in my voice

Remember?

How our hearts would be beating wildly in anticipation of our rendezvous  
How we would be breathless with our longest kiss ever  
How we would hate the ticking time reminding that we had to bid adieu  
How we would dream of the day when we would could live together forever  
The time is still ticking by slowly  
Now breathless taking the stairs  
And the heart now wrapped in a deathly dust

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## (b) 25 (Pain/Longing) Like A Dead Body

Tired....  
My mind, body and soul  
Waves...Come upon me  
And sweep out the mud  
Of my memories  
They feel like a bagful of stones  
Taking me down, drowning me...  
Can you see the footprints?  
Of all of them who walked over me  
Was I right or wrong?  
Were they right or wrong?  
I dont know anymore...  
I just hear the wind howling  
Cant you hear it?  
Its trying to tell me something  
I think it wants me to set out  
Get lost in the desert of the ocean  
Swim out to the deep recesses  
Maybe that will sanctify me  
Hang in there like a dead body  
Seeing everything yet not seeing anything  
Cocooned in there  
Silent....  
Unreachable...  
Pure....  
Its a beautiful world  
Vivid, colourful  
Alone  
Yes, thats what

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## (b) 26 (Pain/Longing) Forever?

Were you a cloud hovering over me  
giving solace to my heart for a few days  
continuing in your journey  
forever?

Were you the sun that warmed,  
lighting up my life for a few days  
now obscured by clouds that swarmed  
forever?

Were you a ship passing by  
that anchored in my life for a few days  
moving on to another shore in your quest  
forever?

Were you a shooting star  
blazing through my life for a few days  
All I'm left with is a bunch of your thoughts  
forever?

We will continue our ways  
but you have touched my heart  
with your purity and tenderness that will stay  
forever

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## (b) 27 (Pain/Longing) Teardrop

A teardrop  
Filled up the eyes  
Drenching them fully  
Full of my hopes  
Full of my dreams  
Full of my longings

I kept waiting and waiting  
For it to drop  
For it to spill out  
To catch it and cup it in my hands  
But it never did  
Just remaining in my eyes  
Keeping them moist

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## (b) 29 (Pain/Longing) The Burning Sun

The night sky was his desire  
All encompassing, all consuming  
His body broke into beaded sweat  
Like stars plucked from the sky  
He burned, he seethed  
He goddamn loved her  
His love was pure  
Probably the only pure emotion he had ever felt  
He wanted to run away with her and make a new universe  
Where it would be only him and her  
Where they would make sweet music  
He wanted to possess her  
She was his obsession  
Damn! !  
Why couldn't he have her?  
She remained elusive

She was the Moon  
And he was the Sun  
As the Sun showed his searing burning passion  
The Moon gently disappeared

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## (b) 30 (Pain/Longing) The Raging Fire

Your memory is like bellowing smoke from a raging fire  
The heat still scalds me  
The smoke hits me in the eye  
The groans of my want drown in the whirlpool of my tears  
Somebody lets out a wailing cry  
Was it I?  
I am sinking into the cupping kiss  
My lips spit out in disgust  
What a lie....what a lie!  
My lament rises over the mountains, over the seas  
Why? Even God should be able to hear me.  
But  
From You, The gods arose  
From Your touch, thousands of streams shivered and moaned  
From Your eyes, moonlight glows  
From Your breath, all the roses wilted in shame  
From Your kiss, molten lava flows  
From Your embrace, forests were set aflame  
From Your smile, peacocks broke into a dance  
From Your laughter, bells forgot to tinkle  
From Your glance, beings went into a trance  
Alas!  
You could not be mine  
And you left behind  
A living corpse  
On whom flies and maggots claim  
Their rightful share  
My dreaded remains shrivel to see  
You flowering in love's ocean  
Your singing surging the waves  
Your contented eyes from nightlong embrace mocking me  
Your happiness piercing me like a sting ray  
And I burn, And I burn  
And I become the raging fire

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## (b) 31 (Pain/Longing) Will You Hold My Tear?

Today you are there, in blood and flesh  
Tomorrow you will be a memory  
Sometimes it is so surreal, almost like a dream  
But I know I will have to set you free  
The solitary rose that you gave  
A prelude to the candlelit dinner and a long evening  
Carefully pressed and kept in a book, saved  
Will wither in ash, staining the page

I balm myself....saying, it will never work  
This is just like a passing season that flees  
Our love will shrug itself like a tree in Fall  
Except I will be the one holding the fallen leaves  
Save my tear and hold it forever in your hand  
I will save your imprint on my pillow and hug it always  
I know the tear will dropp and so will your love for me  
But I will cradle your memories till I am set ablaze

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## (b) 4 (Pain/Longing) Wish You Had Let Me

Wish you had let me reach out...  
Touch your lips and touch your soul  
Help you wipe out all your doubts  
By the sheer fire of love making us aglow

Wish you had let me reach out...  
Help you come out of your prison  
Of self imposed pain, grief and drought  
To a fountain of love and to be arisen

Wish you had let me reach out...  
To surrender and turn our hearts into a temple  
Where a spring of love sprouts  
Anointing us and making us fulfilled

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## **(b) 5 (Pain/Longing) Goodbye....And Let The Wind Blow.**

I longed to share, I longed to love  
Wanted to keep you in my heart and above  
But I couldnt bear to see it die  
So darling, I must say goodbye

Should I forget you now, my dear  
The happy and cruel times, moments so near  
Extinguish the flame burning in my heart  
My grieving soul to see us part

I need a cup lined with wine  
For the once pleasing love that has burdened my mind  
Why cant love just be consumed in my drink  
For me to capture in forever, within

I asked, why do I bring m'self so much pain  
My mind that had been left behind, answered with disdain  
You are clear, you are right  
You long to love, thats your plight  
But you seek your love in obscure minds  
Who cannot love, will not let their fears unwind  
You seek a friend, not love and you will find  
Love may dwell of a different kind  
Let it warm, let it grow  
Slow and steady, the wind will blow  
In your direction, dont let it go

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## (b) 6 (Pain/Longing) I Just Want To Close My Eyes

I just want to close my eyes  
And rest for a while  
For my soul to break all the ties  
Catch its breath and go the next mile  
And begin a new chapter of my life....

I just want to close my eyes  
And listen to the sound of silence  
After the heaving sighs and cries  
of my heart, readying to commence  
And begin a new chapter of my life....

I just want to close my eyes  
And just be overcome by sleep  
Catch up on the sleepless nights and sighs  
Of my longing for you, now ready to sweep  
And begin a new chapter of my life...

I just want to close my eyes  
And just dream  
Where my soul is flying high  
Amongst white clouds where purity reigns supreme  
And begin a new chapter of my life....

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## (b) 9 (Pain/Longing) My Light.....

My lips are dry  
My heart aches  
My soul is parched  
My skin flakes  
My body is arched  
My pen shakes  
How long will I have to wait?  
For you to manifest  
From my thoughts to reality  
Till I get blessed  
with your appearance.  
What do I do with my sensuality  
Its of no use, theres no coherence  
between beauty and the image  
Without you  
I am the bark without the sap  
A mirror without a reflection  
A child without a lap  
A voice without inflection  
A beauty that could be  
But without light you cannot see  
Since You  
My Light  
Is not to be found

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## (c) 1 (Life/Philosophy) Life Is....

It has neither a beginning nor an end  
You can never predict where it will bend.

Life is a teacher, it will show you the way  
But unless you live it...it will run away.

If you have no fear of living, you will find  
No fear of death and you will not mind.

You have to feel the agonizing sorrow and feel the pain  
Only then it will heal and you will be whole again.

It is in every leaf, in your smile, in your tears  
In your toil, in your triumphs and in your fears.

Just enjoy the journey without looking back  
Savour the senses and you will not lack.

Truth is more in the process than the result  
Liberates you from thought and you can exult

To see the truth in the false, that's the key  
To understand, without changing it...just let it be  
Love life, live it and it will set you free....

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## (c) 13 (Life/Philosophy) A Mind Rich In Innocence

Truth, The Real God  
Not that we have made  
Does not want a facade  
Of the limited and narrow world that we parade

It asks for a mind rich in Innocence  
That doesn't have a scratch of experience  
A mind free from time  
A mind free from grime

It wants a Being whose heart is Full  
Rich, clear which does not get pulled  
By jaded and petty eyesight  
Just capable of intense feeling in all its might

Be sensitive with your nerves  
Your eyes, your body, your voice, your ears  
See the beauty of the tree, the smile of the child  
The agony of the woman without a meal, the animals in wild

Unless you do, there is no intelligence  
It doesn't come with knowledge or experience  
Comes with sensitivity and observation  
A mind rich in Innocence....

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## (c) 14 (Life/Philosophy) The Powerful Key

No man from outside can make you free  
No one else should hold that key  
No one else should have the authority  
The Key is your Own Self  
You alone can set yourself free  
And fly away to the Kingdom of Eternity

We seek outside, we search in vain  
We make ourselves go through so much pain  
When all we need to do is look in  
Shed our heavy clothes and be clear within  
The inner sound of silence can shut all the din  
And take you to a land of serenity

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## (c) 19 (Life/Philosophy) Raped By Duality

On one hand you fly high  
In your thoughts  
Never say die  
On the otherhand you just sigh  
Succumbing to the rots  
That society gives you

On one hand worshipping virtue  
Oh so feel good that we love to do  
And the devil appears as if on cue  
Greed and decadence, hatred and poison  
Always threatening for a coup  
Virtues gone askew?

On one hand following ideals  
That someone else made  
Merging them in yours, so it reveals  
And then the 'I ' that never fades  
Living in egos porch  
The heart gets scorched

Swinging our desires  
From right to wrong  
From ice to fire  
From good to greed  
From jailed to freed  
From bond to secede  
From love to hate  
From solo to mate  
From calm to irate  
From isolate to conjugate  
From ' I, Me, Myself ' to a soulmate

Are we just birds on paper?  
That the painter does not release  
And we are the painter.  
Are we rape victims?  
Enraged, crying  
We the victims and the rapists in one?

Are we alive  
Or just dead  
Before the verdict of Yama?

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## (c) 23 (Life/Philosophy) A World Of Delusions

Thrown into this world  
By who was I hurled  
Emerged out crying and flailing arms  
Till this day flailing in the storms

Like a thin straw in the midst of a furious wind  
Not knowing where it will be blown or pinned  
But larger than life Ego thinks it commands  
Arent we just a puppet in destiny hands?

Walking on a road unaware of the destination  
Exulting in our achievements, wild with elation  
Furiously battling it out and losers even if we win  
We dont know whats the battle for, we just spin

We live for our mind and body, Vanity is our attire  
Amassing knowledge and wealth, we indulge all our desires  
Setting up a colourful table that we muster in lifes cafe  
Living a brief moment in time, we come and we pass away

Blurry eyed we live our lives in a daze  
Seeing clearly our delusions, rest is just a haze  
Burying our souls under heavy waters of our wants  
Beware....we mistake it for our human form

Release it from the cages, let it take wings  
Let it spread its wings, let it go where it can sing  
Away, Away from the brackish water of this universe  
From this world of separation to the world where soul is king

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## (c) 24 (Life/Philosophy) Forget It! ! !

For a moment  
Can we just forget who we are?  
Forget where we are from  
Forget what we learnt  
Just be like a newborn  
Forget our poems, our books  
Forget what we had adorned  
Forget our work, our names  
Forget from where we came  
Just undress all we had worn  
Like waking up one fine day  
With a complete memory loss  
Everything that we knew having gone away  
No one to claim what they own  
No boundaries, no countries  
The sun evenly it shone  
Having just one face of the earth  
One smell, one fragrance, one zone  
Encompassing everything in one girth  
One huge ocean  
Oneness  
Vast  
Blessed  
Laughter  
Joy  
Happiness

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## (c) 26 (Life/Philosophy) A Full Heart And Empty Mind

If its true that truth doesnt have a path  
Then how do we reach it?  
With a clear mind and love in your heart  
Strip yourself bit by bit  
Of all the labels, beliefs, tags u must depart

Truth will enter without any invitation  
As swift as the wind and unbeknown  
Not when you are watching for its formation  
As sudden as sunlight or as a bird thats flown  
But heart must be full and the mind empty of creation

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## (c) 27 (Life/Philosophy) Soul Water

You would be meandering by  
Wasting your while  
This world is not worth living under the sky  
If you havnt tasted your soul water  
Other delights will turn bitter  
Open your inner eye  
Feel the inner wind blowing  
Inhale the fragrance  
Listen to the sound of the water flowing  
Become your own lover  
Open the folds bit by bit  
Use your innocence to see  
Not your wordliness  
That will make it flee  
The soul water is pure  
Crystal clear  
Drink it  
Drown in it  
Anoint yourself with it

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## (c) 30 (Life/Philosophy) Thought And Thinker

Thought

Response of a memory

An experience

An image that you see

Transient, everchanging

Seeking permanency

Thought

Creates the Thinker

Who becomes permanent

Assumes the role of a guide

The Censor, The Controller

The Moulder inside

Thinker

A product of thought

This illusory permanent entity

Without thought, he is not

The controller is the controlled

Playing a deceptive plot

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## (c) 32 (Life/Philosophy) A New World

Lets create a new world  
Everything new will be unfurled  
Where theres no You or Me  
A revolt against conformity  
A revolt against respectability  
A revolt against mediocrity  
A brand new society  
Where the soul is free  
Not tied by influence  
Not tied by experience  
Or what the neighbour thinks  
No interference  
No tradition  
No fears to decay  
Where creativity emerges  
Free thoughts play  
A new civilization  
A new way

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## (c) 34 (Life/Philosophy) Simple Facts

Nothing lasts forever  
Time has a hand thats clever  
We yearn for things to last  
Clock ticking to take it away fast

What is wrong and what is right  
Man made those rules in fright  
If you live in a world of fear  
Your path will never be clear

Enjoy the moment and dont think too much  
It will slip away the more you try to clutch! !

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## (c) 35 (Life/Philosophy) Running Away?

My soul wants to fly away  
Riding on a brilliant ray  
To a land of oblivion  
Where I'm known by no one  
Just live my life in peace  
No one to hurt no one to please  
Away from the complexities  
That this life brings to its crease

But then I think why run away  
The road does get rough in its way  
But it also stretches out in a straight road  
It may be long but you do reach your abode  
As long as you don't hurt anyone knowingly  
Absorb the ride, its highs and lows in totality  
Pain is a part of the road and will make you realize  
Feel it, endure it and it will help you rise

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## (c) 8 (Life/Philosophy) Open

Open your heart if you want to be loved...  
Open your hands if you want to be held....  
Open your ears if you want to hear....  
Open open, open...whats the fear? ?

Open your eyes if you want to see...  
Open your mind if you want to learn....  
Open your shackles if you want to be free  
Open, open, open....do not flee

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## (c) 9 (Life/Philosophy) Throw

Throw out your fears if you want to live....  
Throw out your chains of your thoughts and beliefs  
Throw out your past if you want to be free  
Throw, throw, throw....let it go.

Throw out your hatred if you want to fly like a dove  
Throw out your ego if you want to love  
Throw out your shield if you want to glow  
Throw, throw, throw.....let it go.

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## **(d) 1 (Nature)      Awake! ! Its Spring! !**

Awake! Its Spring.....

Listen to the music of the flowers  
The leaves fluttering in delight  
The butterflies dancing in the bowers  
The carnations blushing to see the sight  
Of the drenched naked red rose.....

Awake! Its Spring....

Listen to the elated cuckoo sing  
Whirling the hearts of even the imprisoned  
The souls of all creatures have found wings  
The bees dipping into every flower impassioned  
Making the sweetest of honey

Awake! Its Spring.....

The trees are swaying in elation  
The shrivelled leaves have found a new lease  
The gardens are singing in celebration  
The wind is blowing a scented breeze  
Intoxicating all creation with its essence

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## (d) 2 (Nature) A New Poem Begins

With the breeze  
teasing the tender branch  
The sun playing  
hide n seek  
in between the pine trees  
The carpet green hillock  
fully drenched  
The fishes jumping  
in n out taking a peek  
Murmuring of the grass  
Music of the cicadas  
The day yawns  
Stretches its arms  
Droning of an aeroplane  
Clouds hinting of rain  
A bunch of swans  
Playing in the pond  
Heavenly incense of narcissus  
every inch seems blessed  
Soft raindrops  
Flip flop, flip flop  
Stretch your eyes  
Vistas of green lies  
Feet on wet grass  
Sheer joy surpassed  
Ahhhhh.....peace within  
And a new poem begins

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## (d) 5 (Nature) The Wind Is Trying To Tell Me Something

The wind is trying to tell me something  
Just softly murmuring and whispering  
Gently touching my skin and making me tingle  
Breathe in the freshness and let it mingle  
Take in the new earth after its been drenched of rain  
Ease your minds out of the painful past and all the pain  
Sing with the wind resurfacing the music that slowly died  
Feel the vibrations of nature's love and not your hurt pride  
Sway with the new crop out there in the fields  
And not the dagger of your anger that it wields  
The rose has wilted but a new bud has arisen  
Release the past and let it out from your prison  
Life is transient and you may not be able to capture love  
But beauty is constant and it will always keep you above

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## (d) 6 (Nature) I Am A Cloud With A Wanderlust

I'm a cloud with a wanderlust  
Hovering over pathless lands  
Always seeking to quench my thirst  
For new faces and new places as it stands

Roaming over deserts, valleys and hills  
Just like to soak it in  
Breathe in the place and it just fulfills  
The eternal wanderlust that is within

On a cold winter morning  
I'm the mist that touches your cheeks  
Just playing, just flirting  
All that is left is a tingle as the sun streaks

Wherever I go, I spread a shadow  
Where souls can come and rest  
But then I move on with the flow  
To a new land on my hearts behest

Sometimes I'm the mist, sometimes the rain  
Sometimes a shadow, sometimes a pain  
But for me, I'm just a cloud with a wanderlust  
Seeking new heights and new frames

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## (d) 8 (Nature) Eagle Eyes

Dark smouldering eyes  
Shiver ran up my spine  
Seething anger inside  
His eyes looked straight into mine  
Minutes stretching wide  
So majestic and aquiline  
Frozen to the core, my body numb  
His body taut, ready to spring  
If the glass had not been there, I would've succumbed  
Giving me a last look, he soared up spreading his wings

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## (d) 9 (Nature) Only One Romance

He is kissing with his fiery lips  
Drinking every bit of nature's saliva  
Cotton wisps flying languidly  
The flies persistent with their irritating buzzzz  
The fan with its musical whirring noise  
Who needs ragas?  
Haze of dust mist giving a romantic twist

Dont complain  
If I dont call  
If I dont come out  
Theres room for only one romance  
With the Sun

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## (dark) Conquest

The glint in the eye  
Like a firefly in the still of the night  
Its gliding purposefully  
Scooping on a conquest  
Soaring on an all time high  
Like a soul possessed  
Ahhhhhhh.....  
The devilish smile  
Satiated appetite

The indifference in the eye  
A vulture flying off after a full feast  
Gliding away aimlessly  
After attaining his conquest  
Fate has cast its dye  
On the devils behest  
Ahhhhhhh.....  
To be cast aside  
Scooped out and used

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## (e) 2 (Dark) The Abyss Beckons

The abyss yawns and beckons....  
Its so easy to dropp in  
To just give up the resistance  
And get drawn  
by the magnetic force within....  
Feel the joy of the sheer slide  
as you go deep down  
Did you indulge in all sins?  
Did you revere the demons?  
Just close your eyes  
and enjoy the slide  
Listen to the sound  
of your soul's laughter  
mocking you.....  
Make the soul flee  
from your body  
Revel in it  
Dwell in it  
Celebrate your freedom  
Now no need to abstain from  
any form of sin  
Let the journey begin....

\*\*\*\*\* Inspired by Jim Morrison \*\*\*\*\*

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## (e) 1 (Dark) The Night's Highway

Driving on the nights highway  
Deep into the dark night that swells  
Scorched by the moonlight gone astray  
The wind laments, the devils dwell

The dark blanket of the night enshrouds  
A sudden chill, a gust of fog envelops  
Sensing a bad omen, together we all crowd  
The car sputters, the engine goes bust

The spirits rise from the ashes  
Chanting ha ho, ha ho  
A searing bolt of lightning lashes  
Will there be no dawn tomorrow

The wolves huddle, stalking around our door  
We could hear the beats of our heart  
Whimpering with fear, crouching on the floor  
As they lunge....I wake up with a start.

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## (e) 10 (Dark) The Spiderweb

As his mind weaves  
A spiderweb on the wall  
Of his heart  
I silently watch  
Bemused  
Admiring the intricate web  
So light  
Beguiling in its softness  
And watch the hovering bees  
Slowly becoming a prisoner  
Caught in its beauty  
And  
The spider mind  
Already moved  
To a new wall  
To make  
Its next masterpiece

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## (e) 11 (Dark) The Coiled Roots

Its dark inside  
The roots long and twisted  
Slithering, twining, coiling  
Around my senses...  
Roots of 'Me'  
Roots of The Fear Tree  
Roots of authority  
Roots of my precepts  
Roots of the screens of beliefs  
Longing to burst out  
Spring out of the confines  
Of my Mind  
Its made me blind  
Its blocked my eardrums  
Its squeezing ALL my senses  
I cant breathe  
And then  
An acrid stench  
Of burning flesh  
My flesh?

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## (e) 13 (Dark) This Is The End

As the girdle of time  
digs sharply into my flesh

As the black veil of my existence  
hides the impermeable Truth

As the flame of my thoughts move in  
rapid circles and become a mere line

As the vulture of pervading questions  
devour my almost dead body

As the furnace of my yearning  
bakes it into a solemn comprehension

That this is the Enddddddddddd.

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## (e) 3 (Dark) The Dark Night

Why is tonight such a dark night  
What is it trying to hide?  
Sweeping a dark velvet shroud shutting all light  
Invoking the restful spirits to rise

Rise, rise, slowly they rise  
Mortals like us standing in a hush  
The shaman suddenly lets out a cry  
His chants gone awry in a sudden rush

They swoop, they circle, they speak without words  
A sudden breeze blows, an icy shudder flows  
The owl lets out a shriek, so do other birds  
The demons in the mortals sneak out in rows

The wolves come out from the men  
To join the dance of its hosts  
Circling over the body of the shaman  
Being feasted by the ghosts

The men stand rooted in a respectful trance  
The moon slides in to watch casting its silvery light  
To see this orgy of the dark, to see them all dance  
As the fog creeps in and then out, they have floated out of sight

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## (e) 4 (Dark) Conquest

The glint in the eye  
Scooping on a conquest  
Soaring on an all time high  
Like a soul possessed  
No, Will not give up  
Will not rest  
Till he is blessed  
With his conquest

The indifference in the eye  
After attaining his conquest  
Fate has cast its dye  
On the devils behest  
To be cast aside  
Sice he has lost interest  
Scooped out and used  
Ready for his next conquest

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## (e) 5 (Dark) The Cauldron Of Discontent

Simmering in the cauldron  
Of my discontent  
Squeezing out the juices  
Of my existence  
I sip it in  
And spit it out

It seeps back in  
Filling every pore  
I start dancing to its music  
The horns start to grow  
Wild laughter  
Mocking me

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## (e) 6 (Dark) Inside My Love, Die! !

A deep dark night  
Clutching like a parasite  
Strange dark woods  
Throwing its hoods  
Refusing to let go  
Howling winds blow  
Threatening whirlpools  
Demons rule  
Tentacles and vines  
circle and entwine  
your dark mind  
Raging tempest  
Anguished quest  
Died a thousand deaths  
Trying to set love on the breath  
Deep cloud cover  
O seething lover  
Dont burn so bright  
In your own light  
Slide out from the side  
Do it now  
Before you die  
Run, escape  
Before you get raped  
By your own mind  
Thats made you blind  
With its simmering steam  
can hear your soul scream  
Soar up to the sky  
Along the length of my thigh  
Wings of your fancy and fly  
Up, up, high, high  
Join me inside  
Inside my love, Die.....

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## (e) 8 (Dark) The Vampire

Suspended by his wrath  
A mind that is fraught  
With delusions about his genius  
And a sea of dissatisfaction  
Yearning to reach a bliss  
Hanging by his dark desires  
Burning in his blazing fire  
The Vampire lurks.....

Led by a belief  
That he will get his release  
Riding on her dreams  
As he spots her, his inner eye gleams  
He gets a whiff of the expanded soul  
And he wants ALL of it to make him whole  
The light that will glorify him  
The Vampire strikes.....

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## (f) 4 (Haiku) Are Your Lips Tingling- Foursome

The wind brushed my skin  
Felt like your caress, so divine...  
Aching for your touch

I entered your dreams  
Riding on a bright moonbeam  
While you were sleeping

My soul taking wings  
Touching the face of my beloved  
You absorbed me within

Alas, the time is up  
With a last kiss, I depart  
Are your lips tingling?

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## (f) 14 (Haiku) Dreams

You came in my dream  
And I ventured into yours  
Interlaced our dreams

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## (f) 16 (Haiku) Goa

The lapping waters  
Come and wash away my dirt  
My soul gets cleansed

(Witten on Anjuna Beach, Goa)

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## (f) 5 (Haiku) Color Triku

Clouds fill up the sky  
Vivid blue becomes dark grey  
The sky starts to cry

The earth gets besieged  
Its parched soul getting a reprieve  
Vibrant green fills the eye

As we all celebrate  
The Sun peeping through the clouds  
Rainbow adorns the sky

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## (g) 4 (Biographical) Friends

When I was slipping into the abyss fast and deep  
My world was falling apart; my senses frozen and numb  
Relationship of long falling apart; suddenly been orphaned  
Demons were calling me; Justed wanted to succumb

My arch angels came in flying swooping me up  
Heavens had sent them to dry up my tears  
Gently fighting my demons and filling my empty cup  
Just holding my hand and bringing me cheers

Friends are heaven sent, your warriors indeed  
How our lives would be empty and hollow without them  
Even amongst billons of swarming people, we would be left to bleed  
If you are the blossoming flower, your friends are the stems

Heavenly flowers always spreading their fragrance  
Never crush them coz they are the divine rose  
The world will be a dry desert; scorched we will wince  
They are the rays of sunshine thawing the winter snow

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## (g) 2 (Biographical) I Am Water

I am water

Sometimes solid...you can always depend on

Sometimes liquid...fits in anywhere

Sometimes vapor...ephemeral...I am there and then I am gone

Sometimes ice...but can be dissolved by fire

Sometimes swirling....with passion

Sometimes tranquil....with still desire

Always flowing....unaware of the destination

Sometimes vivid....like blue sapphire

Always pure....see your reflection

Always rising...wanting to go higher

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## (g) 3 (Biographical) The Ocean Paradox

I'm turbulent  
My waves surge to reach out  
To the roof of my mind  
They crash at the shore  
of my restless psyche making me blind  
They heave with a passion  
In a bid to reach out to my dreams  
They immerse you suddenly  
And take you in my regimes  
They dance and sway  
With the nature's heartbeat  
They resound with echoing love  
Travelling with a lightening speed

I'm tranquil  
My inner recesses are still  
In a stark contrast  
I'm vivid blue in daylight  
And dark as wine in the night  
You can drown  
If you don't know how to swim  
Or discover new islands  
If you learn to float in the brim  
I have a breathtaking new world  
Living inside that you wouldn't have imagined  
Where millions can get immersed  
Infinite depth unfathomed

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# (god) Exhumed

Sleep eludes me  
The vulture of my wants was devouring my soul  
It was feasting and ravaging with a savage delight  
I was choking in my own vomit  
Desires, Greed, soical conditioning and id  
Exhausted and lost in my self constructed maze  
Prolonged by ill begotten beliefs  
Of the twisted pathway of my life  
The acrid stench of my putrefying decaying being  
Wretched my soul  
And I threw up  
A foul, green, viscous, bile fluid  
All that was me  
All that I was  
All that I wanted to be  
And that set me free

You filled my empty hollow being  
Exhumed from my decay  
Now  
I am a child once again  
Looking at wonder and awe  
At all You have created with so much love  
All You have touched and transformed  
From dust into a shimmering display of fireworks  
I quiver with the resonance  
Of Your cosmic consciousness  
And rejoice every moment that You have gifted me  
Ommmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm.....

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## (h) 4 (Dedication) She Is A Woman

Down from the dumps  
Deep from the abyss  
She will rise again  
From the ashes

Mistake not  
She is not vanquished  
Her fragile exterior disguises  
A Will of Iron

A Spirit that Soars  
High over the shores  
She will glide, She will Shine  
Lets raise a toast of wine  
To her spirit.....

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## (h) 2 (Dedications) From The Life Of An Indian Village Woman-2

No time to squander, no time to rest  
The supervisor leering looking at her breast  
Females in this country for centuries oppressed  
When will it change, when will it progress?

She heads home after collecting her weekly wage  
Her cheeks pinched, looking beyond her age  
Her husband having picked a fight, waiting in rage  
Beats her up for no reason as if crazed

Snatching the money, he heads to the arrack haunt  
Its money day for him which he boldly flaunts  
His family forgotten, its arrack that he wants  
Abused and malnourished for years, his body gaunt

Resigned to her fate, she puts her children to sleep  
Alone at last, she curls up and begins to weep  
Dozes off, is rudely woken up by the drunken creep  
Falling on her, his lust is unleashed

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## (h) 3 (Dedication) Seeds Taking Fruit

Five years since you left us behind  
Silent tears roll by as we remember  
Reliving the anguish that you went through  
Helpless we stood watching you valiantly suffer  
Your soul finally getting the release  
From all the pain and the miseries  
Taking flight to an eternal world

I am sure you are watching over us  
With your hands spread wide to bless your tree  
You are still throbbing in us  
Seeds of strength, principles and passion planted in the three  
That have taken fruit  
Being passed to your grandchildren  
And my daughter that you could never see

\*\*\*\*\* Written for my beloved mom\*\*\*\*\*

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## (h) 5 (Dedications) The Apsaras Of Angkor

As dusk set in the golden passage of Angkor  
The apsaras opened their eyes and slowly stretched their arms  
Locked and frozen in the walls since yore  
Now moving out languidly like a bunch of swans

The soldiers of Suryavarman stood transfixed in a daze  
watching the apsaras in their resurrection  
Breaking out in a fluidlike dance, they set the men ablaze  
Helpless, they burn in the fire of their seduction

They shimmer under the moon that casts its silvery night  
Its come so close to watch the beauty dance  
Bedazzled by their sheer grace, it watches in delight  
Reluctant to go back, the night just got prolonged

As the sun rises, so do we...  
With breathless anticipation, finally getting to see  
The grand Angkor, what we had all dreamed  
The carvings on the walls sparkled and gleamed

In the passage of the apsaras..heard a tinkling laugh  
Shaking my head, we proceeded to the next half  
As I glanced at one of them, she winked...I could have sworn  
On the next walls, grand scenes of a battlefield adorned

In the corner was a black burnt hole where some soldiers  
were there till yesterday but were now gone....

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## (h) 6 (Dedications) You Shall Always Live In Us

You slipped away quietly  
From the realms of this mortal world  
Away from all pains, very rightly  
Leaving behind your loved ones and hurled  
us into embattling a world without you....

But you still live in us  
Vibrant and alive  
Through your virtues that we possess  
Sheer love and honesty that we strive  
Till we are released from this world  
To join with you....

When we laugh, it is you laughing in us  
When we cry, you envelop us in your hug  
When we triumph, it is you who bless  
When we falter, it is you who give us a tug  
Dear Papaji...you shall always live in us.

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## (h) 8 (Dedication) Yearning

Nestled inside the warm fluid  
Thud...thud...thud....thud  
A reassuring beat of the heart  
Your blood becomes mine  
Why am I being shoved out?  
This is my home, this is my cocoon  
No! No! I wail....I shout! !  
Open my eyes and get flooded by light  
Passed from one hand to another until  
A warm set of hands, ....feel so right  
Hugged to her chest....hear the same heartbeat!  
I dont want to go anywhere from here  
My lips find her nipple and I suckle  
And I fall asleep.....

I wake up in another place.....alone  
Where is She? Where has she gone?  
I wail and wail....please hear me and come back  
I need your comforting arm and heart beat  
Nobody comes, left all alone in this heat  
Hungry, I cry again.  
After hours somebody finds me  
Lifts me up in his arms  
And I am passed again from one to another  
Yearning for her touch  
I live in a daze

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## (haiku) Pellet

I regurgitate  
The bile of my churning life  
And I am reborn

(Inspired by Erica Funkhouser's poem-The Owl Pellet.)

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## (i) 4 (Angst) Here In This City

Here in this city  
where dust drifts  
Settles on you pretty  
much so swift  
Dont let the dust  
Settle in your heart  
It will surely rust  
Your emotions n impart  
A deathly crust  
Which will crumble  
Your heart

Here in this city  
Where everything is so loud  
My cries are not heard  
Getting lost in the crowd  
Wish I was a wandering cloud  
That rained on the city  
My drops, it endowed  
A sparkling vision  
Without the dust  
Removing the crust  
From your heart

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## (i) 7 (Angst) The Hindu Contrast

Stroking the round belly  
He burps  
Centuries of being fed  
Centuries of having read  
The Vedas  
By Hindus to wash away their sins  
Brahmins-  
Why, aren't they the 'superior' caste?

Entry from the rear  
Close the bathrooms, mom says  
The 'Jamaadaar' is here  
Centuries of persecution  
Centuries of mortification  
The Untouchables  
By Hindus to wash away their faeces  
Bhanghis  
Why, aren't they the most 'inferior' caste?

Yes  
It exists  
In some form or the other  
In Your mind  
In My mind  
Made us blind  
When will it perish?  
When will it be abolished?  
Stop calling them for 'havan'  
For all our auspicious events  
The others dont deserve to be shunned  
Clean our own johns  
Clean our own minds  
Of all the centuries of castes  
Let it unwind.

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## (i) 9 (Angst) A 4 Letter Word

Is love a skin of the snake  
Which sheds off every other day?  
Is love a fluttering butterfly  
That darts on a different flower, never stays?  
Is love a hurricane that storms  
Rages, pries and withers away?  
Is love a wisp of the mist  
That was there and now is gone?  
Is love a kindling glowing fire  
That ends up in ashes that can be blown away?  
Is love just a snowflake  
That falls on you and melts away?

Is love just a 4 letter word?

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## (i) 6 (Angst) Dying Every Second

The dead are talking  
The dead are walking  
They are seeing yet not seeing  
They gaze at you but don't see the quiver in your lips  
They listen to you attentively but miss the catch in your breath  
They hug you but they are really hugging a doll  
They smile but it doesn't reach their eyes  
They talk to you but they could be talking to a wall  
Making new robots every day and becoming one ourselves  
Filling this world with still things  
Replacing the fresh soil with cement  
Driving away the birds cutting their trees  
Replacing the fragrant air with smog  
Lynching the tigers, polluting the seas  
Amassing wealth, depleting our souls  
Stabbing each other, claiming our fees  
Not learning....programmed till the end  
The clock is ticking  
We are dying.....every minute....every second

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## (j) 17 (General) They Emerge

Wandering in my silence  
Shadows of words struggle  
When they get absorbed  
They emerge

Burning in my fire  
Embers of words flicker  
When they get burnt  
They emerge

Falling in my emptiness  
Notes of words travel  
When they echo  
They emerge

Swimming in my ocean  
Waves of words race  
When they crash  
They emerge

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## (j) 2 (General) A Full Moon Night

The Full Moon was in the Lake  
The Lake was in the Full Moon  
The Water lilies wide awake  
The stars swimming too, strewn

Biting chill was in the air  
Rolling silence of the landscape  
Shadows and shapes a pair  
A small Shikara rapidly making an escape

The sound of the oars reverberating  
Cutting the stillness of the night  
Two huddled figures cling  
The moonlight endowing a clear sight

Piercing bullets come rushing in  
The two men in a pool of blood, lifeless  
A motorboat approaches with flying fins  
Cutting a bunch of watercress

Commandoes jumping in still pumping  
Into the bodies that are now just dead weight  
Meanwhile a bunch of masked men fleeing  
Out of their hiding, the two men just acting baits

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## (j) 4 (General) An Intense Desire

I have this intense desire  
To sing the song of the waves  
As they crash into the rocks  
Splashing foam into my caves

Walk barefoot on the sand  
Let the rolling water kiss my feet  
Wash away all that I am  
Dancing to its beat

Swim out deep in the ocean  
Carrying nothing, bare in the skin  
Shedding all the layers  
Washing away the sins

Getting lost in your solitude  
Vastness envelops and I get submerged  
No longer do I know who I am  
And with you I get merged

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## (j) 1 (General) The One Legged Man

Swinging his leg in a slow, sweeping arc  
Children running behind him imitating his walk  
Polio stricken right leg with paper skin on the bones  
Some of them sniggering at him and pelting stones

His lower face frozen with a congenital paralysis  
Unable to smile, a grim face he always flashes  
When he is happy you can see it only in the glint of the eye  
When he is sad you can just hear him slowly sigh

Married to a woman who always sneers at him  
Makes his life hell, his sorrow never dims  
With her oscillating hips, tempting countless men to sins  
One fine day, she runs away in one of her whims

Silently he endures the worlds million lashes  
He had found his joy, his antidote for the gashes  
His little one, the apple of his eye, the only gift she gave him  
The only reason he lives, his happiness filled to the brim

\*\*\*\* Inspired by a character in the book -The Kite Runner\*\*\*\*

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## (j) 15 (General) Last Night...

Last night I just woke up  
Maybe in the early hours of the morning  
And just had this urge to set out  
On the rain kissed roads  
As dark as the sky without any stars  
Not a soul stirred  
Except the wailing dog  
Feeling his despair  
Also the despair of the streetlights  
Squeezed out of light  
I drifted from street to street  
From fog or was it smoke  
Silly me  
How can it be fog at this time of the year?  
Got lost  
No one to ask directions  
Nobody to ask me who I was  
It started raining  
Intense  
Still moved on drenched  
Could hardly see anything  
Strangely no panic  
A blurred vision of an arched doorway without a door  
Slipped in  
What a relief  
Someone touched my shoulder  
Screamed! ! ! and ran out  
Running for my life  
Panting  
Wished I was a horse  
That could just gallop away  
Slipped and fell  
Lost consciousness

When I woke up  
I was back in my room  
Ahhh...it felt so good  
The sun was high up



Felt like I had a hangover  
Was it a dream?  
It felt so real  
Shook my head  
Of course it was a dream  
As I languidly stretched out  
And looked down  
On my pajama...saw a dirty mud stain and a tear?  
Lifting it up...  
A violet bruise looking nasty

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## (j) 18 (General) In The Mind Of A Man

When your wife bores you, your environment bores you  
When you feel she is not a woman...enough to excite you too

When you feel she is not your friend...she just wants to control your life  
When you just want her to do your errands....after all, she is your wife

And you find her good friend exciting, the other one stimulating  
Looking at your wife...ughh! Looking at her...you want to sing

When you are ready to throw all of them out of your life  
Reassuring yourself that they will be fine....will survive without any strife

Your growing son will surely forgive and understand  
That the father wanted to pursue his passion grand

That he never had the time or the inclination to lend an ear  
It always had to be the mother to run around and take care

When you drown in depression, and shut yourself out  
Not able to understand why the friend cant return your emotions devout

When you feel compassion is useless....I, Me, Myself is the only reality  
Rest can take a march...Is that an end to your duality?

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## (j) 2 (General) A Nomad

Passing through cities in time  
I anchor for a few nights  
Sitting with them, I rhyme  
Life is good, whether its wrong or right?  
Embracing them I climb  
To another plane, another height  
Truth is still distant and sublime  
Hope is sprinkled in the sight

With my bag of memories, I move on  
With a heavy heart, I must depart  
Before the break of the dawn  
I must move out my cart  
The promise of a verdant lawn  
A new course, I chart  
If it doesnt stimulate, I yawn  
I must make a new start

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## (j) 20 (General) Come, Waltz With Me Tonight

We dont live for a thousand years  
So come on, come...waltz with me tonight  
Nature is playing some cicada music  
The moon is throwing some silvery light

Dont be tied with chains of sorrow  
They will take you down sure and quiet  
Let me hold your calloused hands  
Come on...waltz with me tonight

We might be swept away in a blink  
All our tears frozen in full flight  
And death may just stare in your eye  
So come...waltz with me tonight

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## (j) 3 (General) When We Dream....

When we sleep, when we dream...  
We can be anything that we want  
Deep and inner longing manifesting into a form...

Part of the self leaves the body when we sleep...  
It becomes what we want to be  
Hidden desires buried inside...out they creep

I'm the moon, everything glistens and shimmers in my light...  
Playing and flirting through the clouds  
My reflection in still water is the most beautiful sight...

I'm the wave surging out in the deep sea...  
A giant leap and then merging back  
Sometimes crashing, sometimes tranquil...always thirsty

I'm the cloud made of white whipped cream...  
Wandering over Angkor, Luxor or Memphis  
Each day moving to a new place of my dream...

I'm a dust particle floating in the will of the air...  
That no one can see but can generate a bout of sneeze  
I'm here, I'm there....I'm everywhere...

I'm a child again looking at everything with a glee...  
Thirst to learn, thirst to dance  
Breaking out in a gurgling laughter looking up at you innocently...

I'm the scarlet rose as dark as wine...  
Each petal as it unfolds revealing a hidden pearl  
When all petals drop...become a field of grapewine

I'm the gnome with a long nose in the Faraway Tree...  
Get lost in the various lands that anchor on the top  
Throwing water on any intruder that comes to visit me...

So every human streams out in the nights....  
Some do it even in the day to escape  
They just do it in different lights...

When we sleep, when we dream...  
You can be anything that you want  
Deep and inner longing manifesting into a form....

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## (k) 1 (God) The Divine Lover

Faint bells tinkling in the background....  
The night utters a soulful sigh,  
To see Radha and Krishna  
Bound in embrace. The full moon cries....

There's strange magic in the air....  
Jasmines spreading their incense.  
Flutes sing, to celebrate the pair.  
Passions rise. Intense....

The sky illumines,  
By sheer fire set ablaze  
Stars fiercely twinkling  
The God's! Heavenly amazed.....

The Gopis start trickling out of their homes.  
Struck with love's lightning in a daze  
Getting drawn towards Krishna  
Spellbound in his gaze

Rivers heaving and rising  
Carrying love in their bosom  
Drenched in ecstasy. They succumb,  
To the feet of their divine lover

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## (k) 2 (God) That Is God

Waves of strength  
Surging in You and Me  
That is God, That is God

Stream of compassion  
Flowing in You and Me  
That is God, That is God

Trembling consciousness  
Quivering in You and Me  
That is God, That is God

Creative juices  
Flowing in You and Me  
That is God, That is God

Undying Spirit  
Burning in You and Me  
That is God, That is God

Throbbing Heart  
Overflowing with love in You and Me  
That is God, That is God

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## (I) 5 (My Baby) My Inner Sun

You flew in softly and tiptoed in my life  
My parched soul got a reprieve  
My heart is now your permanent home  
We shall play with elves and gnomes

The moon will sing with me a lullaby  
The stars do a slow tambourine dance in the sky  
My blurred vision suddenly got a divine sight  
You are the soul of my soul, my eternal light

There is a river gushing inside me  
You are the fountain, you are my chi  
I hear nothing but your sweet voice  
You shimmer, you glisten and I rejoice

You, my darling are my inner sun  
You are the song that I will hum  
Today, tomorrow and forever  
Your inner light I shall devour

You are the ink on my heart that will never blur  
The calligraphy etched deep inside  
You have fulfilled a deep void  
You are my baby, my love, my joy, my pride

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## (I) 6 (My Baby) A New Way Of Life

As the nightingale sings its song  
And the serpent slides into where it belongs  
The fox after its feast gets up and yawns  
The cuckoo croons and sings to the swans  
I walk in the woods where the spring has awakened  
The wild flowers blossom and threaten to apprehend

I ask myself, what did I do to have found you  
What will I have to do to keep you, my dew  
To have luck continue my way  
You are my love, you are my jay  
I dreamed of you and made you my reality  
And then put an end to my duality

I love the sight of you  
You have made my life anew  
I live to see you laugh, to hold your hand  
To see you sleep, to be your magic wand  
You please me more everyday  
Life has shown me a new way

O Wind, please continue to blow my way  
Life without her will be dark and gray  
She is like a vision to the blind  
Solution to all riddles you will find  
My love for her is as measureless as the sky  
Will never let you go or I shall die

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## (life/Philosophy) Let It Flower! !

Awareness

A state of mind that absorbs it all

Chirping birds, flowers on the tree,

Dew on the grass, Flaming flowers

Kites bobbing in the sky, the wispy cloud

Wonder in the child's eye, lapping waves of the sea

To be aware of the totality

Of your being till the last

Your darting thoughts and its transience

The love, the lust and the jealousy

The flowing compassion, the searing pain

Never fragmented

Never narrow

Never limiting

It doesn't have value

It's neither right or wrong

Just being aware of it

It doesn't belong

To you or me or for that matter..anyone

Freedom of thought is in your power

Let every thought

Every feeling flower

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# (love/Passion) Drown In The Dream

A haunting melody  
A lilting song  
Invades my senses  
Staying long

A whiff of your fragrance  
Brought by the wind  
Permeates my skin  
Mingling within

Fleeting images forever  
In the pond of my heart  
Now I see your face  
Staring at me stark

Are you for real  
Or just a mirage?  
Dreams dont come true  
In life's collage

Let me dip and drown  
In my own dream  
Where you and I  
Will fly and stream

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## (m) (01) (Terror) After The Bombing

The wind laments  
The birds twitter in a hush  
Mourning the last nights event  
Burnt lawns that were lush  
Rubble of houses that were once homes  
Having buried remnants of hope  
An intact picture of a smiling couple in Rome  
A crushed toy, cakes of soap  
Some fragments of bangles  
A mangled skipping rope  
The streets looks lifeless as a corpse  
The air is full of thick black smoke  
Child with a burnt face stops  
On a mound of bodies badly burnt  
Bewildered, he just cant fathom  
What has happened and he yearns  
For his parents who succumbed  
To the dance of death and ruin  
And then he looks up to the sound  
Of approaching planes making a din  
Another round of bombing has begun  
God knows what is their intent  
What is there left in the city  
Its been completely spent  
Of life

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## (n) 1 (Ballad) The Mermaid (Part I)

The queen of the seas  
Gossamer graced enchantress  
Her beauty would make you weak in the knees  
She glides away after a soft caress

She glistens, she gleams  
Golden drenched breasts  
She visited you in lazy dreams  
A nymph at her best

While swimming in the azure waters of the Med  
One day she lost her way  
And landed upon an obscure island  
Entranced, she was led astray

She rose from the waters  
In her splendoured naked beauty  
Her fins turning into legs  
Her torso long and her hair flowy

She came upon a twisted path  
Leading to some lush green fields  
And saw a bronzed bare torso man  
Tending to his cornfields

Skin glistening with sweat  
She watched mesmerized  
Her attention now riveted  
Never seen such beauty under the skies

He suddenly was kissed by a cool breeze  
Turned and saw a heavenly vision, blinking his eyes  
Slowly approaching her where she stood near the trees  
Gently tracing his fingers in wonder, never seen such beauty in his life

O Sweet lady....Have you lost your way in the seas  
Or were you washed ashore?  
She just shook her head not understanding a word  
Never having heard a spoken language before

Quiver of a smile touched her face  
She spoke with her emerald green eyes  
He was hit by a sudden flash as she gazed  
Suddenly comprehending that she was a mermaid in disguise

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## (n) 1 (Ballad) The Mermaid (Part Iv)

Intoxicated and spent, sleep overcame them as the moon bid adieu  
Gentle rays of the morning sun murmured to her through the window  
She stretched and looked at her glorious naked man, her passion anewed  
Kissing him lightly on the lips, she gave a start as she looked at her toe

Her fins were beginning to reappear with a faint tracing on her legs  
She ran out of the room in panic.....not knowing what to do  
And then she thought of her wise old friend...Dolphin, The Astute  
I must go and meet him, he will be able to give me a clue

She slipped out of the house as her lover slept blissfully unaware  
Still riding on his dreams he was interlocked in his nymph's embrace  
She waded in the water and as the waves touched her she uttered a prayer  
Her transformation now complete she swam away with a languid grace

As he woke up and reached out for his lover he was met with a crumpled  
bedsheet  
Bewildered, he went out looking for her but her only trace was her heady  
fragrance  
He searched and searched in vain, a sense of foreboding pacing up his heartbeat  
Only his heart reassuring him that he would be reunited with his love thence

She swam furiously out in the deep seas looking for her saviour  
Asking the Wily Shark and the Sinuous StingRay of his whereabouts  
She finally found him swimming languidly in a deserted cove bringing her cheer  
What brings my beautiful friend, what are your doubts?

You have to save my life, I have given my heart to a man  
I cant live a dual life.....can I be turned into a woman forever?  
Please tell me a way so that we can always be one  
Dolphin, The Astute looked at her and said..You can....however.....

To be continued.....

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## (n) 2 (Ballad) The Mermaid (Part II)

Quiver of a smile touched her face  
She spoke with her emerald green eyes  
He was hit by a sudden flash as she gazed  
Suddenly comprehending that she was a mermaid in disguise

In a swift moment, clouds besieged the sky  
Bolts of thunder and fierce winds started to blow  
As they looked up, angry rain greeted them out to defy  
The lightning gave them a strange eerie glow

He took her hand and they started to run  
Towards some shelter where they could get an escape  
A new chapter unfolding, a new turn of events had begun  
He turned towards her and saw that her body was all scraped

He devoured her with his eyes from head to toe  
Her tumbling black hair, her limpid eyes  
Her heaving breasts, her glistening silvery white skin aglow  
Her wonderfully arched back, her creamy thighs

She looked at him in wonder, her first brush with a man  
A sudden wave of longing coursed through her veins  
Broad muscular chest and lean torso with a bronzed tan  
Close proximity letting their pheromones reign

He touched her on the arms where she had got bruised  
Dont worry, I will take you home and put a balm  
Tracing his hands on her body, her cheeks getting suffused  
And we shall get some clothes for this beautiful ma'am

They looked out and saw that the storm had passed  
The sky had become red, the time nearing five  
A tinge of remembrance of her previous life got overcast  
on her face, was this a rebirth? Or was it an end of a life?

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## (n) 3 (Ballad) The Mermaid (Part Iii)

Pangs of nervousness for what lied in store hitting her within  
A sense of wonder at her metamorphosis or was it a masquerade  
Wasnt she the same as before except a pair of limbs instead of fins  
And couldnt she be both just if she rightfully played

The bronzed man returned with some clothes for her to wear  
My lady, if you could cover yourself with these clothes  
In our world its not nice to go around in the bare  
Now if you care to come with me to my humble abode

He took her arm and led her to her house passing through the small market lane  
She looked around in wonder not having seen the human world before  
They reached a small red roofed cottage and he said this is my domain  
Come and live with me and you shall forever be adored

They spoke without speaking through their eyes  
It was a wonder coz no speech was needed for them to understand  
The speech of love was enough for them to surmise  
And there was a lifetime for her to learn and be spanned

He took her in his arms and gazed deeply in her eyes  
He bent down and gently kissed her on the lips  
You were the one that I was waiting all my life  
As he embraced her, their passions explode and drip

Time flew with a lightening speed as their fire grew  
Getting lost in each other they were flying in a different world  
But the conniving destiny had something else in brew  
Would they be able to win over it, lets see as the story unfurls

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## (o) 10 (Bilingual) Ek Chhoti Ghazal/ A Small Ghazal

In dino mera dil kaa mujhe khud hi zahan nahin  
kabhi thaa woh mera lekin ab woh mera raha hi nahin

Tumhara saath choota par mujhe tumse koi shikwa nahin  
Woh chand pal tumhare saath jo guzre, aur kuch chaahengen bhi nahin

Jee lenge unhi ke sahare, humhe zindagi se koi aasra nahin  
Yeh zindagi khaali to hai magar zaalim to nahin

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These days I dont have any sensation of my heart  
It was once mine but its not mine any more

We parted but I dont have any complaints against you  
Those few moments that we spent, I dont want anything more

Will live with its help, I dont have any refuge in life  
This life is empty but atleast its not cruel any more

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## (o) 12 (Bilingual) Ek Guzaarish/One Request

Aaj dabe paanv hi chalna...  
Mera dil kuch bikhra hua hai,  
Kahin kuchal naa jaaye

Today please only tiptoe....  
My heart is scattered  
So that it does'nt get trampled

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## (o) Your Silence!

Just one of your glance made me so restless  
Your silence has now made me a living corpse

Your shadow has destroyed the peace of my heart  
You have broken it like one smashes a rock

You embraced and then turned a cold shoulder  
You have turned a burning fire into ashes

That cold heart has covered my heart with a shroud  
Why did he do it? ....the secret remains buried in his heart

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## (o) 18 (Bilingual) Dabe Paanv/Tiptoeing

Ek aur caarvaan aaj guzar rah hai  
Tanha raat mein shama jalaakar  
Zindagi bas yooh hi guzar jaayegi  
Saans hi to leni hai, dabe paanv nikal jaayegi

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One more caravan is passing by  
Lighting a lamp in the lonely night  
Life will also just pass by  
Breathe on, tiptoeing it will pass away

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## (p) 17 (Sufiyana) You Have Gone

You have gone  
But You are here with me  
I have absorbed the fragrance of Your being  
Your presence is inside soul can feel it  
Sometimes it permeates s can feel it too  
Sometimes it condenses in a dropp of beauty dancing inside me  
Sometimes it opiates me and gently rolls me in a land of gossamer dreams  
Sometimes it races up to my heart and bursts into a song and i write it down

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## (p) 5 (Sufiyana) You Are Here, You Are There, You Are Everywhere

You are the movement in us  
You are the ground giving us steps  
You are the fire warming our world  
You are the storm in which we swirl  
You are the love springing in our hearts  
You are the part of the part of the part  
You are the air that we breathe  
You are the guide in our grief  
You are the vision giving us sight  
You are the star giving us light  
You are the pain that strikes deep in our hearts  
You are the cure that gives us a fresh start  
You are the breeze to which we sway  
You are the house in which our soul stays  
You are the water that quenches our thirst  
You are the devotion in which we are submersed  
You are the one inside every kindness  
You are the one inside sin and repentance  
You are the one inside every pleasure  
You are the joys we will always treasure  
You are inside every fear  
You are here  
You are there  
You are everywhere

\*\*\*\*\* Expanded from a comment that I gave on FJR's poem\*\*\*\*\*

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## (p) 6 (Sufiyana) The Veil

Bathed in radiant light  
Moon kissing my every pore  
I sit still.....  
Intergalactic silence  
But my vision is veiled

Whispering mist  
Willows at the riverbank  
I stand still.....  
Pure white snow envelops  
And my vision is veiled

Surrounded by tranquil sea  
Glorious light sanctifies  
I swim still....  
Iridescent corals reaching out  
My vision is still veiled

Flying in soft clouds  
Angel of sweet delight  
I fly still.....  
As if in vacuum  
My vision is still veiled

Given up the worldly race  
Now I only write  
Still with my quill.....  
Jasmines are warmed by my words  
But my vision remains veiled

I come across You  
Whirled into ecstasy  
The bird has flown from its dark cage  
And I sob  
And I laugh  
And I see!

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## (p) 13 (Sufiyana) Thirsty

O God!

Make this heart sleep for some time  
It tortures me so....never letting me unwind  
Always thirsty...always longing  
Seeking forever...always throbbing  
I am tired...need some rest  
From a state of being obsessed  
Always burning...it will burn out  
Just want a gentle love thats devout

God said!

You dont realize but you are already blessed  
Being thirsty is sign of being possessed  
By me  
This longing should be the source of all that  
You do  
Without passion you will be dead and flat  
So breathe passion  
And never go to sleep, your candle should always burn  
Always smell its incense and beat the drum  
And I will always be inside you

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## (p) 14 (Sufiyana) Fana

Footprints disappear at the Ocean's edge  
Stars disappear when Sun glides in  
Water is vivid blue in daylight  
And dark as wine in the night  
Stones dissolve and become a river bed  
Grapes dissolve into wine or is it its blood?  
Wheat turns into dough and then bread  
A candle becomes entirely flame

Slowly dissolve  
No body, no ears, no eyes, no mind, no consciousness  
Now you dont belong to this world  
Escape into a silence  
Be in the full moon of your beloved

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## (p) 19 (Sufiyana) Drowned In Him

O weary traveller  
Come to my garden  
Breathe in the fragrance  
Of my thousand blooming roses  
Fiery red and ripened by my love  
I promise that you will forget your fears  
Lie down on the soft grass under the tree  
Listen to the mynah crooning in your ears  
And you will be gently lulled to sleep.....  
I wish I could make you taste my love  
But for that, you will have to taste my blood  
My love is intermingled in it and races above  
Every part and every inch has taken wings  
They are flying all about in sheer abandon  
Sshhh....be quiet and you can hear my soul sing  
If you ever come looking for me in my house  
Dont call for my name.....call for Him  
I have completely drowned in Him

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## (p) 1 (Sufiyana) I Dance, I Dance

Whirling images flashing past  
Your white robe  
Your face  
Ahhh....that face  
The moon paled in comparison  
Divine in its purity  
Smile that said You were free  
Free from all desires and longings  
Eyes without any layers  
With a direct door to Your inner spirit  
Your movements with the grace of the stars in the night sky  
The mist in my vision cleared looking at You  
And  
I dance  
I dance, I dance, I dance, I dance  
Like Your whirling images  
Keeping pace with them  
Never to let them run away

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## (q) 1 (Song) To Rhea!

Bathed in moonlight and sunkissed in the day  
Rhea with the long tresses and nowhere to stay  
Thin as a waif, will qualify for a model on the ramp  
She starves herself to feed her little tramps  
Yes, She starves herself to feed her little tramps

Found in the garbage, wailing to feel a heartbeat  
Rhea with the long tresses was raised on the streets  
She still frequents the garbage to scavenge it deep  
A bunch of children flocking like sheep  
Yes, A bunch of children flocking like sheep

Moving around like a princess with her head held high  
Rhea with the long tresses and heart in the sky  
She will kick any man...ouch! in the groin  
Will not have anyone throwing a coin  
Yes, will not have anyone throwing a coin

Little by little, her flock continues to grow  
Rhea with the long tresses and her beloved's a crow  
They are the biggest family in the whole coast  
To her beautiful spirit, lets raise a toast  
Yes, to her beautiful spirit, lets raise a toast

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## (q) 2 (Song) Your Footprints

Oh Baby, Where did you disappear  
Your footprints etched everywhere

In every nook and cranny  
Deep in my mind  
Also on the heart  
Getting entwined  
Tried to wipe them  
Got a thick broom  
Millions of them in  
Such a small room

Oh Baby, Where did you disappear  
Your footprints etched everywhere

Then I thought of  
Whitewashing the walls  
Wipe away everything  
And then not recall  
Remove all traces so  
Heart cannot seize  
Every single drop  
In a cold freeze

Oh Baby, Where did you disappear  
Your footprints etched everywhere

The waters are muddy  
I cannot even see  
Filled with weeds  
Algae and debris  
Have lost my senses  
And all my sleep  
Just surprise me  
With a sudden peep

Oh Baby, Where did you disappear  
Your footprints etched everywhere

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## (q) 3 (Song) Oh My Love, Will You Come Calling Again?

You showed me a glimpse  
And my life will never be the same  
You came like a ray of sunlight  
Washing away all my stains  
Spreading a fragrance in my thorns  
Releasing me from all chains  
I only sing your song now  
My Love, Will you come calling again?

I see your image everywhere  
Dont care if its sane or insane  
As the mynah breaks into a grieving song  
As the blood drips from the open vein  
As the full moon changes to a stricken crescent  
As the traitor wreathes in his own pain  
They are all singing my story  
Oh my Love, Will you come calling again?

I wait in anguished longing  
Like parched earth awaiting rain  
Like an orphan longing for a mother  
Like a famished ant for a piece of grain  
Like a bare tree longing for spring  
Like a lonely tunnel awaiting a train  
They are all crying the same  
Oh my Love, Will you come calling again?

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## (q) 5 (Song) Won'T You Baby? !

I was hoping to find you there  
But you are gone  
My heart is in tatters  
Completely torn!

Be for real, wont you baby  
Why dont you just talk to me  
Lets sail out in our boat  
Into the open, in the high sea

Was it just my imagination  
Or was it just your cold?  
You seemed so far away  
What we felt, doesnt hold?

Be for real, wont you baby  
Why dont you just talk to me  
Lets sail out in our boat  
Into the open, in the high sea

I miss the crinkling dimple  
I miss the warm spark  
You have gone missing  
Loneliness hits me stark

Be for real, wont you baby  
Wont you just talk to me  
Lets sail out in our boat  
Into the open, in the high sea

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## (sufiyana) A Collection

The seed of inspiration  
Planted in me  
From a flash of lightning from You

My pen is dry  
You fill it with Your love  
And it glides

Earlier my heart cried longing for flesh  
Now it cries longing for You

Dont look out  
Look within  
And find the key  
To your longing

Only when you are clear  
Of all lies  
Will you see the Divine Light

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## (sufiyana) His Presence

As I come back yet again  
To a place, to a time which stood still  
But this time there was something different  
I was seeing not with my eyes, hearing not with my ears  
It was a new city...A new place in time

I saw the little blue bird with a pointed beak  
Calling out repeatedly as if calling out to her lost lover  
I saw the little children playing in the park  
And I could have sworn that I saw a halo around them  
On an evening walk I saw a shimmering silver fish in the pond  
Jumping in and out ever so playfully  
With a joy that you dont see in humans anymore  
I wanted to be that fish.  
I felt the gloriously blooming roses talking to me  
Bobbing their heads in a light breeze  
I felt the scattered twigs on the waylaid road up the hill reach out  
They seemed to have a life, jumping up to me as my feet softly tread on them  
I heard the cicadas calling out with a wild abandon to their mates  
And the koel singing with a beauty that none of our inventions could compete  
I heard the long green grass rustling and responding to my bare feet  
The tree laid out its flaming blossoms on the ground  
As if giving me a special blossom carpet welcome  
The jasmines poured out all their fragrance intoxicating me with their fragrance  
On an evening walk, I saw a green snake coiled up near the small stream  
And it glided behind a tree ever so gracefully on seeing me  
This was the first time that I did not feel afraid of a snake

Why did I never experience this before?  
What had changed?  
Maybe it was me who had come with a fuller heart  
And feeling His presence inside me.

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## (sufiyana) Mera Maula

Mere liye ek dua karna  
Mera Maula mujhse kahin rooth naa jaaye

Naazuk see bahti hai tan ki yah nadiya  
Koi toofaan ise aake kahin loot naa jaaye

Mere liye ek dua karna  
Mera Maula mujhse kahin rooth naa jaaye

Yeh zindagi hai jaise bagair maajhee ki nauka  
Mere ishk kaa sahil kahin choot naa jaaye

Mere liye ek dua karna  
Mera Maula mujhse kahin rooth naa jaaye

Dil kaa darwaaza khol kar raat mein nikli  
Mere sapnon kaa gajraan koi loot naa jaaye

Mere liye ek dua karna  
Mera Maula mujhse kahin rooth naa jaaye

Do chaar din ki hi to zindagi hai  
Yeh maati kaa khilona kahin toot naa jaaye

Mere liye ek dua karna  
Mera Maula mujhse kahin rooth naa jaaye

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# A Hundred Questions Plaguing Me

My heart is beating slower  
I can almost hear the heartbeat  
Nervousness hits me in the lower  
A hundred questions out to greet  
As I bring you home...

Will I be a good mom?  
Will I be able to love you as my own?  
Will I hear you when you silently implore?  
Will I rise above my emotional state and not groan  
when I have to constantly tend to your chores?  
Will I become your complete world atleast in the initial years?  
Will you be able to overcome all your fears  
and just place all your trust in me?  
Will I be able to give you a sound foundation?  
Will I have the inner strength not to flee?  
Will I be able to fulfill your expectations?  
Will I still be able to fulfill mine?  
Will I be able to make you shine?  
Will I be able to protect you from the world?  
Will I be able to make you into a good human being?  
Will I be able to quench your thirst?  
Will I set aside all and will you come first?  
Will I let go of myself and then be able to reclaim the self?  
Will I have all the patience to listen to you?  
Will you also love me through and through? ?

As I sit and ponder over all the questions  
And already know the answer  
I will know only when you come in  
All I will do is to give my best

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# A Small Opening In The Heart

I have kept a small opening in my heart  
Only for you  
All the others closed part by part  
As they bid adieu

When you do softly tiptoe in  
Shall lock thee  
in my heart so you forever stay within  
And throw away the key

Swim out to the ocean in our bare skins  
Even if you cant swim  
Dont get scared, the Light will give us fins  
Vision will never dim

The Moon will be our knight in shining armour  
Steering tides our way  
The Nightsky will be our bed with furs  
Stars in a fiery display

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# An Invocation

You have lain too long  
Your desires spliced for centuries  
Your lips locked in a grimace  
Your life spent in love penury  
Your laughter suppressed  
Your hands calloused  
Your body bruised  
Your yoni invaded  
You let them come and scavenge your deep  
You let them spill their dirt and heap  
You let them come and snatch away your sleep  
You let them plunder yet you dont weep

The time has come  
Let the new seed open, let it shine  
Rise from the ashes  
Let the glass tremble with new wine  
Let the shackles be broken free  
Let a thundering revolution brew  
Between your breasts  
Wage a fight for a life anew  
From centuries of shame  
From eons of pain  
You Rise, You Rise, You Rise

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# An Ode To Rumi

You introduced me to a world  
where words sing into your soul  
where worlds flutter your heart when unfurled

You take my breath away...  
You've set poetry in my breath  
its become my life and ray

You are my inspiration lifelong  
Reading your lines, I long to dance as a dervish  
Poetry has become my life, this is where I belong....

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# Close The Doors

Strange dreams hold me tight  
Curl up like a baby in the womb  
Howling trees in the dark of the night  
Pellets of ice dropp on my hand  
Some strange figure making my tomb  
Coldness seeps through  
Deep into my body, to my bones  
My eyeballs freeze in my sockets  
My skin has turned to stone  
But my thoughts are still humming  
The sound reaching a crescendo

Where are you?

I grope for your hand  
Touch your fingers to mine  
Hold my body close to thine  
Help me defeat the darkness of my dreams  
That haunt me every night  
Like a daily drone of a plane  
Searing past the sky in flight  
Let me just hear the sound of your heart  
Love me all through the night  
Closing the dark doors of my dreams

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# Deja Vu

Ahhh...the same aroma  
of the blossoming trees lining the street that I knew so well  
The same house with that half broken wooden gate  
which always made the same creaking noise when I swung on it  
The old man with his snake headed stick  
who would sit on the bench at sharp five pm and always nod at me  
The ice cream man in that same monotone- chocolate, strawberry or vanilla?  
Mom always calling out as I tried to slip out asking me to come back soon

It was so nice to be back.  
Swinging the gate making the same creaking sound.  
But everything wasnt the same.....  
The old man didnt nod at me and just looked through  
The ice cream man ignored me  
Finally I reached home eagerly awaiting to give Mom a hug  
She was watering the plants with a look of forlorn air  
I went and stood behind her and touched her  
After a while, the moments seeming like eternity to me...  
She turned and pointed the hose at me.  
Water drenched my body but I couldnt feel the wetness  
And she walked away to the other corner of the garden

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# Freedom From The Self

Thinking can never be free  
Stems from the conditioning deep in our minds  
Cultural...Social...Literary tree  
Glued to us putting us in a bind  
We think our thoughts are free  
But are they really? ?

Any books or poems for that matter that we read  
Or the ideals or the principles that we lead  
Are all rooted to the mind that's been fed  
All the learning from the life we have led  
Every thought being a result from that  
What's the newness, may I ask? ?

Just be aware of what that signifies  
Observe what it means, do not fight  
Try and slowly uncondition the mind  
Without a conflict that can make you blind  
Make the mind still, remove all thoughts  
Remove the veil of words, maybe it blots? ?

A flash of understanding, a rapidity of insight  
When mind is not burdened by its own noise  
It is the memory that really intervenes  
Challenge and Response in between  
A chattering mind cannot understand  
Truth... which is like a thief creeping into a still night.

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## From The Life Of An Indian Village Woman-3

The next day is a story repeated except a little change  
A small incident which gets out of her range  
Was it a stroke of luck or destiny being arranged  
Unfolding of t odd but not strange

He swaggered in late after his usual drunken brawl  
Ready to beat her up but she was in no mood for a maul  
Seeing the resistance, headed for the l'ill girl sleeping next to the wall  
As he kicked her....he was jolted by a thunderous call

As if possessed, the mother charged at him with a knife  
Stabbed him repeatedly extracting the last remnant of his life  
Looking at him, she had a strange look in her eyes  
Yes...She was Kali personified and not his wife

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# Here Are My Eyes

Here are my eyes  
Drown them in yours...

Here are my lips  
Eclipse them with yours...

Here is my skin  
Dissolve it in yours...

Here is my heart  
Unite it with yours...

Here are my dreams  
Suffuse them with yours...

Here are my hopes  
Fulfill them with yours...

Here are my thoughts  
Enervate them with yours...

Here is my soul  
Possess it with yours...

Here is my spirit  
Elevate it with yours....

Here is my life  
Fill it with yours....

Heres Me...  
Yours, yours, yours....

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# Kali For You

Startled by the intensity  
My emotions for you  
Like wind threatening  
to sweep me off my feet

Pure like clear water  
Your reflection etched deep  
Bundled in my arms  
I can hear your heart beat

Blessed with your sight  
Forever want to keep  
Kneeling in devotion  
I am sanctified by you

Will burn your incense  
Aroma wafting through  
Castles in the Clouds  
I will make for you

Faraway dreams  
Will make them come true  
Fierce protector  
Becoming Kali for You.

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# Kashmir, Kabhi Ek Jannat Tha Magar/ Kashmir, Once A Paradise

Chhap Chhap

Kaali raat ke kohre me ek shikaare ki aawaaz

Chhap Chhap

Koi parinda bhi yahan naa aata aaj

Chhap Chhap

Yeh paani hai ki yahan ke logon ke aasoon?

Chhap Chhap

Ek ajeeb kapkapin...shaayad bechen logon ki rooh

Chhap Chhap

Yeh paani kaa rang itna laal kyon?

Chhap Chhap

Kabhi yeh jannat hot thaa magar

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(The translation never matches the original but nevertheless....)

Chhap Chhap

The sound of a shikara in the mist laden dark night

Chhap Chhap

Not even a bird dares to come here

Chhap Chhap

Is this water or the tears of the people of the valley?

Chhap Chhap

A strange trembling....maybe the spirits of the masaccred people

Chhap Chhap

Why is the color of the water so red?

Chhap Chhap

Though it was once a paradise....

(Removed the footnote on Denis's advise: -))

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## Life/Philosophy

If thoughts of all beings merged together....  
If all bodies dissolved and our spirits flew like a feather....

Where we have surpassed the world of greed and terror  
Created our own Utopia being our own soul bearers

Where you are the world and the world is you  
Where community of the spirit replace the ' I do'

Where you just flew over vistas of your fancy  
Drink in their spirit and move on like a bee

If we loved, lived and exchanged seamlessly....  
Redefined our mission and find its key...

Where you drink love, eat joy and breathe compassion  
Where Ego, I and Me are close to none

Where physical form lost its meaning...  
Where only our souls and spirits would sing...

Where we have brought a new way of life  
And guess what....its always spring! !

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# One Day I Said

One day I said  
Enough is enough  
I will pursue happiness  
I will excel...  
I will let love dwell...  
I will buy a new car....  
I will erase all scars...  
That should be a good recipe  
I have all the ingredients, you see  
Anyways, I mixed them all together  
To my dismay, it could not even blow a feather  
The wind of happiness still eluded me  
Locked somewhere, I didnt have the key  
I looked in ' Lost and Found'  
No luck, mystery continued to hound  
And then I gave up

One day as I went out  
I heard some children shout  
In the street community park  
Playing noisily before it got dark  
As I was walking by avoiding the mud  
A football landed in front of me with a thud  
I cursed and started to throw it back  
Wanted to shout at the young brats  
Suddenly I dont know what came over me  
I held the ball and walked towards them purposefully  
Pretending an angry stern face  
Then bursting into a big smile as if crazed  
Playfully dribbled the ball and looked at them  
Amazed they gazed and broke into a grin  
The game restarted with a new player  
That was me, who had not played for years  
We shrieked, we shouted, we splashed mud  
We panted, we fought, someone also squirted some blood  
It got dark and the kids had to run home  
I also turned back feeling completely blown  
Forgetting what I had set out for, I suddenly realized  
That these had been one of the most happy moments of my life

Didnt have to pursue them, they came to me naturally  
Just be like a child, happiness will touch you automatically

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# She

The chameli adorning her hair  
Now wilted and yellow  
It had already seen a few strangers.  
A few strands of hair in disarray  
The night was still long  
The sari, the only saving grace  
Yellow, having sucked all color from the blooming amaltas  
Tucked perilously below the waist  
The left hand resting carelessly on the curve  
The pan chewing teeth spat in a monotonous regularity  
The habit probably cultivated to keep them away from the zone  
Strange  
She was probably numb down there  
It had to be always a green signal  
Sort of an express highway...  
Like an amputated limb  
It didnt belong to her anymore....  
But it was always red pan stained on the lips  
No entry  
This was her  
Throbbing, pulsating, alive  
Sacred.

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# Thats The Way It Goes!

The sultry sweltering heat  
Dusty city and a hot breeze  
Scorched skins and emotions  
Rising smell of decay  
Fragrance has lost its way  
Wet dreams  
Someone screams  
The newspapers shout  
Another bomb blast and a gang rape  
The newsprint is in red  
With all the blood thats been shed  
And life goes by  
For us as if nothing has happened  
In our chauffeur driven cars  
Beggars knocking with scars  
We shoo them away  
Or open the window  
Give them some dough  
And then feel good about it  
Next street someones been hit  
And the mangled body lying on the road  
Cars speeding by, no one really owed  
The cyclewallah stops seeing the ghastly sight  
Trying to stop the cars in the fading light  
Other pedestrians have now crowded in  
Just watching without doing anything  
Finally an autorickshaw stops and rushes  
The man to the hospital  
Well...thats the way it goes  
We reach our homes  
And our doors close  
To all the din  
And ask the servant to give us a drink

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# The Beast (Haiku)

Pacing and lurking  
Restless, like a beast on heat  
Words...waiting to rape.

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# The Circle - Part 1

(i)

The night stretches long....  
She strains her ear to hear the sound  
Of the click of the opening lock  
She hears everything else but....  
The howling wind cries ceaselessly  
The neighbours have gone mad  
Insanely moving furniture at this hour  
The darned clock doesnt fail to remind  
Just goes tick tock, tick tock  
The dog has joined the chorus  
He also started the wailing raga  
Isn't it strange?  
When the city should be sleeping  
There is suddenly a din  
And my mind doing a jugalbandi  
Crazy thoughts race and jostle  
Moving in a crescendo  
Stop!  
I am suddenly overcome by nausea  
I rush to the loo  
Yank the toilet seat  
And start wretching.  
The river gushes and rushes  
Out into the unsuspecting water  
Tears stream down my cheeks  
The clock strikes....  
One...Two...Three...Four

Where the hell is he? ? ?

.....to be continued

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# The Cup Of Coffee

The coffee slowly dissolved  
In the granular sugar  
As I whisked it with my hand  
Moving it deftly,  
Then stopping to rest  
And watched my hand beating it  
Comforted by the rhythmic sound  
Watching them melt  
Into each other's arms  
Both losing their distinct identities  
Merging into each other  
Seamlessly  
Into a creamy and frothy mix.

I glanced at him  
And wondered....

The milk and water boiled  
Threatening to spill over  
I shook out of my reverie  
Snapped the stove shut  
Poured the mixture into  
The large coffee mug  
With the heady coffee mixture  
Trying to emulate the waiter at Udipi joint  
The diluted milk rose into the air  
And with a defiance, rose even higher  
And then tried to land into the mug  
It had to spill, of course.  
I wasn't the expert waiter, was I?  
But the coffee at least looked nice  
Replete with frothy bubbles  
Dying at a frenzied pace  
I rushed to give the coffee to him  
Before they all died

Handed the coffee to him  
And wondered.....



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# The Death Of The Monster

Sadness had seeped in through his pores  
Entrenched itself like a leech  
Sucking the last vestiges of joy  
It cascaded in waves  
It hollowed his bones  
It mocked the life, whatever was left in him  
It drenched his senses  
It crawled with multiple feet  
And made a spiderweb in him  
Trapping any joy that may have passed onto him  
The seven headed serpent of depression hissed and danced  
Laughing at the porous skeleton of his wants and desires  
It sucked out his desire to live  
It emptied his soul  
It feasted on his remains  
It toasted on his carcass  
The sword cut into his flesh again and again  
It delighted on sipping his droplets of blood

Go back, you monster! !  
From this moment, you flee! !  
Ride on the wings of the wind and get blown away  
We have swept away the cobwebs  
We have uprooted your fangs  
This is the house of a poet's soul  
Gentle and elevated  
You cant soil it any more  
You cant devour on it anymore  
Move out, you snake!  
We will throw your carcass  
And let the vultures feed on you  
We will not grieve on your death  
Just smile.....  
And let the sunrays touch him  
Let the warmth seep through him  
Let the long forgotten smile touch his lips  
And the spring of joy enter his life

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# The Gaze

Be aware of everything

I had taken the meaning quite literally. I was being aware of the tremor in his smile, of the child taking his little independent steps, the dewdrop glistening on the leaf and dropping, the squirrel darting here and there, the sorrow in her eyes when she spoke about her retarded daughter and so on

It helped me write. It helped me open my mind and I was happy.

When I looked into His eyes the other day, it sent a tremor through my body.

I could not keep His gaze.

My eyes deflected, darted and crept back to see Him again

His face had a slight smile and it looked like each and every muscle in His body was relaxed, at complete ease.

There was a strange radiation coming out of his eyes.....and it was stinging me.

I suddenly felt dirty...impure.

And I mumbled something and walked away.

That evening I thought about it and went to the mirror to look at myself. I tried to have the same expression and steadiness of gaze in my eyes.

I could not.

I tried to visualize the look in his eyes.

And a voice spoke to me.

I don't know whose voice. It could have been His.....

Exhale completely.

Throw out all the baggage in your mind, your thoughts and belief

Inhale completely

Feel the pure air going through your nostrils and into your body cleansing it

Exhale completely

Throw out the tension creeping inside you, throw out your fears

Inhale completely

Fill your lungs, your heart, your abdomen to the brim

Exhale completely

Throw out your past, throw out your ego in the bin

Inhale completely

Imagine the air dancing through your body in abandon

Exhale completely

Throw out all the black, the green and the red, the lies

Inhale completely

Take in the white, the purple and his divinity inside you

Exhale completely

Free yourself from all weights, feel the lighness of your being  
Inhale completely  
Touch Him, feel his vibrations entering your now hollow being  
Now you are a child  
Quiver in His resonance  
Be Him

Now look into your eyes  
And meet your gaze with steadiness, equanimity, love and peace  
And I did.

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# The Goan Deluge

Raindropp ripples in Mandovi  
Lapses in memory  
The long fan moans and groans  
The red ant ascends onto the throne  
The fruit of the jackfruit tree  
Sways with the wind  
The waters run deep  
A white flower getting carried away  
From the river into the sea

An unknown bird calls its mate  
The waiter with lowered eyes calls on me  
The electricity suddenly goes away  
Candle emerges, melting its fate  
Evening has set in  
A fresh set of clouds rush in  
A deluge.  
Of water and memories

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# The Music Of Love

Just one of your gaze  
is enough to light my day...  
You have touched my soul in a way  
That takes my breath away...

You have put a song in my heart  
A smile in my eyes  
Stirring my soul...

Is this love standing on tiptoe  
Whispering to me, imploring me  
To drink the wine of happiness?  
I fervently hope so

If this is the music of love  
Let it not stop....

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# The Rose Moon Of June

The balmy, gentle summer breeze of June  
Would lift up anyones heart and catapult to the sky  
The warm ocean would beckon n croon  
The mermaids gaze longingly at the shore and sigh

The Prince of Samarkand sailing on the high sea  
Loved the Ocean and always longed for lapping waves  
Always on long voyages and this time to Italy  
A surprise storm hit the sea n his ship could not be saved

Unconscious, his body lunged into the deep  
A ghastly sight but his destiny had a plan in store  
The Mermaid Princess came to the rescue with a leap  
Rose, her name and tales of beauty spread to the shores

She swam him to safety and tended him with warm loving care  
Sitting by his side for endless warms days and silvery nights  
His eyes opened to see a most enchanting face, a beauty so rare  
He fell deep into a rapturous spell....it was love at first sight

They spent days rapt in each other and nights in longing  
And soon some people from his kingdom came to claim  
Their prince and Rose went quickly into hiding  
Everything for her had changed, would never be the same

She longed and wept for him and went to the mermaid witch  
Beseeched her to change her into a woman with legs and feet  
And thus began the arduous task of a mermaid switch  
After a few days, the magical transformation was complete

Exhilarated and wild with anticipation, Rose started her journey  
To Samarkand to meet her Prince n be his wife  
As she reached her destination, the beautiful one was to see  
A most heartbreaking sight.....such is life

The Prince was getting wed to the daughter of a powerful King  
The ground slipped beneath her feet, Rose was bathed in tears  
She watched from her hiding as the people started to sing  
Her heart in tethers, she made her retreat from the rear



In the silvery night.....she let out one last wailing scream  
Before she crumbled before the Moon and swooned  
The Moon absorbed all her tears and fetched her on a moonbeam  
You can see her crying figure once in a year on the Rose Moon

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# The Silent Speech

The Exchange between Two  
Through a gaze  
So much said  
Without saying anything  
The Silent Speech  
So much understood  
Without uttering anything  
Thought flying  
From One mind to Another  
Two Minds?  
Or  
Merged Minds?  
Ahh...I would give anything to reach that state.

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# The Tongue (Haiku)

Leaping and darting

It struck with a vengeance

Released its venom

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# The Unbearable Lightness

Truth is heavy  
Like a sackful of stones that falls on the ocean's bottom  
Few can reach out to it  
Some fish gnaw at it out of curiosity  
It rusts and moulds  
Aching for a loving touch  
Forlorn and forever alone

A lie is so light  
It refuses to sink  
Bobbing and tantalising on the ocean's surface  
Waves keep lapping it up making it shine even more  
It glistens and glimmers  
You touch it and yearn for more  
It makes you its slave

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# This Is Our World! ! (Shocking N Explicit)

Where a child lives in a warm mother's cocoon  
Where a child is sold to the prostitutes, her life doomed

Where a father fiercely protects his child  
Yet another father enters another's child

Where children play without any fear  
Where men enter boys through the rear

Where a child gets a new toy every day  
Where a child becomes a toy near the bay

Where a child is whooped up and twirled  
Where a child is forced down and hurled

Where they go to fancy schools, sing and play  
Where for a single meal, they sweat and labour all day

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# Untitled

Everything has taken an insipid brown color

From the pervasive moss on the rock  
To the niggling, gnawing thought  
From the butterfly flitting flower to flower-  
being denied nectar, mistaken for a moth  
To every leaf on trees, nearly scorched

The Sun doesn't spare -  
Not a thing, not a soul  
Crackling emotions, set aflame  
The boy on the road, fully dust wrapped  
Hungry tigers in the forest-no game  
In the neighbourhood, a dog has died  
The light wraps him in its scathing flame

Hidden resentments come pouring out  
Turned putrid, their odor rise  
Death can be sensed in the courtyard  
Does it come and sleep in our cots?

The child on the third floor wails and wails  
Then, complete w looms  
My solitude lengthens- stretches and yawns  
So many times, tried to brush it with a broom  
The night comes charging in like a train  
Darkness devours me from inside

The book falls from my lap

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# What Kind Of A Relationship Is This?

What kind of a relationship is this?  
Which doesnt have any name...It just is  
What kind of a relationship is this?  
Sometimes flying high in the sky....  
sometimes echoing in ruins  
What kind of a relationship is this?  
Which I consume...its an addiction  
What kind of a relationship is this?  
Where you sweat on reading its letters  
What kind of a relationship is this?  
Which exists in me like a shadow  
What kind of a relationship is this?  
Where I am a moth in my heart's candle  
What kind of a relationship is this?  
Its so immersed in me that I cant even find it

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## Woh Bachpan Ki Yaaden (Biographical)

Woh bachpan ke din kyon dhoondhtha hain dil  
Woh puraani yaaden kyon taaza karta hain dil

Woh garmi ki chuttiyon mein naani kaa ghar  
School kaa aakhari din, woh train kaa safar  
Woh patli si gali mein aakhari aalishaan makaan  
Woh garam garam samose, woh halwaai ki dukaan  
Ghar mein maama, mousi or behan bhaiyon ki chehal pehal  
Chupan chupaiyan, pithoo, bas din bhar khoob khel  
Deewar farlaang ke maidaan mein khelen pakdam pakdi  
Bhaai mil ke khelen cricket, behnen khelen langdi  
Khelte hue kabhi ho gooyi khoob jam ke ladai  
Phir kuch rone rulaane ke baad ho gayi fir se bhai bhai  
Raat mein chat par antaakshari, hota gaana bajaana  
Wahi bistar lagakar thandi hawa mein taare ginna

Woh bachpan ke din kyon dhoondhtha hain dil  
Woh puraani yaaden kyon taaza karta hain dil

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