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## Soul Speech

I am a woman of Contradictions. Yes. I am a woman. It is no shame to admit my wants and needs. I may say I am Happy, as I am. That doesn't invalidate my Pain.

I am Alive. I don't need Divinity to know my Soul. Why do I have to be the One? Can't I just Exist as I want? I am a Human full of Imagination.



## Confessions

I need to write, to Confess, to Witness.



### Names And Games

U gave me a name, a fake one I know But in your eyes I saw something you wanted to hide, So I let it go. I let it go and some more, a name and all it entails.

With every new name you gave me I nodded and smiled. Names and secrets didn't bothered me, for I loved a man, not who he is meant to be.

Years went by, and U still had more names and games for me,

I played along and some more.

Now that it is all over, I wonder what should I call you? My stranger lover is what I named you.



## Whisper

I stutter and can not remember my name. Its been long since I heard my coarse voice. My soul dreads the echo of my heart, Its rhythemic thumping makes sure I remain deaf. I try to speak but words betray me, 'I am Fine' is all I can whisper to queries. I hide behind books and music Polite conversations rips my soul apart.

I smile to avoid, I nod to reassure, I breath to exist and write to confess.

Walking on eggshells I ignore this loathing silence.

Deaf and mute I wander in this maze of daunting dominos.

If I am gone before the next dawn you witness, I shall leave a whisper behind, listen to me and answer me, a whisper is all I beg.



## **Confession Of A Living Dead**

The dry pyre of my body burns my soul within, My shadow stalks the haunted mansion of bloody cage. I shut the doors and windows of my enslaved freedom, Saved from the mockingbird, my flight is enchained to the silence.

Smile and greet, a zombie dazed in ecstasy,I walk aboard, alive, barely existing.A post here, a like there, a share, a tweet to remind I exist.A pic that hides a thousand bruises, a show to run a million mazes.

This is my Will and Testament, final and the first, There was a soul traded for silence, A silence bought with freedom at midnight. And the dry pyre of my prison burns my light within.



# I Do Love You

If I say I love You, will you pity my yearning soul? Look whats beyond my trembling lips and see my beating heart? I wonder if you find me silly with hormones of hasty hungry heat. Or laugh at my adoration of a human god admonishing my hopeless farce?

If I say I love You, will you hold me close and say You Love me too? Give me the honor to call you mine, to share your silences and dreams? I know not what love is, but give me a chance to learn it with you. I am a soul baring on to you, hoping that You Love me too.



# Of Joy That Kills

Mamma Maid mulls macrame mundane matters Of oafish offsprings, oaths, obesity, obituaries. Kindred kindness, kitchen kismet, Kleptomaniac to Kryptonite. Tapestried traditions taunting talons tearing tampons.

Sacrilegious saints striking sceptre, sandpaper scalding scented sandalwood. Wisdomed warlocks watching witches walloping wilted willows. Fabled feudalistic founding faggot fathers feasting femme fatale. Quainty queer quakers qualm quietly quenching quintessential questionnaire.



## Macabre Mosaic Mocking

The painted face with a bruised smile. Insidious silence of the screaming eyes. God of the Hades fire and the mistress of the frosted Heart Cascading passion of the dead men walking abroad.

A soul has NO Sex, a soul with no Shadow. Better to evade the rotting stench of humanity. Let the shrines of stoned gods be purified with burning pyres. Revolting perfumes camouflage the appalling appeal of Cannibalism

The mirage of Heaven or the limbo of drifting Halos. The glare of the macabre mosaic mocking the conformist's cockerel colonialism.



## World Apart

Two celestial bodies burning in the same flame Of eternal passion and fierce chase of love The lovers tested of their chastity Separated till the end of time, by some devious doing of destiny.

Worlds apart they shine with the heavenly blaze Worshiped and feared to rule the ignorant slaves Day and night made of their longings One consumed by the zeal of yearning, the other radiant from the heat of her paramour.

The ageless agony of alienation has united them in soul The distance their foe have immortalized their liaison What was meant to be a sorrowful sad tale of love Has been transformed into an exciting unending courtship, till they rendezvous again when the time stops.

Until then the two celestial bodies continues burning in the same flame...

#### Parched Creek

Trust me he said, 'I'll never break your heart again'. Hold me, he whispered, 'I'll never let you cry again' Promises and disarming smiles broke my walls of fear again He came like a rain and wiped out what was left of my faith.

Fooled twice in this treacherous game called Love Not by those swindlers of words but my own incorrigible heart. They were travellers and I a mere road side stream I gave them my all, and hoped their thirst would quench.

My soul is scarred for life but not by their doing For who could blame them, my silly naivety was too tempting Lesson learnt and having payed my dues, my soul is left dried to death To fill my brook, to save my soul, tears trickle timelessly.



## **Blessed Voyage**

The showers of life on the parched land The sprout of green life in the Wasteland I see the glories of God in the Sun and the Moon And His might in the gleam of the firefly.

The darkness of the night is His majestic beauty The sweltering sun in summer His beauteous merit There are days when i witness His Wondrous Miracles And in some, others see in me His bountiful benedictions.

I am but a humble pilgrim, a soul in search for home, a spirit wandering alone



## **Resounding Reminiscence Of A Refugee**

Silence of the night brings no peace in my war worn mind Home is but fleeting memory in my wakeful dream Where i belong from is now mere rubble of human skulls My heritage is but a shameful exile of mass exodus.

The land of my Soul is is where my heart resides Sheltered and protected i recall the fragrance of my soil The hopes of my clans is now but to survive in the alien lands But it is in the dreams that we are Alive and returned to our free sky.

Haunting heavenly memories of the land i call my home Yearning fearing heart with desire to claim my own Scattered fettered souls wandering across my globe Its a tale of mine and others, echoes of mortal chronicles.



## Saintly Sinner

Love me, hate me, curse me, burn me I am an outcast, out of choice not shame Sing your nauseating lullaby, i'll croon my howling denial Your bigoted institutes faze me no more. Hang me, Lynch me.

I am chaos, a rebel, all the three Furies in one I am spiteful, cruel, sadistic and vengeful Beware of me, I am all that you tried not create in me No 'Omnia Vincit Amor' for me, 'Veni Vidi Vici' is who i am.

I traded my veil of shame, for voice of courage I fuelled in the warmth of my heart for the inferno of Hades I am no more the Virgin Madonna of the Rocks, neither the Saintly Joan of Arc I am a Spirit, resilient and god like. I am the Sinner of this Saintly State.



#### Masquerade

Spinning around in the music of silence Picked up, polished and made to shine as a china Trained to smile with crooked lips and dead eyes Dolled up for the benefit of visual pleasure

Dancing with strangers in the beats of the wild Scalding on the touch of the musical pyre I am the hostess and the slave of the dance Welcome to my world, the stage for deceivers.



## God And Globalisation

God on sale with discount on the pass to Heaven For those who can afford buy your seats first class Rest fall on line and strike a bargain with a dealer Donate lump sum or in instalment to any mushroom franchisee



#### Mirror

Mirror mirror on the wall Who is the fairest of them all? 'The one who smile to a passing stranger and shares the joy of life and nature.'

Mirror mirror on the wall Who is the lovliest of them all? 'The one who spares her last penny for a balloon on the begging urchin.'

Mirror mirror on the wall Who is the kindest of them all? 'The one who earns for one and feeds many inviting neighbour to share when he is struggling.'

Mirror mirror on the wall Who is the compassionate of them all? 'The one who holds a man's dying hand Tell him all is forgiven with your broken heart.'

Mirror mirror on the wall Who is the prettiest of them all? 'The one sees the beauty of the heart and witness God's beauty in every shade of life.'

Mirror mirror on the wall Why do you reflect all but show none? 'Because i show them what they desire to see The answer they seek lie concealed within.'

### Soul For A Bottle

Empty rooms with his babies crying in fear His sickening scent lingering on the stale air Torn pictures of him and broken glasses strewn on floor The door still open after hours he walked away

She lay there still and tired of cleaning up after him No memories to haunt, no dreams to chase just gazing at emptiness The children have quieten down and probably cried to sleep While she immobile in body and thoughts listens to the silence

Too late for the bed, too early for sunrise she waits for dawn Like a ghost rising from the dead body she drags herself up Sometimes death is not an option so she drinks her Soul away Years and tears in glass after glass till she drinks her soul away



### Sita Ya Sati

Born as a human, classified on gender Given a doll to play and to learn from Books to study and samosas for in-law Loved in the family but somehow first to be sacrificed

If eldest then rightfully be the breadwinner of the family If youngest then silently be the burden till bargain strike Out of her walls vicious vultures ready to prey Body, mind and even soul torn to pieces and fed to Ravanas.



#### **Screaming Silence**

The irony of Life is, it is never yours until you sacrifice it The noise of the world has made us deaf to heartbeats of humanity We run towards lights for in the darkness we see our psyche In the screaming silence of the night, we lay awake with hushed hullabaloo in our mind

The child begging on the street, a young girl in the prostitute ring A friend running in debt, old parents killing time waiting their time Too busy or how helpless, not my problem or God help them One can turn head and forget, but in the dead of the night the heart beats and beats



#### Swing To Swing

Sweet spring swing and young yearning years Memories reminded by sudden gust of faint wind chimes Those years when foreigners, friends and foes played together Lost innocence, insurance and inane discourse of life

Three friends have i lost till then to this world One in the race of resit report cards, my first loss Second to the broken home's estranged engrossed enrage The third to a pyscho's lovelorn lusty lynching

Three beautiful lives culminating in violent ends Three angels tortured, neglected and ravaged Three noose tempted, manufactured and forced Swings of life stole my smile, from swing to swing they flew away



## The Man Called My Father

My sister pointed a man on the road calling him our father She had a faint smile hoping he would turn and smile back I saw him walking away in a busy market wearing a suit Perhaps a man on business while we stood like a failed investments

I asked my mother about the man called My father She weakly smiled and kissed my chubby childhood cheeks Years went by and that man often crossed my way, often smiled too And i smiled back to the stranger who everyone called my father

We met once a while at his place greeting his new family A mandatory yearly visits like paying homage to gods for life living The man called my father looking at me with his guilty eyes And i smiling at the stranger to the man who called himself my father



# **Cold Desire**

I lay awake long after you turned to sleep

The rumpled sheets and scattered clothes illustrate your love for me Your warm touch burned through my body and left my soul cold And now in the aftermath i am left alone while Cold desire gnaws my core

Lying next to you all i can see is the faint outline of your back I hear you uttering faint gibberish words of sense to me Its the only time i understand what you ask of me Its the only time you listen to my silent speech



# Cup Of Tea

I used to play Tea Time when i was much younger With dolls and tiny plastic cups and saucers What seems like ages ago i had my first cup of tea Too much of sugar made it bitter, but i enjoyed it with relish

With time i made my first cup of tea under my mother's watch I added measured milk and sugar to make it a perfect sip At times the tea leaves were too burnt, or too much diluted milk but with each cup of tea i made, i added some of me in it

I served my cup of tea to in-laws, friends and strangers A little of me with every sip they took in with a smile A cup of tea is my life's work, a drink from Lethe in my cup A mistress of this art, to all those who thirst i serve my magic potion



#### Birthmark

With the first cry came a tear of shame Before a mother's breast garbage became cradle Born alive but for those who mattered was a stillborn What would they say of IT neither son nor a daughter

Son is a blessing, daughter half-hearted welcomed But a Thing between these two an abhorred creature Too loathsome to be embraced, too freakish to be called your own Neither to be auctioned like a cultured cow, nor a stallion

No mamma's boy can he be, or a daddy's girl is she called No neutral name can It be given, for the surname will cause a scandal No relatives or cousins will It deserve as gods desired it so In this world of Mr. and Miss, a baby is born neither His or Her's



#### Yearly Visit

Another year is coming to its end, Another anniversary for our yearly reunion Another week filled with love, vows, plans and teary depart Another year testing our faith, loyalty, courage and living apart

Many question about the trust that saves our souls Many wonder at our patience that keeps us alive Many doubt about our future while we make plans Many whisper in good and vice and we just smile

Someday we won't have to take different routes Someday we will hold each other and with a kiss seal our union Someday we are going to be home your and mine alone Someday when the war is over we will have what we are waiting for.



## What Love Did

I had plans, now i have dreams I had smile, now i have joy I had a heart, now i have a melody

Its hard to put in words what Love is, But what Love can do is truly amazing.

You wake up every morning and know life is Beautiful,

You shine with the Sun because you know for someone you are that Light,

You smile at your errors for you know someone does not judge you,

You do your best at everything for someone believes you are the best that can be,

You know your life is perfect since someone stepped in with his heart.

What Love did is, It gave me Dreams that i now have for him It gave me Joy at being called his It gave me a Melody that now rhymes with his.

## Twinkle

The starry night twinkles its lights And to my sleepless mind gives delights I think they are winking at us in good nature Inspiring a child's rhyme wondering at its feature

I see sea of twinkles on a distant mount And let my imagination go uncount To fairies, fables, fortress where treasure lies I yawn, satisfied and mesmerised i close my twinkling eyes



# My Running Shoes

A decade and a half ago i ran away from my home Was cornered and brought back home before the birds came home All of them asked what went in my head to act so strange? But nobody heard my silent heartbreak which made me flee from home

I know now that i wasn't adopted and my sister was only teasing me But i do at times imagine what my life would have been A decade and a half ago i left my life to begin anew Oh i was young and emotional, but i had the guts to venture on my own

A blessed life i have lead with my folks and no regrets Yet a part of me yearns for the road i was curbed back from Or perhaps its that young passionate, better highway than you way girl But i love to share that, a decade and a half ago i ran away from my home.



#### The Man I Killed

He gave me rose one day and a letter to go with it He told me he loved me and will do so as long as he shall live He held my hand and promised me a ring when the time is right I killed that Man, for he gave me more than his words

He took my pains and left me devoid of emotions He was always there and i never could wander on my own He brought me everything so i never would desire for more I killed that Man, for he changed the world for me

My perfect world began to cramp the life in me My lover's passion suffocated the dreams in me My love for him urged me to free us from this Fairy tale So I killed that Man, for I wanted to feel alive again

## Live Again

The monsoon flooded my childhood memories The paper boats, raincoats, muddy cakes and granny's tales Sweet oranges, first crushes, undying pacts, papa's trademark hats The race through the fields, the climb upon the trees.

Hide and seek and the chor policeDisney world and barbie dolls.Wonder where is my butterfly dress.I wish to fly again with fresh smelling earth in the air.



#### **Crow's Feet**

I looked in the mirror, and i saw a stranger waiting She smiled at me like a long lost soul mate greeting I saw her eyes, they once held my youthful dreams I witnessed her tears, they wet my coarse cheeks

Her gray hairs told the story of my struggles Her nose bridge carried the weight of my spectacles Her wrinkled face drew the portrait of my existence Her lips gently curved and shared my experience

The stranger in the mirror looked so alike me In her sweetened sorrows i found the flavour of my life I stepped back to see her in full light And that's when i found a new deeper insight



#### Shame For What?

Don't tell me why Life is unfair, mine's not yours to live Judge me all you want, i simply don't care about it All i did was to survive, i see no sin in it I had a stomach to feed, charity was too expensive.

Death was not an option, i chose to live Selling my body to save my soul its a deal i signed M i unclean to sit by you? i wonder who sleeps with me? Honour is a word too fake for me, what will it fetch me?

No shame in me will you find, no regret or repentence What you do legally, i galdly offer in exchange of money Purity is the state of mind, i m a virgin still A hand that could have saved me, tore my blouse to shreds.

Why am i to suffer in silence, my fate was sealed in heaven Who are you to stone me? Has the Nazareth man allowed? You amaze at my courage, wish you could have it more Its all i have in left in me, i sold all else to you.

#### Dream

At midnight i woke up to my infant's cry I nursed my flesh and blood with a lullaby I held her to my heart and wandered in my thoughts To the places and people where our kinds are silenced for pride.

I shudder at the thought of the fate a baby girl brings, A tear and a sigh escapes from my heart as my child grins. I do a silent prayer for the lost souls and lives unlived, I kiss my daughter and once again thank God for the life that we recieved.

I sit by the cradle and watch my soul grow within her, Her small features so innocently resembling me in the mirror. I wonder for the roles she will play in near future, A daughter, sister, friend and lover, wife and a mother. Life lived in full circle.

I wake up from my dream with a hazy memory,

Of a bed, lights, masked men and a fear deep inside.

I come to my senses and find my dream a haven from the hell around me, I feel the emptiness inside me, while they bundle my Soul and hurry to dispose IT.