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The Worst Place On Earth

once upon a time
There was a worst place on earth
In this place
No light No water and no food
In this place
There was once peace with all men
Men search and search
To find and feed
No one cares for no one
One day
A certain household
Took it upon themselves
To solve the problems of humanity
They shared positions among themselves
One chose to be called the earth
And it was taken to God Almighty
God looked at the earth
And prophesied on it
And the earth renewed itself
Beginning from the days
Of the garden of God
To the days of revelation
All plants woke up
And decided to reproduce themselves
With God watering the earth by night
And she was called even

Another chose to be
The daughter of goddesses
Villages all around
Sprang up with stories of gods
Making many recognized
These people of these villages
Especially the goddess
Birthed by the devil
Grew wild
Making men captives to slavery
Highly exalting the spirit of the devil
The people called the devil

To be their god
To make them the greatest
Of mankind in the age and era
They fell families
They fell lands
They fell peoples
With evil schemes
With evil devices
With evil traps
And one day
They met their eternal defeat

Another one was called govt
It began with many lapses
And few developments
Yet no one cared
When it started
Producing fruits of labour
The peoples
With all master-minders
Connived and took over
They stood with great authority
No longer beggars
Watching works as it last
As it last
And it came to an end
Leaving them battling
For all take overs forever

One was called thrones
And God spoke life to thrones
With the help of God
Thrones thrived and survived
And came to halt
Waiting for the desires
Of the wicked to manifest

One was called life
And God gave life
And re-breathed upon man
These peoples
Devised wickedness

Sickness and the ills of life upon the land
Progressed those who bow to them
And the land suffered greatly

One was called marriage
And God took a bone
Out of her
And fixed rib bones to her
And marriage got spreaded
All over the earth
Yet the people
Plotted her downfall

What a land?
The worst land of man
With the worst human race
Dear run for your life
Truly its the worst land on earth

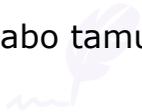
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The Creator

The God of all
The God that sleeps nor slumber
The God that wakes a man
Tells him to move
For the good of all
Amidst all standards of men
Amidst all laws of men
Amidst all judgments of men

Yes the God of all
Shall pay man
All his wages for all activities
One day
Shall be the day
True one day
Shall be the day
When man shall be rewarded.

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Troynashi

She was born
In rejoice and paternal care
Called by the spirits
Ordained by God in excellency
Spoken of by the oracle of gods
As the moving streams and river flow

Not known by mere men
Not known by friends
Not known by mates
Not known by followers
But known of the elders
But known of the lords

In secret she grows
In secret she works
In secret she moves for the good of all men
In secret they beheaded her helpers
In secret they upturned her judgments
In secret she defeated all her enemies

She plays a little
She sings a lot
A river that springs forth in peace
A river that springs forth in joy
A river that springs forth in wealth
A river that springs forth in praise

Men shall call her name
Women shall lament of her works
Children shall bless her
Enemies shall persecute her
Enemies shall despise her
Enemies shall flee from her forever

The princess of the moon with two horns
The queen in the sun
The standing and glistening star
The rain caller and halterer

The busy river of waters calmer
With the forehead of cross, hammer and star

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Dead Ears

Numb to words
Dumb to speak
Quiet in peace
Quiet in solemnity
Quiet in silence
And in dazed state

In the realm of the world
In the realm of spirits
In the realm of unquestionable state
In the realm of dumbfoundedness
In the realm of lasting freedom

Open to the creators
Open to the wind
Open to the air
Open to breeze
Open to the heaven's
Open to the unknown
Open to judgment

Listens to the creators
Listens to enchantments
Listens to the cry of loved ones
Listens to divination
Listen to the words of men
Listens with wishing wishes of life

The ancestors of communities
The ancestors of towns and all ages
The ancestors of nations
The ancestors of families
The ancestors of lineages
The ancestors of the bereaved ones

Hear the cries of loved ones
Oh dead ones
Hear the cries of humans
Oh dead ones

Hear the cries and prayers
Of all those who mourn

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One Thing

One thing in life
One thing i will
One thing I'll make
One thing i take
One thing i left
One thing I'll move on with
This year
I leave behind
The comparison of gender powers
I take with me
The fight against male chauvinism
The fight against discrimination
The fight against gender based violence
I challenge the status quo
I will rise above the glass ceiling
Yes! I am a woman
Yes! A female of character
Values and right judgment
This day
I choose to
Actively foster a supportive culture
That creates psychological safety
Values and diversity
Today
I pledge my support
For the advancement of the society.

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Sweet Night

Lilies in the valley
Whispering the melodies of the night
Making sweet songs
Snoozing the air of peace
Says good night my friend
At the dawn of the night

Goodnight goodnight
My loved one and child
Sleepy sleepy at the even
In deep sleep shades off the cool dew
Raining and drizzling down
Catching cold in the early morn

Wake up my loved one and child
It is morning
Swings the beautiful lilies of the morn
The sun begins to heat them
Making them cry for the coolness of the night
Oh! Let the night come prays the lilies

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The Journey

At the jetty
I raised my hands in prayers
As we embarked on this journey
This journey was the journey
Of returning the dead
Gazing at the brackish water
Feeling how it flows
And how the whistling breeze sings
With songs and prayers
We got to the land surrounded by ocean
On returning from this journey
Of returning the dead
Met us a high wave
About to capsize our boat
Hell no! We wailed
We crossed the sea in fears

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Hope For A Great Profession

In preparation for meetings
Cracking my brain
From whence comes
The money, clothes, accessories,
Necessaries and ideas to participate
In the forthcoming conference

I gazed to the sky
Each day
Praying for destiny
To take its place
And for my destiny
To play its full course

Suddenly comes the brightness of the day
Shining in full array
Promising a better future
Signaling a fulfilled destiny
Full of life, creativity and vigour
With hope, all is alive

With all pride, arrogance and aggressiveness
Studying with great interest and excitement
Full of great ideas
With little pay for sustenance
With starvation and poverty
Hope still keeps me going

What a profession
I found my destiny fixed in
Hard work and less pay
A path of the strong willed
A path of self worth
A path of righteousness

Hope calmed me
Hope made me wait
Hope made me think
Hope made me smile

Hope raised my head up tight
Hope made me wake till morn

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Life

Life

As the sea moves

So is the pattern of life

Never steady

Never ending

Categorically moving

Non stopping

Life Life Life

What a wave of disaster and troubles

Be still, be calm, be quiet

For this is the season of

Hope, rest and perfection.

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Oh I Got To Know Your Mind

Oh i got to know your mind
Oh i got to know your thoughts
Oh i got to feel your touch
Please
Can't you feel
I know. (2x)

Just before
You told me
That
You truly care..
Never never never
Imagine
How you disappeared
Just before
You told me
That
You really love me
I really really really really
Love you
That's all your lies

Yesterday is gone
Today has a new morn
Never never never
Wish at all.,
That
You are there
Yesterday is gone
Today is a new morn
I really really really think
That i'm
All alone

The future is here
Now i can see
What it is all about
Never

Heard it before
I came to find you
I came to find out
Truly truly truly
Don't love you
That's
What it is

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Oh Lord

Oh lord
My God
My soul clings to dust
Give me life
According to your word
When I tell you
Of my ways oh lord
Statutes and precepts you taught me

Oh lord
My God
My soul melts for sorrow
Strengthen me
According to your word
Put false away from me oh lord
Graciously teach me all your laws

Oh lord
My God
My soul clings to your testimonies
Let me not be put to shame
Teach me oh lord
The way of your statutes
And I will keep it to the end

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Be Magnified

Oh lord be magnified
Oh lord be magnified
For all the things
That you have done
Oh lord be magnified

Oh lord be magnified
My help, my life, my faith
I entreat your favour
With all my heart
Oh lord be magnified

Oh lord be magnified
My strength, my joy and fame
My share and portion
In all the earth
Oh lord be magnified

Oh lord be magnified
My health, my hope and stay
My light, my way, my path
I found
Oh lord be magnified

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Blessthe Lord

Blessed the lord
Oh! My soul
Bless his holy name (refrain)

Bless the lord
For what he has done
He has built a world
A world of righteousness
A world of faithfulness
A world of peace
A world of joy

Bless the lord
For what he has done
He has given us
A life of contentment
A life of calmness
A life of enjoyment
A life of salvation

Bless the lord
For what he has done
He has shown us the father
He has shown us the pathway to the father
He has made us citizens of Israel
He has reconciled us with the father
And we're now one with the father.

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Sad Moments

I feel sad
So so sad at a moment
When the day
Seems not to be bright
When the weather at summer
Seems to be too cold
When the earth quakes for changes
And renewal of its bodies
Sad moments fills the clouds
When the lightening of the earth
Seems bleak
The sun loses it's rays
I feel so sad.

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I Was There

I was there
So excited for a good report
When i first visited

I was there
Waiting for change
When the dark clouds
Overshadowed light
Watching birds fly home

I was there
When the evil one
Plotted evil against me
When he sought for a bow
In rage, he wept while praying

I was there
When the works of God
Brought light to the church
In disarray, he sought for revenge
Raining lashes of canes
On members and visitors of the church

I was there
When the one whom the cap fits
Wore it
Hurray! Hurray! Hurray! To victory.

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Time

Time Oh! Time
Time begins with the day
You were brought out
From your mother's womb

Little did you know
That with time
You would sit, creep and walk

With time
You began to make sounds
And then speak

Time Oh! Time
How time flies in movement
To make changes from
Childhood to adult age

Till death
Time keeps ticking
Waiting for no man.

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Tears

Tears

It flows down your cheek
It drips down to your feet
Waiting for consolation,
In response to what you feel.
Tears of joy flows
With lots of fulfillment
Let that tears flow

Sitting on the floor
Watching stories of mischief
And sorrow
Sorrow filled my heart
Thinking of how mankind
Will breed her future generation
Cry, cry, cry
Let mankind be saved
I echoed
You can pat each other
For relief to show you care
Let that tears flow
When it ought to.

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Me

This is me
Come today
Come tomorrow
This is me

This is me
As the world changes
As the people change
This is me

This is me
As the earth brings forth fruits
In seasons and out of seasons
This is me

This is me
As we see the brightness of the day
The sunsets at noontime
The darkness of the night
This is me.

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