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A Deep Seated Thought...

Sometimes, a deep seated thought, Paves it's way, lingering inside my heart Shouting aloud in silence, it yearns To escape from the net, I am entrapped in Knitted by the threads of love, despair and attachment And set out on an endless journey, walking till the end of earth Adoring the beauty of nature and it's bounties And rest in her lap, diving into a sleep, too deep... In order to lost my being in it. And, yeah! While passing by on my way I am not gonna ask the trees, why they are so tall? I would just sit under their balmy shade, Enjoying the serene bower in my weariness I am not gonna ask those birds, Perching on the branches of trees, How do they sing? I would just listen to their melodious notes And let my heart get elated through it I am not gonna question the river, how do you flow? I would just stand at it's bank and See it flowing, realising the pace of my life passing by I don't want to discover myself, all I want is to Get lost in every small element of nature...... This deep seated thought of mine keeps on pounding my heart again and again But, when I open my eyes, I find the frame of net, a complex one! And untangling the knots, a difficult task, Restraining my unfulfilled growing desire I resolve to move ahead.... Hoping one day, what I crave for I would surely get.

A Fugitive

O Lord, a homeless fugitive I was Untangling the knots of love and passion I stepped out wandering place to place Adamant my heart to reach the end Where I could find complete solace Aloof from the worldly despair Where you and me have some part to share.

I know not what my destiny deemed It opened my eyes, so far closed and From the gleam cutting all the darkness A way to her heart seemed.... I don't know on dry land of my heart From where the amber of love it bore It's curiosity behold me to know her more and more.

But then a realisation came I was again trapped in the net, same woven with the threads of sufferings and attachment I decided to leave her and move away My Lord I knew my love was true, where Not a single tint of lust and obsession lay I found her soul, the body was left with no role to play.

A Soldier's Wife

Do you remember the day we first met? My throat has dried up, I recall with eyes wet I was a leaf clinging on an autumn tree You were a stream running reckless, free The day when I fell upon you O' all my being seeped Painting your heart with my crimson hue I am waiting for the autumn to come And I am coveting to fall again But the stream has no water left My dear! You are long gone to a land so far Left behind a tattered heart, fighting everyday war One day water will return, rendering others' life I will cling till the end, I am a soldier's wife.

Art

Different people, different place, Different race, different face, Far they live, Far they thrive, Yet too close.....to remain alive, The knot of art ties them together, Differences may be any, no one bother, All destined to play that one game, Though the feel may be diverse, The air they take in, is the same, There's no religion to which art belongs, Distinct culture, distinct tradition, Several ways of worshipping lord, Through verses, colours or melodious notes, All believe and love that one god, Inside whose bower, flowers of imagination bloom, And the striving birds find their solitary abode.

Be You

I may not be the poetry of a poet, The protagonist Of a heroic tale, The melodious notes of nightingale, I may not be the rainbow.... Formed in the moist blue sky, The spectrum of different colours May not come out from the mirth of my cry, I am just one of the beautiful creatures god made, An ordinary yet unique in my own being, I can't be moulded in the frame of others' thoughts With lucidity in thinking, independence in my outlook, Like the liberated wind blowing and, The free rain falling, anywhere in anyway, I would flaunt my flaws and do, , ... Whatever to me, My heart say.

Beauty

Drenched in rain forms prismatic sky From cocoon springs out the butterfly Scorching heat passes, cold breeze blow On verge of winter, falls the snow Not forever the Sun descends on horizon The spring arrives for a short span Nor forever lasts the winter wind Candle has to burn to eradicate darkness Beauty never comes out of nothing!

Behind The Veil

Draped inside the golden skin She carries a mutilated heart within With every new soliciting hold Her old being gets crippled and sold Confronting those eyes, giving a lewd leer Creeps through her infected blood Mingled spirits of fury and fear The fright of surrender pounds her heart For someone's pleasure, stings her every part Bound in the hands of nasty pimps In the ocean, unfathomable, all her hopes sink In the bleak corners of the brothel, die For escape, unceasing yowl, the never ending cry Inside the four walls, for help no answer she finds 'This is your fate' the echo reminds No one can empathize her pain She is just a part of stigma and disdain Behind the veil, comes out a wail Who should have the real shame? For a work, she has been coerced into Why whole life her 'name' has to carry the blame?

Betrayal

you pushed me inside darkness imprisoned my soul river dried up now why you opened the door?

Blind

Blind I am, the world is a blank screen for me you have two eyes Why are you ensnared in the net?

Broken

Broken my leg, my heart broken more The old silhouette of my being gradually diminish to zilch In the misty eyes Of those masquerades Who can only see the wreck in my transient body Piercing my heart with old spear of pity None deem to pull the curtains aside and admire indomitable beauty and hear the incessant cravings For someone's true love Which I know has burnt all forever Leaving ashes of mercy for me.... But I know my image unseen I have gems draped inside my stony body Clenching the plumes of art, high I soar Broken my leg, my heart lands On an aesthetic sea shore

Camouflage

Every garden has weeds Every heart bleeds Smiling moon wears many scars Sun hides it's hues of laugh Sky seems blue from earth A deer can see tiger's mirth Every being has camouflaged to reflect joy Inside the body, many souls cry.

Fetish!

I plucked the rose and it's petals fell off.....

First Love

Like the flesh of an unripened fruit The look of an unworn suit.

Like the gleam of a polar star Unstretched strings of a guitar

Like an open treasure box A key without any lock

Like the reckless waves of a sea Balmy shade of a banyan tree

Like the night full moon When an unfortunate recieves a boon

Like a new baby born The stem of a rose bearing thorns

Like the white snow shimmering in the sun My first love shines and I feel warmth without getting burn.

Freedom

The bird is captive inside the cage, Where she knows no escape With every passing day, her feathers shed She has yet not touched the sky bed.

The day comes when she realises Inside the cage, she can fly high Without spreading her wings, without touching the giant blue sky She opened the doors of her soul Against the moor, she witnessed the sight of a dancing silhouette Freedom was standing at her doorstep that night.

Gleam Of Hope

Sitting beside my window pane, i was gazing at all that was happening outside, clouds of her thoughts were treading ahead, gradually engulfing the tranguil gleam, brightening my soul and my mind..., and then with a sudden lightening and thunder, i could hear the outburst of cloud, it couldn't bear anymore, a plethora of drops, down my eyes, rolled, wetting every corner of my face...as if.., on the thirsty earth, the mercy of clouds was poured.... her memories constantly pounded my heart...., i sat numb and still beneath the curtains of oblivion, drowned in the reminiscences, flooding every part of my mind, the rain continued...., for an hour or two prolonged the tide, again a sudden thunder and back i came to my senses, few minutes past....my tears dried up, .not a single bead was left to shed...... I looked outside and found the beautiful prismatic sky, Rays of sun reaching far to cover everything with its golden blanket, The birds calling me out to start a new journey ahead, All my thoughts drained, gone was all my pain, If she couldn't understand my love, i would indulge in something else, to show my love a way....., I left myself in the hands of creativity...., The rains of past have fallen..... I took my brush to paint the present scene.

Have You Ever Gazed The Moon?

Have you ever gazed the moon? May be; not really, You can only see a magnificent disc which cannot behold it's ecstasy ends up spreading it's glare illuminating the night sky.

Alas! Your eyes cannot cross the abyss Those innumerable pits, deep dug cavities on it's surface were always out of your reach All you can adore is it's exoteric smile It always reflects back whenever you look at it.

Have you ever gazed the moon? May be; not really, In cloudless night, it is found surrounded by countless glimmering stars as if million fireflies have lost their way.

Alas! You are oblivious how distant they are from the moon Yet they seem so close Feigned by its ethereal glory.

Have you ever gazed the moon as intently as I? When you look up, the white sphere admist twinkling stars renders a glowing sight But when I see, the moon seems as lonely as me sharing my heart's doom Which rises every night and sets the next day with the rising sun's boon.

Have you ever gazed that moon?

His Heart....

His Heart....,

A stream, flowing recklessly, No one can fathom, how deep, Breaking all stony obstacles, Unknown of where it has to reach.

Endlessly flows, has no bound, Where path seems, takes a round, No prophecies before it takes turn Faces, may it be right or wrong one.

No one can make his heart captive, In cages of lust and attachments, It would escape and find a way, Wherever it seems seclusion lay.

It's mouth is out of anyone's reach, Runs and runs to fulfil the thirst of its mirth, The end to the flow of stream lies, From where ever the eternal bliss arrived.

I Can Feel You

Oh singer! the fact that you know? When those words jumping out of your mouth One after the other, form a row Dancing in a tune, holding every beat, they go on flow And O' my heart feels like the golden coat of Sun Is gently covering the cold, white snow Like when water oozes out to heal my burning skin The wind carrying it away, kisses me and blow Like a ragpicker scrounging in a garbage heap When a glare lights his blind eyes, discovering a penny or two At night on the dark sky as the moon spreads its glow Like after a long run, when you stop and rest You start aging, your throbbing heart beats slow And I lost myself from the outside world Coz I dive too deep into the depth of your words In a search of my being inside your music An unknowing journey on your musical car, I start Collecting small fragments of myself inside you I see my destination inside core of your heart Gradually my subconscious hits my senses and O' my search ends there, finding myself, I get apart O dear singer! this fact you never knew But its true, with every single note that bloom, I can so feel the fragrance of you.

I Free You

O' my beloved......, Each day, the ocean growing deep, By every new drop of love I seek, My Heart craves for none, but you, To drown in it, and find, what I pursue, But if you love some else and move apart, Then my beloved, I free you....., No single drop shall reach the shore of your heart.

O' my beloved....., Never shall you feel remorse, It's love, can't be owned, As much as, one enforce, O my dear, you should be happy instead, No agony I have, No grief, Every pain, Every scar gets healed, The ointment of love that I recieve.

O' my beloved....., Love makes my life blissful, It is pious, it is eternal, A path from my soul to your, it lays, No role in between the body plays, The feel is enough for me to be alive, No more desires does my heart thrive, Beyond the Destiny, No one can arrive.

O' my beloved....., My love for you was always true, Though I couldn't get the same from you, On the passage laid to your soul, I found no footprints heading towards my abode, You walked on some other path....., But my beloved, I shall sit forever on my way, With just a hope, you may turn back someday.....

I Lost Her Worth....

Like the everyday fading scar Dying fragrance of a plucked flower

Waning of new winter moon Unwinding thread from a dancing spool

Sand dunes washed away by the sea Golden leaves falling from an autumn tree

Crimson dye turning pale Boat drowning, weary to sail

Diminishing vigour of a yowl Disappearing shadow of old from the wall

Past sinking in the present river Chasing the sea to find its future bower

Oh! I lost her worth like a naked tree Coz I always found her close to me.

I Was Always With You

From God to his child.....

I was always with you.... Yet my being was not true Talking, giggling, crying and... All that actions you do I always have a share, too.. I was always aware of all your wit Though you couldn't recognize me a bit.

I was always with you..... Drinking from the same cup of tea Filled with mirth of your victory or whenever those black clouds came To shed from your eyes, the heavy rain I used my tactics to brighten the Sun

And all the water used to go in drain.

I was always with you.... Solving the problems you do Getting the scolding of teachers Making fun of eccentric creatures Sharing same punishment outside the class When you don't know what teacher asks In my trials, to get the answer pass.

I was always with you.... Hearing your each heart beat Very close to you, Yet too far Having a pain instilled in my heart What I share, you don't have a part The only wish I want you to make true Recognize me, I am somewhere close to you.

I was always with you.... From as long as your birth Felt everywhere but yet not seen I have shared each fragment of your life To find me, you still strive..... Open your eyes and get around whole view Reading the same rhyme This time, I may be sitting next to you.

I Went Away From Myself.....

My treading feet towards your abode Couldn't trace my footprints back Soul left my body so far..... Couldn't hear yearnings of shadow marred!

Idle

Days turn weeks Weeks turn months Months turn years Time slips and time gallops Those change who run in this race For an idle man In his today and tomorrow this bad hour stays.

If

If love is a dream, Why are we seeking it?

If illusion is a trap, Why are we chasing it?

If happiness comes in sorrow's disguise, Why are we coveting it?

If contentment lies in soul's mirth, Why are we running from it?

If nothing exists in reality, Why are we living for it?

Love

When eyes can't endure your splendid rays It searches for a balmy bower.

When skin can't bear your searing kiss It searches for hold of serene breeze.

When shadow can't restrain your dazzling light It searches for darkness, to hide into zilch.

When wild storm in winter gloom, shakes my heart I don't know why it searches for none but you, Sun.

Love, Obsession And Hatred

Love, hatred and obsession, closely akin The line of separation stands very thin.

Leaped over another, you not even realize That moment when, love became despise.

Running in stride, astray you lead The rose in the garden turns out to be weed.

In quest of love, always deemed to win You never know, indeed you have committed a sin.

Love is an energy, not an invasion It can't be destroyed, has no creation.

If you deliberately imbue seeds of affection The hem of love disappears, heart dives into obsession.

When epiphany of losing strikes the mind Hatred emanates that makes you blind.

Love blows away, specks of hatred tatter your heart You never paused to realize when did it start.

The infection of love cures your heart, charred Love can only be transmitted, it can never get marred.

Mask

this world is her mirror As the image it casts she adorns her mask sometimes with tears sometimes with smile no one knows the face behind one day she has to break come out of her disguise the day she'll be her own mirror mask falls!

Mind Still Asleep

time passing, digging your grave deep wake mind, still asleep....

Pain

O lord, I am suffering; My skin bears no bruise, Nor do I have a disease, I am suffering from the ailment of the universe; From the stillness of the leaves in the blowing wind, Silence of the cicadas in the spring, Cry of the drooping sunflower, Flickering gleam of the stars, A tiny speck of this mammoth cosmos; Separately, my being is incomplete, My eyes roll wherever, my lord, I can feel nothing but pain.

Poetry To Me

poetry to me is like

on the thirsty earth, falling tears of sky a bird free from the cage, takes her first fly the cry of a new born, when life starts salvation achieved after the soul departs.

Possession

Never thou take possession of art You will forget the place where it belongs And keep wandering in wrongs alleys Singing the same old songs.

Rain

The bleak road of my lousy life Has no footprints heading..... Those who have walked past their vestiges have faded, they would show up no more

In the mid-summer days, The sun is busy throwing its balls of fire I don't know why everyday it rains at my place My aching heart rambles in search of a domicile Where it could get warmth to rest in peace.

Flame of my desire has yet not quenched by the ceaseless showers That one day she stumbles on my way It seems sun casted the same shadow of her as mine The tears welling in my eyes, flooded her heart too Finally, my heart finds an abode, eerie and warm.

Now, it rains when it is gloomy outside No more it inundates my soul, I have no despise If it does, I trudge into that quiant place with ever glowing light She too, was running on a wet road, before we met From that day it rains, for us, the meaning has only changed.

Rambling On Streets

Rambling on the streets, I found

Untouched sky, never trudged hills around Sun peeping out of snowy jacket, hails To let my boat free and discover the seas where it could sail Fear of drowning at last drown, My heart flee from the cage that bound
Realm Of His Musical Joy

When he was a boy at sixteen All those things he did, it gets hard to believe in He dropped out his school and left his home Started busking on busy streets Scorching Sun or chilly winds Nothing could force him to retreat He was adamant to concede Wanted to bloom like flower, they treated him like weed He wore rags hiding an opulent heart No degree, no money just love for his art With a book full of sonnets, he fearlessly dart As the sky shine bright with the twinkling stars Chanted his ballads, holding a guitar Oh! His soul got healed wearing a skin with scars Some stopped listening, some passed by He just puffed up his voice till his larynx ached They overlooked he never asked the reason why? Coz he knew his heart is honest and his words never faked A day will come when their feet be paused and minds blocked And the butterflies, the trees, the birds and flowing stream, All set free to dance, the moment on earth will be trance And their eyes won't resist to cry Such will be the realm of his musical joy!

Sound Of Silence

An unknowing howl of joy is in air That I can breathe but can't hear

Reaching every part, through blood it crawls Like an ant creeping on the wall

As feeble as a bawl in vacuum It doesn't sinks in clamour of a room

Relishes my heart with its golden kiss Teeming its exotic wine of bliss

Everything spoken, spilling no word out Sounds of silence blare aloud!

Spool

The invincible spool goes on rolling Unwinding the falling thread If loosely wound, it tangles itself If wound tight, it breaks At mean, lays the balancing beam of freedom from stitching veil of life I am hemmed in, maya.

The Floor

Every time I try hard to sweep the floor clean, Dustier it becomes than before I forget not, to keep the door locked Through a tiny hole, the wind sneaks in.

Thought....

As early as fourteen this thought was sown Ever since then like a cancer it grows.. To discover the purpose of life He traverses ahead a long road In pursuit of his destiny, unknown of what next to board On reaching the extreme, he realizes his purpose is already done The moment, his thought and life is left nothing to serve, their existence cease With that enigma, on heaven's bed the smiling soul rests in peace.

Three Men

Once, three different men had a conversation. One was a business man, other a poet and a saint.

Business man said I am like the night moon Shinning bright in the sky's doom Full fledged with all my opulence I am the closest to the earthy womb Glitz and glitters drape my marks I provide the sight in dark.

Poet said I am like the night stars Twinkling spots on blanket of sky With my own light I shine far and high Earth can only percieve a tint that lie My sphere is larger than yours I render vision to the few who adore.

Saint said I am like the blowing wind Present everywhere, running wild and free Only be felt yet no one can see My realm is infinite, body is mortal For a long span, it cannot acccomodate Ends up scattering my soul after the enlightenment state.

Turning Pages

Turning the pages of my diary.....

I can see that young sapling Sown a day when I was fourteen Is rising and growing into a giant tree It's foliages chasing the gleam of yellow yolk peeping out of cloudy egg It is growing each day in its quest to kiss that old blue stagnant sky.

I can see that tiny bud Resting in a deep slumber Is blooming out yawning high to awake Gradually throwing out its petals It is blooming in a long covet To touch the soothing winter breeze.

I can see that small river Born by the melting of huge glacier Is widening during its course Through the mountains, hills and valleys It is flowing recklessly Down to meet and loose its being Diving into the infinite depth of sea.

Turning the pages, I reached the bookmark On the right, blank pages staring at me

And I can see on the left That young naive girl running alone on roads of her fantasized world Built inside realm of her silent thinking Stealing those unseen, beyond visible spectrum She is running to drink the downpour of wisdom From ethereal fountain of her love- poetry!

When She Went Away....

Oh! From my pathetic life she went away Her feet never treaded back on the bleak road Heading towards my restless heart's abode Everything changed, everything remained the same I took another route, still I was a part of that game And it seemed as if the parting waves of sea Will never strike back the shore The dormant seed'll never wake from its deep sleep New fruits, the plant not gonna bear anymore The needle of clock will not be tracing the path it has tread No more on my lips, smile will ever come back No more the mercy of clouds be shed Leaving barren land of my heart beating, dead With these thoughts brawling in my mind I started walking on the long road I walked past the silent mob where people were talking without speaking I walked past the small kids Playing games without moving I walked past the musical band, busking Singing songs without uttering the notes And I walked on and on, reaching the extreme The long road further paved no more My mind was choked up, heart gave all hopes up Darkness gradually extended its blanket covering my eyes And I felt my end now has arrived...? But then within a fragment of second, I don't know From where a beam, cutting the darkness embraced my heart kicking off those gloomy clouds....they hastily depart, From the back an enchanting voice gave a call it seemed Whispering in my ears, it screamed, Like a river, life has to recklessly flow The boat gonna drown, if the oar I stop to row Cause the present never stepped back to past Nor it knows the place where future stands And so turning back, with the present I decided to shake hands.

When You Fall In Love

The chords of her heart Resting in a long covet For those fingers to touch them And press hard against To let her body possess the music of love Which no else can hear And like a boat sailing on the sea She may float on it for rest of her life Recklessly without any fear And then the day came..... When she fell in love The cords of her heart remain untouched But her soul was lifted..... By the music originating from an unknown source She told none, but everyone could hear How? She knows not Cause it was not the boat which was sailing It was the sea holding the boat Through its buoyancy Cause she thought it was she who possessed love But it was love that possessed her.

When...

When Sun douse inside the old blue sea Thorns turn bald seeing the capering bee.

When sky descends, bowing valorous marred earth Roots free the trees, to soar high fulfilling their mirth.

When a rich preaches a vagabond not to beg An eagle saves a sparrow's falling egg.

When none dreams of a Phoenix's life Peace burns war, air devoid of worldly strife.

When streams of 'they' unite to form ocean of 'we' Our boats may be different but we row on same sea.

When everything around changes, never happened before The day our voyage of love begins, proceeding from shore.

White Crayon

Akin to seven colors I was the white crayon They filled their silhouette Splendid and bright Alas! My head turned broad Leaving a blank canvas drawn Staying among motley wax My endeavors were hidden, Unseen, unborn Proceeding the book of life Came a day in the halfway When eyes stuck on the black page Finger lingering through all From the box of crayons, I was picked!

You Are Not An Atheist

If every morning, God's prayers you don't recite In his praise, do not sing any hymn No rituals in life, do you abide, then You are not an atheist my friend If you have belief in yourself Searching him outside is all futile It's inside your heart, God builds his domicile.

If you don't go for a pilgrimage Reaching high hills or low plains Don't follow the preaching of a sage You are not an atheist my friend If you have faith in your capabilities God lits up the light of courage in heart In stark darkness, you can find your path.

In worst of your times my friend When rays of hope reflect back, striking your door You may not give him a call, accuse him instead you are not an atheist my friend He would just smile..to him, the fate is known, Rising all the wide steps, when all your strength perspire The beautiful site above will then be shown.

Finally, once you reach the top The throbbing of your heart stops It will be loaded with ocean of tranquillity God seated inside in unfathomable depth You may think you reached the top without his help You are not an atheist my friend Just think again...... How could you see site, if those steps weren't paved to ascend?

If someday you realise the answer you recieve May regret what you have always perceived If there's no road, there's no destination And if the road is plain, journey is short, the less you gain If there are laid many gravels, twist and turns Far you travel, heart bliss-outs, even if skin may burn My friend, if then you realise God's role Say it to yourself, ' I am not an atheist anymore.'