**Poetry Series** 

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## A Bit Of Your Time

How busy? Hear me out Look at me Please don't let it be.

Later a distant me A loosened tie Even when I speak Get to hear you die.

A bit of time Make it prime Let's be with each other You and me.

## A Chase

Since birth It's an endless chase. A carrot was hung before me And I was made to run.

Run....run..... Surpass others Make sure you grab it Before anyone.

The carrot went on Changing its nature and color Once you hung it for me Now see, I have my own.

Once a compulsion Now an instilled obsession Drives me hard Says, run and run.

Dropped humanity Lost love Stay behind; Time for none.

Is it all I am here for? Bother sometimes A raising question.

## A Drop Of Summer Rain

A euphoric confluence On facial terrain... Stream of sweat meets A drop of summer rain.

## A Farmer

Summer afternoon... Heart cries for dark shade in sky Burnt field has his long shadow.

# A Glimpse

A daily comet... There she walks by Radiating moments of joy!

## A Good Morning Wish

A touch Like the first ray of morning Sun Wipes out the accrued pain of darkness. The world of mine of a sleepless night Suddenly gets drenched in flurry of colors.

The silence breaks with so much of joy all around. Hear it in birds' song, In fluttering wings of butterflies, In opening of petals of blossoming flowers.

Your Good Morning wish sets free my Captive heart It spreads wings and soars high, Embracing the blue of endless sky. I feel my heart gets painted in colors Of this blissful world of flowers And butterflies. Suddenly I find my world has no horizon.

#### A Night By The Sea

While I look at the Ocean The Setting Sun at the horizon bleeds Someone from behind, pulls the curtain Hidden pain, we rarely read

The shadow of silence, when embraces the darkness The abandoned shore finds only life in me Pondering thoughts dive in search of you My heart creeps into the turbulent sea

You must be fast asleep now in serenity of land Swelling waves are my love, emotions Cry, Roar and then unheard, break on sand They resurge to draw attention

Voice of sea will soon be lost in the midst of noise You would wake up in brightness of day Love never dies, whether you want to know The ocean will feel then, it's needless to say

## A Piece Of Sunshine

Smiling winter bead.... In gloomy cloudy field Blooming mustard seeds.

#### A Poetic Existence

Want to be with you; The desire suffers all day long Amidst my routine work. Meetings, reports, presentations Keep you away from me like a distant dream.

You come and waive your hands at me And I let you go. Like the way, You came to embrace me today; When I heard the sound of first drop of monsoon rain On my window glass pane.

With the strike of Northwester, When a sudden darkness dropped its curtain In the meeting room And a speech stopped with complete silence, I could not respond.

Not that I could open the door for you. I let you leave quietly. I wait patiently till then, When the tide of work mellows down With its submission to the silent standstill world.

When the Moon might be in the sky Or it is a Moonless starry night And the earth goes off to sleep. Shackle free, I stand before you Pull you in close to my heart.

Your wordy body with touch of my lips Becomes bright, more meaningful Shines in the ocean of silence.

Oh poetry, my love Look at me Tearing the clothing of all day long; Bare, a true self of mine awaits To be with you, To move into you, To float with you in ecstasy...

## A Ride

Steer in nightmare Rolling down brake free On a steeply priced road Riding on rupee!

## A Search

I walk beneath the night sky. Thoughts arising from gazing at stars are like aimless breeze, Chasing an emptiness, Where the world has lost it's horizon.

Time passes by. The run since birth continues. Happiness is still an illusion. The wind is getting stronger around me. The cloud is stealing the stars. My mind is becoming stormy ocean. Restless thoughts search for light in purpose of life.

## A Storm

Look out of the window. The nature seems to have turned into a mirror of my mind. The clouds have taken over the sky. They are like the disturbing thoughts of my mind, Want to burst out in pain. As it gets a shape of a thundering storm, The downpour is not just rain, my dear, But, my tears. It may cool down the earth, Not sure, if my mind.

## A Storm Within

Grow stronger..

Restless wind, Let it today Break the door.

Those are immured in, Should find a way To life's core.

Come pleasing rain To wash away Darkness grew in store.

Burn me no longer!

# A Touch

So effortlessly You come and go; You may not know How you touch the world! It's a gloomy day Gets a sudden glow By a piece of sunshine And the color of a rainbow.

## A Win Over Cancer

The claws get deeper in your body, every day. Pain is written all over your face. The disease seems to have pushed you Many years ahead. Wrinkled skin, eyes sank in; Terribly thin Body, confined to bed Merely exists. My heart cries for you, Mama. You seem to be now alone in this battle; Fighting every moment for your life. I find it difficult to see you suffer. But nothing works in our favor. My heart bleeds. I shout for help. Responses only pave the way To a deeper darkness. Helpless me, look at your eyes. They still shower so much love for me. Nothing could win over it, ever.

## Affair

Password protection... Mobile love not proved. She follows his finger moves!

#### After Death

Haughtiness bays For the roles you play But nothing is yours What you assume.

King and beggar Would sit together, Once they are back In the dressing room.

#### **Another Journey**

After a stormy night, It's a clear sky. The Sun is shining bright. Soil still have smell of rain. The wind is blowing. So my beliefs. The heart knows by now, You wouldn't back again.

When you took away the candle, I held The darkness appeared bigger than dream. Twilight of morning has wiped the black. Life gets flow of a stream. Nothing is forever, nothing remains. End of a journey, just another begins.

#### Another Summer

Burning heat... Melting tar of urban street Sticks onto many walking feet.

## Ashamed

Sweating mirror... Lust thought the least Left burnt faces!

#### **Autumn Leaves**

She walks away... Shedding colors Follow her footsteps.

## Banyan Tree

A closely knit family... Grandpa holds his branches With roots to the ground.

## Be Careful, Little Girl

Once upon a time, We had lived with our fairy tales. With humans turning into animals, Reality now is harshly magical!

#### Be In This Moment

This is what you have, this very moment. Do not look back. What would you do with them? Those glittering moments may just blind you. You may just sink into the darkness of misery. Your future, you may plan Why would you move in there now? It may be there, even may not be. Before this moment goes out of hand Before it is called a history, You be in this moment, In this very moment And make the best out of it If you can.

# **Beach Cycling**

Cycling along the shore.... Endless waves die Breathe again in ocean.

#### Because Of You

It was once for you In the summer sun, the sense of gentle breeze Stirred my heart. The words of mine were shedding jasmine, Only found the hard ground to fall upon, Beneath your feet, ignored.... Wish you ever knew! With the closed eyes though I carried a fragrant soul, only because of you.

It was only because of you then A storm arouse to leave an inebriated mind I floated like a broken leaf in that wind Whispered in your ears my pain, my joy... Didn't know though, if I was ever heard! Amazed at your beauty of bloomed Poinciana Colored heart of mine ever cared for you; Even I feared sometimes of losing you When your open arms seemed to have touched the sky.

It was only because of you I ever had wings to fly... My dreams could touch the rainbow... Waiting to bloom, I knew the bud's cry. With the tide of time, I find you far away. Dreams are like autumn leaves, broken.... Found ground to lie. Craving for love the deserted heart only knew To shower tears upon stones. It's because of you.

## Bifocal

Grandpa's vision.... For short and far Makes a clear division.

# Birthday

My birthday still.. Celebrations not around her For life, who made it until!

## Blooming

In a wonder filled morning The bud opens her eyes from slumber Questions on her petal lips are forming Bees and butterflies are responders.

# **Blooming Lavender**

Caressing warmth... In fragrant purple Heart unfurls!

## Blurred

Winter morning... Grandchild opens the window, Clears the blurred world.

#### **Break The Walls**

Hear the shout-It's place to be. But time runs out For you and me

Caged mind.. Make it free. Wall you find, Won't let you see

Beautiful earth, Little we know. Limiting mirth, The way we go.

Break the walls And hold each hand Not far at all Heaven lies on land.

## Burning

Burning..... His poverty in winter Leaves life on leaves lifeless!
### **Burnt Our Soul**

The black behind the white clothes Are suddenly out. Coal-gate and Rail-gate Are just a few to name them.

Gentle men.....not they are, The nation shouts. With honey trap and money trap, They have shamed the game.

Modesty was put at stake even then; Being in its clout, With trading and betting in the past Panchali was even thrown before lust.

Nothing changed! Cupidity runs through our blood, Decides goal. Chasing them often we Burnt our soul.

## Caged

Why to keep one in cage Who wants to fly If minds live in rage And hearts miss the sky!

#### Charoibeti - Move On

The moon was showering love All through the night; The glowing earth looked magical In his arms. With flowing ecstasy When he was blissfully bright My envied eyes From the pain of estrangement Asked the moon... Why am I so lonely?

At the breaking of dawn Losing his beloved to the Sun Fading away in the sky Doleful Moon said, That is Earth Where nothing is eternal Whether it's sadness or mirth Charoibeti...... Life would move on Some may move away But some would come along.

### **Cinder Of Love**

Your indifference Made me close the door; But love never dies, Cinder burns me more.

## **Colorful Autumn**

The falling Sun... Leaves hold the evening sky Colorful Autumn!

### Communal

Not that we would die Blindfolded, in communal potholes; Walk together, you and I Light the world with flame of soul.

### Conscience

When my mind becomes battlefield
Thoughts get engaged in war.
When I bleed but do not know,
Which way I should go!
I push aside Dhitarastra's blind eyes.
This war is inevitable and some should die,
Conscience Krishna speaks.
There is call for Arjuna to pick up his bow.
Do not let your weaknesses to grow.
How close some remained,
Move on and ignore the pain.
Listen to what inner voice seeks.

## Conscience (2)

Sita is our divine inner being Gets lured every day by golden deers; Greed for ostensible worthiness of luxurious world Drives Rama's strength to chase without care. In our materialistic success, we may discover Maricha Leading to the realization of an empty chase. But by then we would have lost our Sita.... May Rama walk the path of divine embrace.

## Courageous

Rising Sun... Fear is like shrinking shadow, Trampled beneath his burning life.

### Distance

You aren't with me. But the shadow of you When gets bigger in my wearied mind, And the inexplicable distance hurts; I cannot cross it over.

Sinking in that pain, Do not know when Distrait I Open the window of Facebook.

My eyes discover And then unknowingly follow Your footmarks. I walk along Your feelings, Your thoughts, Your thoughts, Your memories And suddenly see Those footprints are lost Amidst the crowd. I do not find them anymore.

In the abyss of my heart The distance between us Like a cloud brings in tears I close the window of Facebook But it can't stop me from getting drenched.

### **Down With Fever**

Capricious weather shoved me onto the bed Thoughts are assembling in my mind Know, they would soon become a roaring crowd They wouldn't let me lie A voice within clear and loud Get onto your feet.....yes, I will try.

# Drought

Drying up dreams.... Wind carried the cloud's laughter Thirst killed the stream.

# Drying Up

Drying up well... Leaning over farther he tries But her love is about to die.

## Dusk

The setting Sun..... Far reaching shadows fade away, Dissolve into none.

### **Election Campaign**

Dreams get broken In mirroring thoughts; Progress suddenly Gets to see an abort!

Of hurling words We're never short Images are unsure Did they distort?

### Emotions

Rolling tears... The river never dried up, Though tried for years.

### End Of Nor'Wester

Sinks in mire.. Dancing dust in wind insane Grounded soon with fall of rain.

#### Existence

My words, My silence Do not touch you anymore. With every passing moments, A pain slowly swallows my mind And a question gets bigger, Do I not exist? As I sink in to my grave, I do not let you die. You breathe in my words. My silence keeps you alive.

## Fake

Darkness cuts through the sheath of glitter; 'HALLA BOL' of fake cricket Was the noise of our empty lives. We remained caught up with it. Now the realization turns it awfully bitter!

# Falling In Love

Blowing wind..... Love carrying my heart, Knows neither future nor past.

# Fan

Summer roars.... My aged fan in the battle What makes it count is only rattle!

## Festival Of Light

When the light and sound took over the World,I was immersed in well of silence.I called out for you.It got lost in sound of joy.In the darkness, lit up a lamp within.Discovered a world around,which is so different than what I knew.

### **Few Words**

No sooner did you speak few words Breaking the long silence Than my accrued pain of distance broke free in tears Like gushed out water from an open dam Intense..... Billowy..... Tearing apart my long mask of indifference. Though I was yet to find you behind the haze I stood before you exposed. Naked emotions in my tears through the night Lie now like frozen dew drops in thousands Mirroring my love for you, Overt and bright. Oh Dear..., Piercing the cloud you come, Shredding the mist you come Removing the cold you come Let your love for me come in light.

## Fire

The fire is burning in cruel, covetous minds, Flouting the pride of civilization. Our ethics were burning. Now it burnt you into dust, Damini. Masks drop to expose our despicable existence. How much we try to glorify your fight By calling you brave-heart; I know, it didn't make any sense to you. Not veneration under the spot lights, But you just wanted to live, Like a simple girl with usual human rights.

This world was snatched away from you And you were turned into ashes. But the fire you ignited is flaring up now It has shaken the inertia of ages. Let it grow, let it spread like a wildfire, Let it reach the dirt of rotting mind. We know, you are never one but many Whether it's a living dead or a grave; We can hear your cry. Damini, till you get to live freely We wouldn't let the fire die.

#### **Five Senses**

The light finds it hard to get in. Like weed in jungle Uncontrolled They grow since birth Covering the soul Stand within wild and strong.

Immersed in the darkness of grave Day in and day out The blindfolded mind like a slave, With a blackened mask of ego Knowing what our senses crave, Works for their drooping tongues.

The plants can be trimmed, Only if we know the pleasure of light. The horizon of the sky can be unveiled, When we try to reach beyond the sight. A garden within us, we all carry It's felt only with the upkeep right.

### Freedom

Through my words From the sea of darkness I raise my head to get drenched In the first ray of the morning Sun. The heart goes free to fly The wings take on the colorful sky. So take all, But leave my heart. Do not cage me please... I do not wish to die.

## Futile

Summer holidays.... In the Sun, the child plays; Man proposes, God disposes.

# Gardening

Grandpa's gardening... In children's laughter His flowers blossom.

## Glaring

Summer afternoon... Burns remind of blade That had chopped off shade.

## Her Laughter

Her laughter... Waves on my lonely shore. Moment's master.. How it fills my empty pores!

## Her Smile

I know how it is When she smiles for others And deep inside her a disturbed weather Bangs the doors, Wants to come out break open. As I know what it takes When a plant holds flower On a land barren. As I know how it is When well being of a son bothers More than her pain to a dying mother. I look at her and wonder How she hides her pain under As the smile at the edge of her lips shines. Is it love or life I simply mesmerize. Before the light, the darkness surrenders.

### I Am A Common Man

In the darkness with many others I stand in solidarity With lit up candle in hand To raise the cause of humanity and honesty, To voice my fight for justice, To uphold love and peace, Awakening the conscience....

I am a common man.

So common that.... I often get pushed into a gutter Where I am left to suffer With mountainous patience Day in and day out.

It's so common that My dignity and my decency Are torn apart every now and then And I lie in absolute inadvertence.

So common that.... When I scream my lungs out They can walk all over me With water cannons and batons Trampling my voice Beneath their feet.

Yet I rise Yet I dream My existence when burns like a candle I still walk the way of my ancestors Searching for true independence.

In the candle flame... Look at my indomitable courage, My aspirations My assiduous struggle. I am a common man.

### I And Poetry

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## I Care

She has gone, leaving me behind As I was never there before; The feelings of mine, As in so many words were never spoken; I wander in the abyss of my mind Without shore, In search of the road that defines Why a heart is broken?

In that loneliness, draws attention An unknown creeper... The swinging hands to seek support Push through air a bit deeper.

While I put its hands around the rail, "Dear", softly I say, "I am here." In a depressing afternoon from my balcony Clapping their wings when the pigeon couple flies away, See two lives in the shells hang at the edge of a window ledge Are about to cause dismay.

While I push them back in the nest with care I murmur, "I am here." Suddenly the darkness descends on earth Thundering storm brings in rain Hearing a stray puppy's cry I walk out on the passing lane.

As it shivers without a shelter in absolute despair I pick up the whelp in my arm to say, I care. The pain within me seems to have spread its wings All over the world, in every being. I walk across to all to wipe the tears And pull them in close to my heart to say, I care.
### I Remember You

Open my eyes. You never slept in my sub-concious mind. The freshness of the morning all around me. I remember you.

Amongst the crowd of many, When my time flies, You emerge from nowhere. And remind me of you.

When a day is gone,I stand before myself and an emptiness.Look back to see the distance still remained.I am ready for another long walk.Pull in hopes and new promises close to my heart.While I wait for another morning.I remember you.

#### I Will Not Return

I will not return. Away from you, it may be a different world! Where I do not get to see you, Where I long to hear your voice But still deep in my heart you live. Where the stream of love flows, Where thoughts of you like a blowing wind Leaving all worries, Carries my mind into my dream. Where we walk through an ecstatic land Neither the wall nor the horizon Ever there dare to rise. Dear, I will ever see you there.

I do not wish to return ever again Where my love finds hard to breathe Where I lie unnoticed with billowing pain Even when you are there If my deserted heart cries for rain, And loneliness ever grows bigger You may be there but you don't remain. Where the possessive mind ever covers my heart Where I lose you every now and then The place I forever depart, No, I wouldn't be back again.

# I Write

I write.....

You may wipe off my words within your reach. My ink may go beneath the paint white. I would still come up with freedom of speech, To reach the dawn of my dream, I write.

When thoughts assemble and stir my mind, They surge and flow in words of stream, Paving the way for my glint of joy, It may even be gloom of pain. Shades of nightmare Or shine of my dream.... When brings within restive tides, For sailing to a silent shore My heart always makes me write.

Words are my bridge to reach you Words are my wings to fly Words are my colors of rainbow To tear the darkened sky. Words are my mild morning breeze Opens window to bring in the day bright; I breathe through my words Till I live, I would write.

# Icicles

Though the storms now have gone For tender heart, it was hard to bear; The senses torn got cold fences drawn And falling tears have turned to spears.

### Ignorance

A step towards light Leaves a bigger shadow. Larger darkness in sight... Oh, so little I know!

### Illumination

Neon sign glows In alluring brightness we are blind; Darkness quietly cries behind.

### Illusion

You came like a strong wind Blew me away like dust. Far from ground of reality Above the clouds, I was gliding like a balloon Filled with joy. Never knew how the time passed by.

I woke up in rain. From the sky As I fall along with the water drop Hitting hard on the surface of ground, I can't see you around. I love my dream. But I don't want to sleep again.

### Immersion

Her tearful eyes... Drowning in the dark river Taking colors of our sky!

# Immersion Of Goddess Durga

As if you return to the ocean of conscience, Losing your form into a formless, absolute existence. Surface within an eternal belief, that you are never gone You would emerge raising your arms to win over the demon.

### Inheritance

The afternoon Sun... Father finds in his son A growing shadow.

# Inhumanity

In a duel of laughter At man digging his grave, Peers are the Sun and a sunflower.

### It's Another Day

It's another day.

Many mails, yet an empty mail box. Many calls, yet an empty mind. Facebook is flooded with thoughts, Yet it missed something. What should I say? What the mind searched for Remained as misty as this morning. It's another day.

#### It's Madness

It's madness. What madness! I live in it....I die.

It's sweetness.... How the sweetness In beauty On a bright day Can let me ever stay away! I move around, I sing around... Colors of my dreams Shine on my wings. Amidst sweetness, Inebriated I fly.

It's madness. What madness! In sweetness, how I lie!

In darkness, How darkness You light up my desire! See beauty Of fire. I'm pulled in, I dive in... How ecstasy Breaks all ties! Embracing the fire, In darkness I die.

It's madness. What madness! How alluring is this fire, While burning I lie!

It's madness! All madness.... I live in it.....I die.

#### It's Winter

Speeding life on the highway of time discovers... Suddenly losing its severity shines the morning mild Sun!

In gentle breeze, dusty leaves of roadside plants shiver... I was left to guess, what would be there at the misty horizon!

Did I see an aged man by the road covered in pullover? Abrupt goose bumps confirm, it's time for winter to take over.

# Jealousy

Jealousy burns ...

Burning hearts Covered in smoke Turn blind.

It's self-imposed Darkness By closed minds.

What shines bright No one can hide Seems poor few never find.

#### Land Of The Heart

Events drizzle.. Moist heart dries soon, Lying at blowing moments' will.

Create ripple... Amidst few tarns in dunes Falling drops when find them still.

Deep inside Where those tarns, how formed Do not know. Stirred heart knows it though What blowing moments cannot steal.

Events drizzle Deep inside feel sometimes Enlarging ripples.

### Learning

Heavy backpack Wouldn't let a child stand straight, Deformed spine is a change of state!

# Life

I lost you behind the silence. Beneath the rocks, like The time stops at eternal peace. You are there still, as bright in my mind. I fly with the strong wind of time, chasing my dream. It shines like the North star in the darkness, Drives me hard every moment.

As I fly with the wind, Collide often with hard realities. It brings me down. It makes me cry. It steals my direction sometimes. I rise from the ground again to get airborne. Life is also about touch of love, Float in happiness and peace.

#### Life - 2

We float with the tides of time, Dance with boundless joy At the crest of waves... Sometimes the mind plunges deep down At the darkened trough Where long sadness seems To grow longer... Stretched out hands seek more To stay afloat.

Driven by an unquenched thirst, Tangled up in many, Engaged in an endless struggle, Do we really know Where are we heading to?

The shore awaits... We will be thrown onto it one day. It's a world of eternal peace. All that we held all along, Would simply float away With the tide of illusory world.

When I look back and see, It's a pain which grows within me; Nothing, that I had offered to this world. An existence thus will wash away Will I ever let it be?

### Life Or Death

Mid-day meal... Hunger smoldered while she wondered, If it is again made to kill!

### Life Returns On Earth With A New Dawn

As the Sun goes down at the horizon Soaked in its color mourning sky remembers the glorious time; Like a man lives in memories after his death. With a heavy heart the earth immerses itself in deeper darkness. I know the pain of losing a close one. Time seems to stop at growing silence, Whether it witnesses dew drops or tears.

But the Sun will rise. The memories will fade away. Subtle pain in corner of our heart may raise its head sometime; We will move on. New hopes, new promises will take us along Into a new day. I know by now, Life returns on earth with a new dawn.

### Lonely Soul

Wrinkles on face Hair turning grey. How much you care, Body still slips away. You may love it the most But it leaves you one day. So nothing is yours The lonely soul says.

#### Love

You wouldn't get to know, When it raises it's head. But, it's soon a mountain. Caught up in a strange world Of pleasure and pain, When you cannot look beyond, It's love. Let the love rain. The heart is held in it's palm. Beneath it's feet, when the mind remains, You are in love. Let the love rain.

#### Love And Life At The Sea Shore

A castle was built with sands Many moments of love and care, At the sea shore, how he dared? But the boy brought it up with his hands.

A big wave brought it down. It didn't last, his moments of joy How a blow could destroy Saw the boy, his castle drowned.

He wept for long but stood up again. Love and dreams, those around you Bring you back in life too. Collecting shells drove him when.

### Loving Tree

Cooling autumn evening... Baring herself to cover her mother Earth's caring child.

#### Masks Are Falling

Masks are falling. Don't say it please, that you are wearing it too. Harrowing wind, distressing rain, Freezing cold and burning heat - I have seen it all. Looking at your face, I walked pass through. Now tremor beneath my feet. Don't let the color go off. If the earth is still so green, That's because of you. If the time stopped at dusk, Oh dear, the reason I knew. Masks are falling. Please remain the way you were. I fear to see you new.

#### Miss You

Something pushed me back On the road again. My heart cried for you. I float in the tide now Like a broken stem. The root is at the shore, Where my life remains. You watched me leaving, Bade me good-bye. I have seen your eyes. You didn't need words To express your pain. My heart was breaking. I had to leave. I had to continue my walk again.

# Misty Highway

Chilling spine.... Suddenly blinking tail lamps Cannot find.

### **Misty Times**

I was there, even you In the mist, we never knew. I carried you in my mind In your heart, I ever grew. Distance though ever remained It's misty times, we walk through.

#### Monsoon Love

Drenched.... Was holding her umbrella above Ma was in rain, I was in her love.

#### Monsoon On Hills

Sitting on the edge of a hill, I saw how the monsoon clouds Rose from the bottom To slowly cover the mountains; As if You pulled the blanket on me, Kissing me on my forehead Wishing me Good Night!

The lost mountain Reminded me of you, Ma.

With you, The beautiful mountain, That stood by me, Faced the storms And made me see How the storms that went by, Were lost forever.

It's drizzling all around. Lost in your thoughts, I feel the downpour inside me.

## Mother

Moonlit sky... Growing radiance overflows Her womb from crescent turned full.

#### **Mutual Admiration**

The Sun shines. Raising another head, We have made Our own bliss of shade.

#### My Dreams

Sleep brings in tranquility. The roaring waves of thoughts Slowly disappear Beneath the placid mind In the void of darkness -Dense and fathomless.

Then what stirs the black? That suddenly from the deep bottom What ascend like colorful bubbles, Glide with ease Between the reality and unreality And my bewitched mind Follows a story in formation! I wonder, Are they just dreams Or waking up of my sleeping desires?

# My Love

You saw the darkness beneath the earthen lamp. Wish you had seen the flames Try to reach out its heart And you wouldn't get reason to blame. Not where it failed but see above How small it may look and how mild it may be With warmth in its soul spreads light of love It aims your world to fill with glee.
# My Sunshine

The earth dies for bit of warmth. I have lost you in this mist. Do not know, how far are you, Or how close! I can feel the shiver in my spine. Where are you, my sunshine?

### **New Year**

Spring returns.... Tree of belief sprouts anew Hopes and dreams.

## Newspaper Man

Drops while he runs Balconies high up await a catch Find throws accurately in Not making it to the ground in time Makes a story of a lost match.

### Nib Creep – A Casualty

While invading a new territory, It became the reason For the region's lost glory.

Once the object of pride, Now needs a place to hide, As it knows, It has written a sad story.

In the pocket of explosion Hanging its head with shame, I've just seen my favorite pen.

# Night Autumn Sky

Bubble bath.... Moon's glowing face Floats in cloud covered sky.

#### Nor'Wester

Growing darkness... Wild gust from the west Is shaking the tree, Breaks to wrest its Young branches In flying spree.

Cloud on the face Of the setting Sun, Who fears to see, Lives that tied with The shades get uprooted-Vagabonds shaklefree!

### Obsession

What do I do? Like I hear the beats of a distant drum Its resonance plays in my mind. Caught in its rhythm, inebriated I do not know what to do. It's you, you.....and you.

I close all my windows Thoughts of you still sneak in, How, I do not know. Soon I am swept away, Like floodwater gushed through A barren land. Dancing on its wave, in my ecstasy It's you, you .....and you.

You are not with me Not that you would ever be Would I ever understand? As I do not want to see Closing my eyes, I hear the wind blow It whispers by my ear not a name new But it's you......and you.....and you.

### Ocean

Full Moon.... Swelling love in waves Kissing her face.

## Oh, My Dear

Smile please....

In a smile At edge of your lips I always find... A lightning To brighten up My placid mind.

Do not cry.....

A drop of tear Like a pearl If rolls down from your eyes, Oh my dear, I see my world, How it darkens with cloudy sky.

Speak up please...

Silent you A mystery Like a misty day. Restless, I wander In search of you Find hard to stay.

You and I... Tied with hidden thread. All you do... In my heart ripples made.

# On Death

Gather many around With shedding tears; Shower praises abound Who didn't care.

### On Republic Day

Not a long ago, It was another dawn. When a newborn Took the first step On a new laid out path To reach the dreams of many martyrs. The fluttering flag Was singing the shackle-free song. Amidst the joy all around, Holding heads high We stood up strong, With hopes in our hearts Carrying on its crest A pledge of a new bright day And the seeds of a new harvest.

But do not know, When did we embrace the night? Inexhaustible spirit still glows like a moon But the soul quietly bleeds in the fight. Corruptions made us stand In a torn clad of moral. In pale body, life doesn't flow with ease Religions and castes are raising the walls. We never dreamt this nation new, Where freedom becomes the word for few.

Still.... when I hear the raising voices And the slogans of many, Whether it's against corruption Or for abuse any..... It seems like the bells ringing far off In a church or a temple. It's like Azan in Mosques Announcing the time of breaking the night... When thousands assemble in candle march, Do I see a radiant sky, where the darkness is gone? I hold the tricolor close to my heart Hoping, I would see another dawn.

# On Road

I didn't let him drive pass me. Who he was not known Neither was it a race to be won Still I picked up the speed What made me maintain the lead?

You stopped but much ahead of the line Now a man drove pass to stand before you Breaking the rule at signal seemed nothing new Neither you were chasing the time nor was he How would you look at, what we see?

Are we impatient? Or the soul of deep planted rat race Driving us every now and then? Should I call it our ego, Which raised its head again? One may see the caged emotions Looked out ways to get free... But, whatever it might be; How it's crushing our senses I really wonder to see.

## **Open The Windows**

Open the windows. What are you scared of? The darkness...... That's fear of your mind. Look at the moonlit landscape, Showered in Blue haze the magical world. Sky is like a canopy of glittering stars With open arms embracing horizon. Let the darkness be there. The beauty otherwise would never be known.

## **Our Voice**

You may clamp the wings You may chain the feet You may snatch the sky The heart can't still be caged When the time comes to fly... If you leave a graveyard It will pull in vultures When you make a garden It gets you butterflies.

### Out Of Cocoon

Breaking the darkness Trembles ebullient heart. Hope within The early morning Sun; Bathing in it The world around glitters. Wings open With life's first flutter Dream thus Gets a flying start.

## Over A Fight With My Dearest

Don't walk away. If words failed to make the bridge, Let silence pave the way. We walked through the hardest time, Sailed the roughest bay. Distance can't be ever so big, it will keep us under it's sway. Please, don't walk away.

### Pace Of Time

Alphabets are like abstract images Meaningless, they stand before you; You went through them so many times News they carry are no longer new.

But you would still pick up the newspaper, Read it time and again. You are scared of the slow pace of time... The loneliness offers nothing but pain.

Within the four walls, when time has lost its motion, Papa, I know what you go through... But, out here I chase the speeding time, Forgive me now, I can't sit beside you.

As much as you suffer from isolation, I suffer from the transgression too; Losing control in the tide of time, I really do not know what to do!

### Periphery Of Sensitivity

Stay quiet, do not complain. What are you talking about? You must know the periphery of sensitivity Stay within.

Your five year daughter might have been raped. So what? Look at your character, madam. Keep running from pillar to post. Who cares, if you cry behind doors? Life moves on...

A child was made to drink her urine. Stay quiet, do not complain. It happens sometimes... It is normal. The warden did her job. She would not wet her bed again.

Do not get scared If you find the sweeper With knife in hand at operation theater; It is a helping hand.

Aren't you too sensitive about life? What would you do in absence of trained men? So stay quiet, don't complain. Do not try to raise your voice Even if it hurts...

Price rise is normal during inflation. You spend much more on ice-cream It's just few rupees... So stay quiet, do not complain.

See, how we are becoming thick skinned. The spine will soon become non-existent. It is evolution of Indian in independent India. We learned to stay indifferent. There is a periphery of sensitivity, Stay within.

#### Poetry

Back one more time.. Sunshine hope Opens another bud In Petals of words. Thought surfaces From the deep ocean; Joy rides on the crest Of dancing waves.

Like a free fall of a snow flake, Light... Floats with ease, Whispering at breeze, Touches upon my heart; Cools..

Back again one more time.. Growing darkness when Like a rock Sits on my chest; About to take away The breath, Pain flows in tears Flooding the deseted heart. Soaked in...

Raise a plant, Leaves are my words, Rustle song of life.

# **Positive Thinking**

A blank page Holds promises Of immense possibilities.

### Power

Summer's power.... A powerless city Cries of intensity!

## Rain Last Night

Sudden downpour last night Was like burst out tears Of a depressed mind.

Now it's bright morning. No sign of clouds. A far reaching horizon Of new hopes and promises.

### Rainbow

Colors of a Rainbow... In tears, piercing light of joy Makes a life glow!

# Reality

I opened the window, I allowed the wind to move in. Now cyclone in my mind. Thoughts are moving aimlessly. Some beliefs are uprooted, Some fear to loose existence. What stands out now, is reality.

### **Rhythms Do Wonder**

When sounds come together With no harmony; Erratic.. Wild.. It's just a noise.

When surging thoughts of a mind Come in a conflict; It's Restless, Turbulent... Loses its voice.

They produce nothing but pain. It's hurting And spurting, Makes the peace drain.

With consonance Sounds become music. Concordance of thoughts Flows with ease Like beauty of tides. Rhythmic.. Plays like a song. Mind finds a joyous ride And all turns into a pleasing gain.

Rhythms do wonder In life's poetic wander!

## **Rising Voices**

Falling.... Gates after gates. Inside palace, Your ghoulish state So evident, Landlord.

Poor men wait For their turn. Silently Their patience burn. King must get it in return For long, what he has ignored.

### Satyamev Jayate

It was a cartoon! Not to demean his nation, But to mirror his pain. Here his feelings got expression And his caution To the countrymen Of losing the creed, For which The country was ever known. Satyamev Jayate! How much you prove him wrong How much you try to punish him How much you try to keep him Behind closed doors But your gates are opening Every now and then! In the flood of dirt I can see your face. You can see my face darkened.

### Self-Belief

Believe in God And you left all on him! Where is the self-belief? God would do all It seems!

# Shimla

It seems that she stood up with open arms, Raising them high; In the mightiness lies the irresistible desire, Where earth wants to meet the sky.

In the dense green cover Shines the zing of youth. Its touch of love from the blue, As the descended cloud passes by. The night slowly sets in.

Emerging lights on the hills make an alluring coverlet As they come along with blinking stars. Two bodies come close in the darkness, Slip in beneath the sheet at distant far. Entwined in each other they lie, The ecstatic mountain and the blissful sky.

## Silence

Silence never appeared so big before. Bowed down on the floor; Words of mine are baffled...tore. As you are now, far away, Close to me evermore.

### **Sleeping Politicians**

See them fall Deep down the well. End, no one can tell As they see us so small!

Oh! We may not exist at all!

Wonder.. Conscience in slumber How long will encumber To get them on ground?

Death is imminent in free fall!

Cry from our fear And the drops of our tear Weren't loud enough to hear Thinks the growing sound.

Listen, what's the hour's call?

### **Smile Please**

Why do I have to smile? This is how I am And there is no denial.

When I share a moment of mine Please find me the way I am It's not about how you like to see me But with my moods aligned.

Emotions have strong colors Which you see on my face Why to use a brush on it, If that doesn't leave my trace.

This body is just not me Find my emotions too To get me in my photo Without one is untrue.

# Spring

Duvet was pushed aside In sleep. I opened my eyes. The blowing wind Pushed open the window. Carrying sudden warmth The morning sun peeped in. The nature's joy of escaping from sluggishness Saw in bloomed Poinciana. It's springtime.

# Spring Morning

Spring morning... Taking my blanket off, My woken up child smiles.
# Spring Morning-2

Flooding in rain.... Pain of missing warmth Holds me again.

# Spring-1

Misting eyes... Her warm embrace Melting my cold heart!

### Spring-2

While she was fast asleep, A warm embrace Woke her up. A sudden glow in the pallid face Slowly turns fulgent. Krishna in my mind, Is playing flute. Removing veil Exuberant Radha's dance, I see in nature's joy. It's spring time again!

# **Study Tour**

Moonshine..... Monkeys in forest are red-faced Learners' masks fall on joy ride.

### The Distance

Under the same roof they live. Yet they remain unheard to each other. One is stuck with Facebook, Glued onto her mobile is another. The world is shrinking, it is true. What about the distance between the two?

### The Festival Of Lights

Rows of lamps lit up the place. My home was also covered with lights. You feared the darkness leaving a trace... Few candles at the gate would make it right!

Set out for lamps to meet the need of your eyes, I walked through a world of darker night; Where amidst noise, the plea of silence had to die And starved faces with trembling hands stood upright.

While lighting up the facade, we remained unaware About the darkness within, we didn't care.

### The Lost Joy

While I wander around the world From the Mountains to the Oceans, From the deserts to the abundance of green Searching for joy of yesterdays, The small ripples of bliss Could never become even the tiny waves And the boundary of my heart, they did ever miss.

Not a long ago, I had overflowing shore By just gazing at mysterious stars of the night sky, Watching the flapping of wings of butterflies, Chasing the cut kites Or seeing a grasshopper fly, While I held the thread and its tail was tied. Getting drenched in heavy rain And floating the paper boats in waterlogged lane, Creating traps to catch sparrows Or move around like Rama with bow and arrows Were the days of boundless joy, When the mind was fearless for a careless boy!

That limitless joy seems to have been lost beneath the heap of knowledge, Piled up over the years of adulthood and adolescence. I lost my enigmatic world, Alas! I lost my childhood innocence.

### The Unveiling Winter Sun

Hope tearing the grey shroud Lays warmth on frozen bed; Suddenly edges of clouds Get the hold of golden thread.

Slowly woven bright skies Filling colors to fade gray. Leaving indolence to die Dream sees a bright day!

### Thoughts

My thoughts In absence of words, moving aimlessly. In strong wind of life, Some will soon be torn, disarray. Some will loose it's identity. When the words will be mine, Thoughts may not be.

### **Tied With Your Words**

When you speak, my moments experience all horizons of this world. It is from being in colors of rainbow to get immersed in darkness of night. Touches of your words throw me sometimes in bottomless ocean Sometimes they make my day bright.

I just wander around from top of mountains to forested valleys, From burning heat of summer sun to cool shade of banyan trees. Like a sailor in stormy ocean, directionless, oscillating in uncertainty I return to mother's arms to get drenched in love and tranquility. While you speak, you pull all my emotion chords As you are deep inside me, I remain firmly tied with your words.

### Time

Time Imperceptible you, Carrying me on your back Keeping the craic ahead of me, A kindled desire Making inexorable run.

I look back and see How the wilderness of my innocent childhood, The peaks of my adolescent emotions, Tides of my youth's romanticism Have gone past.

For the first time I wished to pull in the reins Looking ahead of the setting Sun. But realized Unstoppable, Irresistible, You are the chariot You are the charioteer too Taking my soul Through the path of life -An experience of increasing awareness.

# **Togetherness In Urbanization**

Blowing dust... Scarring senses Concrete jungle Losing fences.

Asphalt roads... Burying green, Masked humans Look machines.

Speeding lives Desire more... Losing ties Bring in sore.

Blowing dust... Held in arms, My family Biggest charm!

#### Transmute

Autumn heart... In her make over My festive joy!

#### **Twentieth June**

Ma, remembering you My eyes well up with tears; Realize what I have lost Nothing equals your love and care.

The day you were leaving me, Not that you ever wanted to, Your eyes were fixed at me, Pain had turned the face blue.

I made you fight till the end. Yes, I did lie to you. The world had given it up, But a wonder I needed, I knew.

When your life was left in a skeleton And your pain had touched the sky, I prayed to God to take you; Did you read that in my eyes?

You took pain for me through your life For me, you even fought death When I couldn't take it anymore For me, you dropped the last breath.

# Twentieth June Again

Grey skies... Ma, colors of your memories Fill in my empty room

# Tying Hair

Memories of ties... Her open hair clouds eyes Ma is no more!

### **Unnoticed Love**

You are still there in my mind. You are so real, Equally dream sometime Like a distant star out of my reach. I could not wipe you off. Not that, I succeeded in leaving a mark in your heart. Like In history, an insignificant part My existence blinks in the darkness. I knocked on your door. The noise couldn't be bigger than silence of yours. Amidst the crowd, waiving hands of mine Remained unnoticed, did never shine. While I keep getting immersed in deeper darkness I bring in all my love together to set it on fire. If you see it once, Let its warmth reach you once, my dear.

### Unshackle

It was time to bid you, good bye. Tears in my eyes knew, It's inability to hold you back. Still like monsoon rain, It showered, till The reality was absorbed in my mind. You moved on since then, But, why couldn't I?

No more song of suffering Now I want to scream in joy. No more shadow of cloud, Even the happiness cloys. Enough of this close room, Let the walls come down. Let my vision, be filled with green Remove all pale and brown. Let me stand beneath the sky; Open arms like spread out wings Let me think, that I can fly.

### Waiting

Would be meeting you soon; My excited mind was impatient. The hope was as bright as full moon Before the snail paced moments.

The full moon hope is forworn; Still waiting for you. Just passed moments seem long past, As if the time flew!

#### Walk In The Rain

With fringe of cloud She covers the face Piercing it, See the lightening of her smile Hope it rains for a while.

Not run beneath the Sun, But walk in the dark With you beside me, Let it be a few miles Let it rain for a while.

Today let us get drowned In the rain pouring down With streams run on our face, We will stay beguiled Now let it rain for a while.

Feet pushing through the water, We will totter Joy stands so tall that even we fall, It'll still be worthwhile Let it rain for a while.

### Water

Killing Summer....

Holding a pail, the rope runs down deep in a well; Clouds gather on her drought-stricken face Rain showers in me seeing her lightning eyes As searching for life, she has found the trace.

#### Where Do We Go?

Amassed dense darkness of hatred Exploded again! The slaughterers go on Spilling blood; Where do we go?

The cosmetic concerned faces Flocked around the wound To ascertain the vote banks! Soon... They would return unmoved. Where do we go?

Explosives of dividing politics Are laid around us. Alas, the country is forgotten! In the flung torn bodies I fear to see my nation But where do we go?

Look up to my god The soul of India Please let us know Where do we go?

### Why?

Who were you? Why didn't you let the flowers bloom? You poured the darkness over colorful dreams Should the grave be ever a child's room?

### Wind Of Social Networking

They can't hide the skeletons kept in their cupboard any longer. They cannot cut short their tongue of growing hunger. The raging storm is pushing hard their closed doors. You and I are growing stronger than ever before. Swelling darkness behind the curtain was covered for long. In this wind our voice catches wild fire to say it wrong. Feared faces are looking for ways to stop the wind Their hands are reaching your throats, be aware friend!

#### Winter Heart

Dry fallen leaves..... Rustling fills the emptiness She returns.

#### Winter In And Out

To chase the cold away Someone puts on sweater Someone burns the dry leaves And somewhere hearth becomes a fetter. While one sits beneath the Sunshine One finds the closed room better.

Seeking a bit of warmth many windows are open; One looks through Facebook and another follows on Twitter Covered in the mist of loneliness, some await phone calls The heart only knows which touch can make it better.

But for some, the winter is never gone Like one in a closed room with old tear-wet love letters.

### Winter Morning

The golden Moon..... Mist hangs an orange From a bare tree.

# Winter Night

Winter night... Leafless tree stands alone Blooms hope of a sunrise.

#### Wish You Knew

When you could pour in so much of light, Why am I left in darkness? Light a lamp for me please. Where you could bring in flood of joy, Why mind dies in drought of happiness? Let your love drizzle over me please. I Know, you can bring in colors Get me a rainbow. Let the cloud go aside. Let me sink in colour of light Let the bliss overflow. you can add wings to it And my heart can fly. Do you know?

#### Wish You Were With Me

There at the horizon now The sun is meeting the sea. The radiant sky is painted With splashes of yellow and red; It seems, the warmth of love Just came off the water bed. Wish you were with me!

Touching the wings of one another The skeins of geese fly. Do not know, where are they heading to Is it a place unknown or a home nearby? From a distance, I watch the magical moves Where the feelings of love are running high. Wish you were with me!

The shadow of loneliness is getting longer And so is the darkness on the beach. The waxing crescent moon appears brighter, As she finds the stars within reach. Behind the moving clouds, she glows! While she plays with the dear one, I watch the love flow... Wish you were with me!

While I sit on the sand,My unraveled fingersLong to touch your hand.In an emptinessMy heart is about to cryWith the pain within, swelling like waves,Oh dear, my yearning soul here quietly lies.

### Without Him

#### A platform... Childhood fear haunts me still Leaving papa, on rolling wheel.

#### Words From You

Phone beeped again... Hope surged but back in trough Oh! It's not you.

# Worldly Tie

Burning wick Melted wax Holding flame Fearing black.

Worn-out life's Worldly tie Wants the fire Not to die.

### Would You Return?

You didn't return. Winter evening in my heart! In the coldest corner the hope burns And the mysterious smog keeps you apart.

I wander the sphere on which you shined, But the passing moments bring in growing night. Wonder, the glow I would ever find! A freezing heart awaits the presence bright.

### You And I

You came and just swayed my mind The way the cloud of Nor'wester takes over the sky. The way the earth is shaken by the whirlwind, And the downpour washes away all that come by. Like a mere existence in that flow, fully entwined, Dancing on your tune in a complete submission, there was I.

Even after you are gone, you remain... Like the dominance of storm felt in bowed down world Like the lush green fields scream after the rain, And the melody of dripping water entices a heart unfurled, Like an ecstatic heart's dreams, the field is filled with grains. In the joy of harvest, the blooming hopes swirled.

#### You Are In Me

Tied up here at work; But my heart longs for you. Wish you knew. It's a root deep inside me, Pulls me day and night. The soul within is so much yours. If the distance makes you ever feel, That I have moved away. Then you must know, Your presence is as bright As yesterday. Even miles away, I am with you. The lonliness, which haunts you, Makes me sad, moves me too. This heart ever longs for you.

#### You On Facebook

Subdued thoughts are out in open. Unspoken words are suddenly spoken. Free flow of feelings carries shades of emotions. It seems a display of all pride possessions!

Didn't you say that you were on Facebook? While I look for you, I reveal your new look. In the marketing world, I see an egoistic human, Brings out all that he has, to buy attention!

#### You Were Gone

Emptiness has covered my mind. You were gone. This was any way expected. What I never thought, That you would disappear Behind the silence much before. I returned from your door, Time and again. The belief made me wait. Your call to return though never came. Now many miles away, Only wall of impossibility reigns.

### You Would Then Find Me

If my heartbeats are unheard Amidst footsteps of many, When no one there beside you Let you then find me.

In your love I'm bound Did you ever get to see? Seeking me look around You would then find me.

Quietly a blossomed heart All around spilling glee; Touch of spring, if you see It's me because of thee.

If two streams do not meet They will once reach the sea Carrying love when I merge Hope you would then find me

### Your Life

I may have many hopes around you I may like you to be sculpted To bring my dreams into reality But my love, Your life is not a kite that I can fly Tying with the string of my dream; The wind of your aspiration if it goes against, It may find you torn amidst And that would never let you reach the sky. So like a bird You spread out your wings, dear It's your life I am with you to guide your way Let me just be your eyes.

#### Your Presence

When you were away, You were still so much here In ocean deep silence, In torn mind Amidst wild wind thoughts, In love deserted tearful eyes, In life Turned lifeless autumn leaves.

As you return Drench me in incessant rain of love; It's like gush of water on dry river bed, It's like sprouted leaves After the first spell of monsoon rain Opening arms, It's like grey hills Turning green. Oh, Life has touched me again.

#### Your Presence-2

Spring had returned And so had you; Still live in your colors All seasons knew!

#### Your Silence

Dreading Silence..... My voice only echoes From invisible mountains. Growing haze Is devouring the bridge, I try to cross over;

You remained far away At a distant shore. Warmth of some lit up fire Might have stolen your heart Or is it the darkness With reptile blood Suddenly crept in.

Winter claws Are getting in slowly, Cleaving my heart. In misting eyes I look up... Did the Sun ever rise?

#### Your Smile

Your smile in a photo As I come by. Realize...... Love never dies. Over the distance of space and time We may lie Far.... Away from each other At the two extreme end of the world, But when the Sun shines in you Oh Dear, Here, the shadow in moon Removes the darkness From my eyes.