

Poetry Series

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RHYMES WITHOUT A REASON

I think treating/healing people is my calling. A Homeopathic Physician and a Nutritionist by profession.

A spontaneous untrained rmed internationally Rajasthani folk dance and won many accolades.

Poems never came to me until I turned 40.

I was nudged into it by my very dear friend an Iranian poet herself Ms Maya Marayam many other friends have been encouraging me, Mrs Neethu John is one of my most ardent admirer and supporter.

I always call my poems as a collection of 'Rhymes Without A Reason'.

Life has been hard and times have been tough and I guess that is what led to my transformation into someone who enjoys penning down verses...or else I am just another ordinary soul.

43rd Birthday

This year that I turned forty 3
I think I feel now much more free
The threshold of forty was just so great
enriching my life, to so much
I could relate
But adding 3, has further
added color to my tapestry
Looking forward to many more years
colors and hues to life's veneers
yet to darn
there will be no tears

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This time again
Tears taste, the same
This time around
Dark clouds surround
This time for sure
I'll care no more.
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In your,
deep lusty
emerald eyes
I see those faces
Held As. prize.

In touch
Of hands
I feel presence
Of many siren
You have tranced

Your caress
speaks
Orgasmic peaks
The ones
you scaled
Lovers you
Seek

Your kisses
Have the
Aftertaste
Of lovers
Not still
Lost
In haze.

So tell me
What part
Do I get
You are
All empty
Nothing
Left
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Sweet memories
Bitter fears
Sleepless nights
Woeful spears
Those nightmares
Abandonment,
Heartfelt love
Entrapment
Dawn is lost
Deep ocean bed
Cactus thrives
In barren sands
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Mosaic of memories
Tangled up stories
pieces of puzzle
Forever I struggle
Laughter and tears
Chipped off veneers
Blissful facade
Lively charade
Corroding within
All broken strings
I float away
In dawns
Own Rays
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The louder
I laugh
The deeper
I hurt
The softer
My smile
It's bliss
I am stirred
The froth
Of high tide
Destruction
Does ride
Vessels
Are afloat
Quite seas
Do not gloat
It's silence
Not words
Hearts voices
Unheard.
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Every time
I want to
Love you
Shadows lurk
Outside
That halo!

Not a past
Cut loose
And lost
Just recast
Engraved
Your muse

I don't love
By portions
Half
You are
Spent
I get
No part

I am one
Wholesome
I am dirt
You'll get
What you plant
In Earth.

You reap loves
From timeless
Hours
Coffers
Burst
Ennui
At last
Nalini

501

Spring
Youth returned
Fragrance profound
Innocence affirmed.

Fields full of blooms
Sadness can't loom
Shivering cold winters
Past is my ruin.

Buzzing of bees
Breeze swaying trees
Parching dried summers
I'll deal with your heat

Somewhere in heart
Hopes of new start
Although my core
Has lost its spark

Trickle of water
Deep down from rocks
Sapless surroundings
Springs bring succour

Maybe it's my turn
To bring forth leaves
My little sapling
Found its own creek.
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Loss
of my womb
Hollowness,
entombed
You were
Once
My part
Black hole
Now
Stares stark

I will
Feel your loss
I weep
Burned by frost
Tears knock
But I am lost
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No fear
Of death
I fear
No hurt
Since all
That pain
At me
You'd hurled

Something
Within
Is now
Hard crust
Although
Without
I shine
No rust

I have
Survived
Broken
Trust
Spoken
Lies

I stand
unfazed
Life around
Could be
razed
Burning
Fires
Mobs
Cry crazed
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She is gone!
Sweet Voice from east
Her essence too
lost In the breeze

Wispy wings
Carried her away
Dew drops on leaves
Climbed up Suns rays

A delicate flower
She lived on dreams
You trampled her
Couldn't hear her screams?

Prismatic sheen
Through tears
She's seen
On own shadows
She had to lean

Braving through
Heat of the hell
Shivering through
Cold winters spells

Diamond core
Concrete
For shell
In her veins
Pure lava melts

This is what
Become of me
Once water lily
Now cactus creed
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505

Numbed

I feel no pain

Shunned

From your domain

Sweat

That wet my brow

Quenched

Those trees you grow

Grief

As sadness creeps

Tears

See no reprieve

Torn

My parts are strewn

Soul

Escaped unruined

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Betwixt the sea
And the sky
Vastness stirs
Storms do lie

Silent blues
Canvas of hues
Of golden dawns
Dark dewy views

Injured wings
But dreams to fly
I look above
To reach those heights

So many songs
Have come and gone
Feasted on love
Fought famines long

Emptiness in
Darkness to brim
But I live on
Hopes of bright springs
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I saw this girl
Nymph or damsel?
Raven dark locks
Lilting her walk.

Eyes fire bright
Voice, hearts delight
Mind of her own
Fear is unknown

Ageless that face
Moves river's grace
She is winds child
A flower wild

Smile warmed
My heart
Pure vibes
Love's lark

Where did
I see?
Wondrous
Pixie

Backwaters
Lost
Where angels
Flock

This girl
Glanced back
From
Rippling pond

I found
Myself
I am

That
FronD.
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I still remember
Sprawled on the
Floor
Of My home.
Like quick silver
Many pieces
Bruised and gore
But my spirit
And my soul
Still unbroken
Diamond core
Cleansed by flames
I emerge gold pure.
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Love, still wins
It does survive
Trickle of stream
Springs forth
From graphite

Love still lives
Wants to thrive
Songs of raindrops
Monsoon breeze
Earth revived

Love goes on
Morphed
But strong
Lifeless stalks
Bring forth
New fronds

Like sunshine
Warm and bright
Lighting up
Caves
Dank with slight

Love does last
New mould
Recast
Heart to heart
Deep oceans
Vast
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Dusty corners
Of the dusk
Hidden hopes
Under the husk
Diamonds waiting
To be unearth
Every morn
With dawn
Takes birth.
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Look at me
What you see
smile that hides
ocean of tears

Perfectly
It's concealed
Rents in heart
Shapeless fears

No shadows
You Perceive
When grey skies
Dark veneers.

Bliss Unknown
Looks forlorn
Dark alleys
Walked alone
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I have seen
The wispy cloud
Cracking whip
So mighty loud

Razor sharp
Electrifying
Lightening strikes
As worlds decline

Tidal waves
I used to ride
Washed my dreams
In those took pride

Ones I loved
Were harshest hounds
In sheep, s garb
Werewolves are found

I once knew
The right from wrong
Tinder sparks
Been dead for long.

Like dry leaf
Ride winds of change
In whirlpools
I am Sucked again
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Summers
Never seemed
So long,
scorched coal
Blisters turned me
Rock.

Winters
Frozen
To the core
Nothing
Melts this heart
No more

Monsoons
Tears compete
Rain Showers
Rains don't
quench me
Anymore.

Barren,
I am shifting
dune
Travelling
Searching
For everlasting.
Shores
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You move
In packs
Vampire
Bats

Like wolves
In dark
Frenzied
You bark

Alone
Can't stand
In crowds
You blend

When
Critical mass
Lash out
No class

Mediocre minds
Helplessly blind
Enjoy your dance
Piranhas fine

Country of blind
One eyed would shine
In cackle of crows
Symphony just whines.

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There she goes
To the stars
For her stroll
As the dusk
Blends to night
Leaving earth
Hearth behind.
What is left
Lifeless shell
Where she lived
For a while
Essence felt
Vapoured sublime

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Some People grow
On you
Before
You even know

Essence of
Their being
Is one
With your
blood stream

So when
They are gone
No imprints
Are to be found
Just the echo
Of your heart
Within you
Does resound.
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To none belong
I am that scent
From hinter lands
That which escapes
You can't contain
Water on sand

I am the one
Echo of songs
That springs had sung
As rivers drummed
Cascades of ripples
As winds cajoled
To sing and strum

In earthy hues
In shades of blues
From barren dunes
And cryptic runes
You'll find me lost
As I dance alone
to cosmic tunes
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Hearts aches
Heart breaks
Tears wept
Memories raked.

Sunrise,
Life's path
Lonely and long
Sunset
night falls
More barren
forlorn.

More I try
untangle
Fettered self
In this cage
Ripped apart
Lie mangled.
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There will always be
Winter skies
colourful collage
Of varigated kites.

When leaves will fall
And life seems lost
To freezing core
And sapping frost.

I'll hold your string
As you ride on winds
I'll soar secure
Flying high and sure.

Cold winter skies
You and me
Can win this fight.
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Upheavels
Betrayals
Pestilent
Predators
Predestined
Allpains
Crossed over
That bane.
To take on
New sharpnels
New battles
I am trained.
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I could love you mind body and soul.
Yes I am whole.
That is who I am.
Exclusive and deep.
If you could not receive It,
Its cause you live in halves
You love in halves
Just incomplete
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Strike my core
I'll bleed nectar
I am Maple
Makes life sweeter

Burn me down
Fragrance profound
Sandalwood tree
Medicinal when ground

Cast away
I will still bloom
Wildflowers smile
Even in doom.
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Look at me
Knower of all
Worship me
No less than God.
Better than you
I am big and tall
Can't go wrong
Born rich born strong.
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Betrayals
Pestilent
Predators
Predestined
All pains
Crossed over
That bane.
To take on
New sharpnels
New battles
I am trained.
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Fake smiles
Extra wide
Lack true spark.

Faux verve
Dolled up face
Just a mask

Extra musk
On your coat
Hides no stench

All those tomes
In your dome
Darkness dense

Shameless shows
Glitter and gold
So Poor within

From pains we grow
Sadness is plough
Warmth now comes in.
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Shallow vessels
Embellished allure
Pretentious posing
Hides rotten core.

Few drops can fill you
Rivers outpour
I am an ocean
You'll sink to floor

Lustful affections
Predator' s plan
Freed from your clutches
Freed from quick sand

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A Beauty Queen's World

I will see you around
when you touch the ground
For now you are
like a big bright star
Up on the stage
every young heart's craze
With such beauty
and such grace
you make every heart race
Nothing seems to keep you bound
its just lights drama and sound..

But one day
When Sun goes down
And there's no moon
to show you around
When no one sees
that light in you
Even the ones
who claimed
to be true
I will be there
to hold your hand
A humble lantern
my dear friend

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A Chaste Woman's Death

And she died
A. Chaste woman
In her character
And her deeds
Lied the family honour
A proof of her breed

It's was bad
To think of sex
To feel the needs
She should have lacked

Love was always
Same as lust
In male gender
Never trust

Praised like goddess
She could not bow
To carnal pleasures
A rule for sure

To be lifeless
Like a doll
A perfect mannequin
In the stall

So why are you surprised
By her premature demise
For her spirit had long been gone
What remained was shell and hide

Her chastity and modesty
Defined her place, her identity
So when she felt the throb
Of her heart, the rush of warm blood
She knew it was her time
To just depart

A Doctor's Dillema

A sick society gives rise to sick people
or vice versa, I still wonder
One woman is a home maker
While other is a home breaker
Today again
was my day of test
Faced it unprepared
at Almighty's behest
Yet another beautiful girl
a mother, a wife, a home maker
Brainwashed into submissive role
still domestic violence
has not killed her soul
How will I ever heal her pains
when my work entails dealing with
distress at physical plain
The maintaining cause as I now see
is that 'Other woman'
causing pains from adultery
The swellings and the scars
and the bruises in her heart
That torrent of painful tears
while her husband sat their
injuring her
with his insulting jeers.
Who gives men right to be monsters?
Who ever sanctioned their special status?
When all that such men do, is donate sperms
That also because its pleasure
They earn in return

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A Flower Just Died Today

And a flower
Just died today
She did wilt
Who once
Lived to hilt
Had rich essence
A colourful presence
On fault lines
Had found
It's place.

It sung along
The wild winds
songs
Through
Heat and
Dust
Survived
Weathers rough

Not in your
Gardens, or
Expensive vase
Part of a bouquet
Was not to be
Her craze

To be born free
Her fate and destiny
Now sapped by Sun
It lies upturned
Crushed in the sand
Quiet burial
Fertile land
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A Girl Who Is Wild

Riding feisty
Tidal waves
Sliding down
The golden rays.

Twirling
With the tornadoes
Splashing frothy
Whirlpool whorls.

Drinking nectar
With the bees
Diving deep
To coral reefs.

I am vital
Like the Earth
Flying higher
Than the birds

More refreshing
Than the breeze
My zeal to live
Will never cease

I am a woman
I am a child
Deep within
A girl who's wild
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A Little Nip

A little nip
A little tuck
A dot
On forehead
You need
Some scrub

A little weight
You got to gain
To be home bound
have to retrain
Even then
A mans love
For you remains
So uncertain

You are,
too dark.
Don't care
For your
spark.
Restrained
Don't show
feelings in
Shades so stark

You are
To be tamed
Those passions
To be reigned
all those
Dreams
Got to be washed
Down the
Bottomless drain

You're essence
To be shelved
Your beauty

To be shunned
Your spirit
To be burned
What
you've earned
to be
Returned

And so now
In the end
I am cactus
Of the sand
I don't bloom
Have no fruits
Give no shade
Sapless roots

Just me
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A Moth And A Butterfly

They both follow
the same path of life
from egg to larva
to pupa, moulting to fly

How come moth comes out ugly
with no purpose in life
destined to follow the light
get burnt by heat and die

While the colorful butterfly
gets to suck the nectar
flowers are its benefactors
so admired by human eyes

Its not in deeds
that you get to
choose your breed
but its all in the luck
that you get to ride the waves
or get drowned, buried in muck..

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A Nonentity's. Life

I am nothing
A nobody at all
No part of me fits in
In this solid brick wall

I have tried my best
To find my place of rest
But my restless soul
Denies defining itself

In this long corridor of life
There are doors on either side
Opening in new class rooms
But none understand
my learning style

So ignoble ignoramus I stand
Alone in barren wide lands
Dreams and imaginations
My only friends, the ones that
Decode my sadness my smiles

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A Warrior I Was Born

Sundown
To new dawn
I have to
Just Go on
Not dragging
My feet
With confidence
Complete
As I take
My long strides
Over mountains
And
Treacherous tides

In my heart
sadness confines
You would think
It is a joyride
My smile
Is my pride
All my failures
It surely hides
And I just
Go on
A warrior
I was born
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Abdul's. Demise

It was Just
yesterday
That I saw him
Frail and pale

Many contraptions
Hooked on to his frame
But I could see
Deaths devious games

I still hoped
For Abdul's glance
On bed eight
I missed
that presence

All that was left
Was his physical self
Whatever happened
To those heaving breaths

I did not know
That end came
Dressed in white
There in my heart
It just seemed
Not so right.
Colourful life
Now bleached
Devoid
Of colours bright.

Take away that sheet
You have bound him
Just so tight
Uncover that face
You are smothering him
He needs some light

But I know
That He is gone
Back to where
He came from
One with Source
And never be reborn
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Adios Amigo

Not so long ago
There was a time
When All by myself
I Knew how to live life

No qualms of conscience
No pains of heart
I lived in present
Your absence played no part

I remember that time
When I knew not your name
Your existence or your entity
Caused no happiness or pain

I am now
Thrown back to that time
When being all by myself
Was all just fine

Not broken into two
To have a better half
No one needed to complete
My unfinished incomplete part

All Those years gone by with you
I'll remember with fondness
For memories of good times and love
Kept me alive in wilderness

And Those parts of my life
That are hurtful
Of my pitiable plight
Replete with pains and fright
I will store them out of sight
New chapters I Have to write

As the eternal wheel of time
Moves forward all determined

I will soon be gone too far
Memories fade
Like a distant star

Adios to you
My one time mate
I wish you had the luck
As time come close
To separate
I'll soon feel just no hurt

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Adjusting To Fit

Bound and gagged
to fit in to 'That Shoe'
Today I share the pain
of you, little Chinese foot

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Age

At this stage
my chronological age
is not a road block.
But just a pebble
on the side walk
That i like to kick around
then just forget about it
getting lost
in the woods, its noises
and the wonder of
ethereal sounds....

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Albums And Pictures

Albums and pictures
Freeze frames in time
So many memories
Captured in shrines

Are they unreal
Or this a lie
Heart cant
concede
As I recede
Unable to yield.
To changing times.

Bits and pieces
I fly away
Tough winds
Robbing this tree
Of
Dried out leaves
And no more
I ask why

No more spring
On this
stunted sprig
For fall has struck
The very core
Of it's being
And the rot
Is here to stay.
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Alive Again

It has rained
No it has poured
Thunderous clouds
Swept in with roars

Little rivulets
Ponds and creeks
Come back to life
With joy replete

From all the bushes
Saplings, to age old trees
Celebrations abound
Birds sing
with raindrops beat

I too would like to
Quench life times thirst
Not miss this moment
Of happiness and mirth

Soaking to the core
I get drenched in the rain
As my soul savours this sap
No inhibitions to entertain

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All The Wolves

All the wolves
In sheeps garb
Uniformed or
Three piece
Smart

Solders, scientists
Doctors and nerds
Different names
Of same feather birds

Innocent women
Are your prey
Breaking them
A game you play

You are men
Powerful yang
Belittling the yin
Is all you can

Heartless herds
Pretentious pervs
Of trash like you
There is no dearth

I wish to see
The end of thee
For nemesis does
Catch up for free
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Altered Reality

Maybe we don't live
In the same time zone.
For you are still there in my heart
And from your life and hearth
I have long been gone

In the parallel worlds
Of some galaxy
We are still together
May be that's what I see

I am trying to live this reality
That in this birth,
On this Earth
We were not, meant to be

Mixed messages
Sent out from the universe
Have to ride the photons
So much distance to traverse

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An Earthen Lamp

An earthen lamp
All by itself
Burns alone
What's left to tell

Cotton wick
Is it's soul
Oil it's spirit
They burn in yore

Far away
from reality
That easily
Takes a pity

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An Ode To You

I need a spell
to make you mine
A wishing well
I'll empty all dimes

I want a charm
So you'll hold my arm
And never let go
And keep me warm

I keep looking
At the starry night sky
To spot a comet
So my wishes can fly

I wish to erase
Past memories
And start again
Making new history

For I am so much
In love with you
Cannot forget our moments
That connection was so true

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Anatomy Of Sadness

Anatomy of my sadness

Red piranhas of the sea
In many pieces,
they bit me.

A
Apathetic adversary
Carnivores calamity
There comes their school
No time to see

They dismember
My every part
I feel the blood
Just rushing fast

And just before
I wanted to set free
These Pisces fiend
Had devoured me

Sadness too eats
From within
Nothing left of me
Just skeletal remains

That too in time
Will melt away
Like a misty vapour
Just fade away

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And Again I Made Love

Today
Once again
I lived moments
Of ecstasy
No it is not
A fantasy

Once more
As we met
The heavens above
Did Encore

Your smile
As it softly
Moves above
From your lips
Like the break
Of new dawn
Spreads it's magic
To your eyes
My imagination
Once again
Fervently Fertile

Your closeness too
Is just enough
To make all senses
Deeply Heightened
I feel lit up

There was a music
In the air
The one
That you and I
Could only hear
It played
While in unison
We Tangoed
Without fear

Yes I know
I am madly
In love
While you
Still will
Shy away
From love

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And Here We Part

You and I could never relate
For you are a realist
And I am an escapist
It was a fault
To think
We could be mates

Crystallised camphor
In me you can just see
The sublimate form
Too invisible for yea

So out of this garden
Of Eden I go
Out in the wild patch
I'll find a place to grow

Out of your sight
Out of your way
Just on my own
Keep on living
My merry way

No exotic plant
Or medicinal tree
A simple little shrub
That you find
Will be me

Once in a while
Blooms will cover
All my parts
Once in a while
A little nest
Will find me safest
At last.

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And Why Am I Still Alive

Over writings on the wall
Neon colours graffiti et al.
In the alleys on my heart
Permanent markers
Can't wipe this art

So many summers
Monsoon rains
Balmy winters
Springs floral curtain
I have seen it all
Mountains rivers and plains

So what is more
To enrich my core
To help me grow
And open new doors

I am done with
All this strain
Of living a life
Like a puppet in chains

One day I will unshackled restrains
Tell all stories, no pains to go in vain

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Anguished Anticipation

The crimson
of the western skyline
Vermillion veneer
Marking the end of sunshine

Heavenly and thick
Deeply penetrating
and brisk
The Musk of dusk
Mesmerising us all
Winning our trust

For one never knows
What the dark of night will bring
Shadows creeping around
While fireflies glow
And crickets sing

It's best to be drunk
To be under the spell
Of our dreams
Least the reality faces us
Sucking us
in black holes unseen

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Anomaly

I knew
I were strange
I also knew
Could not change

Like an island
That has drifted away
I always knew
Had roles to play

Not my kind
Anywhere around
Just deep oceans
That surely surround

No one knows
What I speak
So now I don't
Even try to creek

A wild flower
Or Back water sand
I want no companion
To hold my hand

Isolated
And Fancy free
I always knew
Will be a
lone tree

All by myself
The last drop
Of tear
Everything lost
So what
Do I fear

Trying

Hard to find
My sanity
And my self

Sadness of
My core
Is the only
Wealth I have
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Antidepressants

Cannot escape
this phantom grip
The one you have
On me, cannot slip

Mind and body
In your control
Chemical cocktails
And I am on a roll

All my movements
And my life
Bound to you
Like puppets
Strings and ties

When will you
Just get off of me
Vitality sucked
And I want to be free

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Apathetic Past

Ghosts from my past
When I was an iconoclast
Still haunt me to return
For not much is lost
In their timeless hour

Ghosts don't live in present
So how do they know
What I went through
And in the bargain
Earned too much pain

Happy memories to remind me of you
And sad ones too
So hard to get through
I still wonder how could I be fooled
To believe in true love
And that hope will
Always rule

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Apparition

An apparition called me
Nothing new to be seen
Just a vapour, little smoke
Incense burnt, nothing lost

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Ashes Of My Past

My burned down past
Those ashes do last
Scattered by winds
Spread over the vast
And then they return
During monsoon rains
Together with raindrops
Clouding my new terrains
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Aspiration

Tethering my hopes
As unsteady hands
Grove
On last straw
My rope

My be it'll rain
On this parched
Terrain
Fragrance of Earth
Easing my pains.

A slice
Of the rainbow
Just there
For me
Piece of that paradise
Where Ill too be free
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Athena's Ire

Women are from. Venus
Men are from Mars
Hence, ' I promise
You nothing'
You said
At our last chance

'It's the tango
I can dance,
With you I know
I Like to prance'
To be loved
You still have
No real chance

How I detested
Those hurting words
'Will never be yours'
Not worth your earth
For you are merely
One of my herd

Buddy boy!

War of attrition
Is now on
Eyeball to eyeball
I do stand tall

I might be from Venus
If that is what
You see
But you know not
Of Athena
That quietly
Lives in me

She is a warrior
Solder to her core

A perfect marks woman
See her wield her sword

You have evoked
Her ire,
Now wait to
Hear her roar

She might
Loose this battle
But Not without
Gaining a score

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Autumn

Quick succession
Moving reels
Mismatched pieces
Falling leaves
Golden orange
Were once green
Heaped up memories
Winter freeze.

Austere Autumn
Deep in thoughts
Bare skeleton
Trees stand tall
Softer sunshine
Times have changed
Grey scale intoned
Preordained.
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Awaiting Monsoon Rains

I want to touch the rainbow
so I wait for rains to come
with rising summer heat
it will soon be monsoon's turn

Like sapless lifeless leaves
I feel so parched and weak
but promise of impending rains
does ease away my pains

That smell of rain on dirt
as nature gives new birth
I feel the hope around me
there will be no dearth of mirth

Like every year
that has come and gone
I will wait for rains
like my dried up lawn.

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Baby's Smile

have you ever been smiled at
by a baby, whom even in the past,
you had never met
its that precious look in their eyes
'I know you, together, we did fly'
my heart soars
when they giggle with delight
as if we two are ever so tight

I have always,
been the one to get
that loveable look,
I feel so blessed
for babies and animals do love me
its mutual attraction, so don't blame me
I am sure I must have met them all
in previous births, that I don't recall

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Back To My Gypsy Mode

Once you reach a dead end wall
Do you turn, or you just stall
Maybe Climbing up to see
What is there, beyond one way street

One might see some better lands
Greener pastures, treasure islands
Where enchanted forests abound
Or tall mountains where Echo's resound

There has to be a better world
Out of these walled up wonders
So I am all set to be free
From comforts of confinement
To worlds full of mysteries

For I am one gypsy soul
Cannot keep me in one hole
Spirits from the far of lands
Call my name, calm my sense

Somewhere else I have to be
Just before the leaves turn green
Just before the puddles form
Or the Sun takes a tad bit long

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Back To The Dust

Back to the dust
The place I trust
I am all earth
I'll never rust

With drops
Of rain
Washed down
The drain

As high
Winds blow
My call
To go

From dunes
To seas
The sand
Moves free
Riding
the comets
Anchoring
The trees

This mighty grain
No one can reign
No one can stop
No one can tame
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Bankrupt

Bitter pill of bereavement
That I swallow every day
Reminds me of broken trust
Of love that's far away

Death of a precious
sacred bond
Had to be nurtured
all life long

I did my part
of taking care
Why did you
Just throw it away

No more rules
To honour for me
I break all moulds
Society set for me

I don't want to be
Of 'civilised' lands
Back to the basics
Alone I can stand

I feel nothing, not guilty anyway
No qualms of conscience
To weaken me
So I wither away.

Just follow instincts
Animal within does tell me
Survival is on top list
Since everything else
Has been looted from me

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Barbed Iron Wires

Barbed iron wires
Fences surround
High brick walls
There comes in
No sound
And I lie within
My little nest,
On ground.

No one can see
These boundaries
Are for me
An imaginary world
I am safe and unbound.

There I do have
My piece of blue sky
Sunlit are dreams
And hope never dies.

Life will go on
Tides will be strong
In oceans and seas
My raft will sail free

But,

In winds
From the plains
My songs
Will remain
Those words
Will resound
And 'you'
They will hound
For they were for yea
Now heartless, enemy
Nalini

Bare And Basic

Here I am
Bare and basic
Stripped off
of musings
Devoid of
rousing
Vacuum
Astounding

Plain earth
Sun baked dirt
Hard like rock
You can't hurt
My tears have
Diamonds worth
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Basic Instinct Burns

It was never
Love
Just the animalistic
Lust
Right from the first
Electrifying kiss
That charged up
The body
That had collected
much muck and rust

All that love making
That she took for
genuine desires
Was just physical connection
Two bodies mating with fire

That ultimate physical entwining
Those sounds of passionate moaning
They came to nothing at last
For him it was just a way of time pass

Once again broken hearted
She picked herself up
And roared
Brushed off the dirt
From her skirt
Never again to be
Conned and implored

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Belligerent Spark

I am a mere
Butterfly
Flitting
Across
The floral
Wilds
Stealing
their hues
Borrowing dyes

I am a bubble
Containing
My storms
Reflecting
The rainbows
That arches
The dawns

Migratory bird
Of the
seven Seas
Across
the oceans
I travel
Born Free

Scent of
wet earth
Thunder
of rain clouds
Gypsy
From desert
I live for
Treacherous
Routes

Blaze
Of the
Summer

Haze
Of the
Dawn
Fragrance
Of flowers
Wild and
Unknown

How will you
Capture
Ephemeral
essence
Songs
Of the winds
Dance
Of my
Trance

Glimmer of
Fireflies
A fleeting
truth
The receding
Shy tide
Just a
Driftwood

An apparition
A mirage
Whimsical Shadow
Of a flying
Lark
No!
You can't
Trap me
I am a
Belligerent
Spark
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Belongings

Take away your belongings
A list of objects I do see
Don't you know a bigger stash
I left back, just to be with yea

This is all you were all about
Material things, I have no doubt
Maybe those lifeless mere objects
Are timeless reminders
Of my living self

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Better Woman

Don't smile, don't laugh
Don't move, you are an outcast
A woman who lives her life
Alone, should just have no rights
For that is our culture
That is what it guides

Now you can never be
Pure enough
It's all your doing
That you live in rough

You deserved those
Brutal beatings
and abuse et al.
Accept it as your destiny
Or else, we will push you
To your fall.

Trampled many times over
I have my treasures of callouses
I wear my scars with utmost pride
Life had more thorns than roses.

So Hark!
Don't bark
Those rules
Are dark
And I am myself
A bright little star

I still will smile
I still will laugh
With all my heart
Will push this cart

For I am not battered
But a better woman

Blank

Not bother
To speak
Or shed a tear
No crease of smile
Or glimpse of fear
No frown
No sound
I root
For ground
In peaceful
Quiet
Are joys
Profound
Nalini

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Blob Of Grey

That excruciating
Pain that hurts
Turmoil within
That aches
The trail of
Lifeless virtues
That follows
The Holy grail

I have held
I have walked
To lonely nights
I have talked
To all my tears
Once again
I have lost

My battle burns
The scars
I have earned
From where
I am
No paths return

Into the dusk
I'll melt away
A formless blob
A patch of grey
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Brainless Beauty

Its wining and dining
with friends I see you smiling
I am happy for you,

partying on weekends
is just your way
but to others
you preach
to stay away

maybe in your
mind
you have
my role well defined
where you are the queen
people like me
should expect to stay behind

so much arrogance
even if you looks
are your only
cause of pretense

maybe coupled by good luck
you thrive and enjoy for free
but nothing makes me madder
when you open that mouth
with your senseless preachings
you drives me up a tree

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Breaking From My Past

I have today made up my mind
Never to ever look back
Where tears and sadness
had rendered me blind

Not Dwelling on rains, cold winters
And heartening sunshine
Looking in the rear view mirror
Will not take up my time
Exciting Un chartered territories
can only then be all mine

experiences of my past I will use as tools
Not to be bogged down, by what I could not do
Pen a brand new book of a different genera'
I will sow new seeds on the terra firma

It's a hard step
To venture in brand new brook
For the magnetic pull of past
Tugs at me, stuck on a hook

I am scared, I am anxious
I put on a smile, so pretentious

The fear of one more fall
Of being so out of control
Tempts me to turn back and run
Back to the familiar Incinerating oven.
Where if now I go, will never return

But I am gypsy, with an itinerants soul
Life of stagnation, will never console
Soon on a journey, with no road map in hand
I be alone on my own, to call my own
Just a back pack

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Broken

I always thought
If you were the warp
I was the weft
If you were the oars
I was the raft.

If I were a needle
You be my thread
Never alone
Any path will I tread

With all my heart
My head and soul
You were my priority
The sole reason
I loved my identity

My beautiful heart
Was the reason
You said I was loved
So now what has changed
Did my heart get frayed and aged

Moving on
Without looking back
I saw your foot prints
Made on treacherous track

Now that you have got
All the bridges burnt
I'll never be found
Try hard, even if you
To search and hunt.

Some parts of me
That got rubbed on to you
Are stains on your conscience
Impossible to. Wash through

From a strong immutable log
To powdered powerless saw dust
I am that piece of iron
Weathered, and changed to rust

Why It all happened to me
In hindsight I can now see
For in one wrong person
I laid all my love my trust

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Brushed Away

Brushed away

I love you
And always will
I said so
His eyes
Went still.

Then a touch
Of smirk or
Smile
Brushed his lips
While eyes sparkled
Bright

And, To this day
I feel
I am so lost
Still wallowing
in love
While
Away
He has walked
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Bubble

have you seen
the bubbles float
with rainbows on them
how they gloat

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Bubble Burst No Home No Trust

I lived in prismatic bubble
Fragile and flimsy it could not last
No wonder it burst and spluttered
My trust on future, present or past

Bubbles have no foundations
They bounce around in air
The very cause for all my struggles
A life of utter disdain

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Burned Down Past

My burned down past
Those ashes do last
Scattered by winds
Spread over the vast
And then they return
During monsoon rains
Together with raindrops
Clouding my new terrains
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Camphored Away

Camphored away
My ephemeral existence
And physical presence
From your world
Of ignorant pretence

Archipelago of
Human race
Far left behind.
As a lone island
Drifting away
I Leave no trace

Strong ocean currents
Not to be blamed
It's the draft of wind
That helped me
With this exit
The daily grind
So happy
to get rid

No more humans
To venture my way
Wilderness of nature
And migratory birds
Will come here to stay

Lost and forgotten
Like a bad dream
Your memory
to be washed off
With the rushing streams.

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Chalk Board Of My Life

On the chalk board
Of my life
Every word
Is spelled as strife

Nothing less
Nothing more
I know will fight
Till my last
Drop of gore

In the whirlpool
I was born
Away tornadoes
Have carried me on

I am a sand dune
I move with winds
Never know
What awaits in wings

All the souls
That have crossed my path
Left imprints
Indelible marks

Tattooed marks
Variegated lines
Sketches made
Graffiti of lies

But I remain
Simple and plain
For my soul
Untouched
By mundane

I take flights
On wings

Of doves
Back to clouds
Following
My loves

A sprout
Of hope
Seems
To have
Strengthened
It's tiny roots

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Change Of Life

Will soon be back to being free
To my 'original' setting
Where I will be
your forgotten history
I am trying to regain my originality
But my every pore and cell
Is infiltrated with your memory

It's just by default
I still feel that you are mine
Will take me a while
To remember,
All of that is left behind

Embarking upon
this change of life
I have no regrets
For I have done
What is just right
And I have guTs
There was no scope
For ifs and buts

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Changed

Do pains
Ever heal?
Or are merely
Concealed.

Deep thorns
Stuck in flesh
Of sad echoes
Feel, backlash

You will never
Be the same
Parts are lost
Bliss is maimed

You'll still walk
Laugh loud
And play
Summer heat
Or winters
Grey
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Charcoal Sketch

Pick a charcoal
Make my sketch
Don't need colours
For, they don't match

I am just
a passing phase
Very soon
You'll loose
This craze

And your dreams
Of eyes so blue
This I know
Will soon
come true

It's so easy
To love
White skin
In my brownness
This Earth comes in

Terra firma
Is not your want
Of clouds
and rainbows
Your love
Is born

You will leave
I understand
But I'll always
Be your friend

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Cheater

Your breath
Weaves the warp
While mine forms
The weft

Your arms entwine
My waist
While I
Love to embrace

Perfection
Of osculation
I lose
All trepidation

We unite as one
At last
I delete everything
From past

Rude Shock!

You were gone
Leaving me alone
For you found
Someone new
Making love
Is surely your pawn

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Chipped Off Veneers

Like a dense cloud
Is Sunshines hideout
My veil of solitude
I use to remain unfound
Beyond the sea of dunes
Buried deep underground

Blanket of
Smoke and ash
Forrest fires
Burned down
memories stash
Lost my roots
No place to dwell

Long Lasting
pains of hurt
Each time
I tasted dirt
In the hands
of one I trust

Scars and tears
Perpetual fears
I have to live
With,
Chipped off
veneers
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Circus Of Life

The stage has been set
For the beautiful and rich to perform
It's my important role
To see that curtains have been drawn

I play my role
With sincerity of my soul
Now I have no desire
To be in limelight
And be a cynosure

There was also once in time
When with all my zeal
I had learnt my lines
When I too thought
Like an idealist mind
Visage of the world
Had to be redefined

It was just a
folly of my youth
Here so many lies
Wear charades of truth
It's not always the best who win
Just half baked goods come out of kiln

Not what you know
Will help you out
But to which herd you belong
Which one is your clout

Oftentimes its genetics
That you carry within
That gives you the ticket
Where every match you win

The aggressive not assertive
The predators not progressive
The selfish not the selfless

That do rule make a mess

One who shouts the loudest
Is the only one who's heard
bombs that make the graveyards
Of thriving civilisations, that earn

Here golden garish objects
Are valued as Nobel gold
Intrinsic value of humans
Can hardly have a hold

Pretty packages with greedy needs
Making waves, none see their deeds

So I have resigned in good faith
My place in time and life
To take everyday as a gift
Of a power higher and Devine

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Colours Of My Sadness

Colours of my sadness
Shades of all my pains
I have tried to name them
Found it all in vain

Songs for all my journeys
Tales of travel trails
I have tried hard to find them
Each time I've only failed

Parts of me
That I've lost
Pieces of self
Erased
Camphored
Into thin air
A fragrance
If anyone cares
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Commencement Of Spring

Winters now
Rolling up
Their sleeves
Time again
For springing
Green Leaves

Days seem longer
Warmer too.
Evenings do Bring
Some
Cold times clues

Flower beds
Bunches of reds
Colours and hues
blue, pink are back

Dreary grey
Of winter Rays
Soon giving way
To golden array

Chirping songs
The chorus is on
Baby birds
On branches
Do throng

Emerald of fronds
To skyline belong
Just Too many days
Of dried up old cones

Fragrance of youth
Winning
all forces brute
Ecstatic smiles
Touching

solemn, puerile

Spring time is here
No feelings
To compare
Softness of grass
I feel in soles bare

I walk around
In wilderness
Up towns
Catching breeze
In my hair
Love is here
To be found
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Cowebs

Cobwebs
Wispy
But sticky
Like past
So prickly
Bind me
In chains
Unseen
But maimed
Keep me
Restrained
Freedom
Can't feign
Nalini

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Cremation To Creation

I hover above
An Invisible mist

While Fragrance of incense
Covers and shrouds
The place where 'I' lie
And All that surrounds

Masking the miasma
Of the physical self
That breaks down
As soul has long left

The air is thick
Oppressive and sick
I make no sound
While my body
Lies on the ground

Draped in white sheet
The look is complete
My nose all plugged up
It no longer breathe

It's a uniform
Everyone is wearing white
At least for this moment
They are all dressed up right

One by one they all come
The look on these faces
Is so glum
Although I know within
They are happy I caved in

This crowd consists of
medley of sorts
Most to show per functionary attendance
While my cadaver ceaselessly rots

Relatives, who always
Pulled the rug under me
Friends who were there
In time of my need

Some people are just here
For they have empty lives
By delving In others sorrow
Can only they thrive

Reams of peans
Of things I had been
So much of praise
I hear in deaths own face

They shake their heads
As if they are in shock
When I was around
Did they ever take a stock

The drama of life
Reaches it's end
Cremated and gone
Just ashes remain

Ashes then offered
To the holy river
Earthen pot on waves
Goes down stream with quiver

My soul soon seeks
Another form
As per my karma
New dress It will don

Hence there goes
the cyclical continuation
From tearful cremation
To joyful creation

And on the way

As a part of the play
We run in to each other
To learn something further
Before it's time to go away

Nothing is lost
So what can be found
We have always been here
Making our own regular rounds

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Crippling Crossroads

Crippling crossroads
Here I do stand
Somewhere to go
Cannot pretend.

From the
Vantage point
Where I stand
Dusk meets dawn
Hazy is land
Musky mist
And storms
Of sand
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Crushed Chimes

Crushed chimes

Harsh strong winds

Crushed

All My chimes

In this death

I lost

All rhymes

Poems

Washed

Ashore

Eyes

Brimming

With

Brine

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Cursed

Fading away
With toxic fumes
The one way love
Now buried in dunes

It had to break
This single yarn
A rickety bridge
Born in the barn

My love
Was always
True to the core
Still had to be jilted
Just once more

Much before
You have
A clue
True loves
death curse
Will sure
Come true
No one
Will ever
Love you
For you

Lust was always
Something you knew
Amorous escapades
Is like coffee brew

Soon your fix
Will spirit away
All alone
Whole life
You'll have to stay.

Dead Heart

Dead Heart

A hardy shell
With dead kernel
So parched within
A waterless well

But there was once
A priceless jewel
Once throbbing heart
Is now all dead

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Death Wish

When life keeps kicking
You around
When foes all over
Corner you, surround
When cold stone
Takes the place of core
When you can
Deal with nothing any more
When death smiles
Lovingly at you
And you try
Hard to look askew

Where do you go
What do you do
No place on earth
Can hide you
From others view

You wish you could shrink
Disappear in a wink
Dissolve or sublimate
A new life to create

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Debts For You To Pay

There are debts
You'll have to pay
Not cash but kind
From yesterdays

My yesterdays
That I wasted on you
When time time and again
I fell for your rue

Someday you will
Remember me
As My love for you
Today sets you free

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Declaration

Vivid colours of my pains
Makes the spectrum look inane
On the easel of my life
Canvases full of paintings bright

Most of them
Do come to life
In the dark
Of moonless night

There are tears of
Blood and toil
Colourful sadness
So much turmoil

Churning
caused from deep despair
Sweat drops on my brow
Now no more rare

Anguish, sadness
Sickness, strife
Sprinkled with
Some love and life

Torturous road
Full of potholes
Befooled in love
Reality is cold

That neon charm
And laser smile
You rattle snake
I'll survive your bite

You were never
the chivalrous knight
A fiend in uniform
Now see me fight.

For all that you have
put me through
Due returns with love
I'll give back to you

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Deeply Wounded

i am all over
strewn like hay
wicked wind's work
I did try to stay
I exploded
in one gust
its my fault
that I did trust
that rope
of faith
was just
so frail
it snapped
to bits
in just
one gale
nothing else
is left of me
blown to smithereens
end was unseen.

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Defined

Monochromatic
My life's hues
Pencil sketches
Grey scales rule

In the backdrop
Mountains high
As I hide
In receding tides

Just a sea shell
Sepia's core
Pearl within
Sandy are shores

All those colours
You fill in
Then tell me
My colour of skin

Just reflections
Of your selves
You had lost
On forgotten shelves

Now I watch you
Walk away
As I wait for
Another stray.
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Degenerating

Was it love
Was it lust
It was yummy
On the crust

It felt good
As long as it
Did last
And now
I have
Long months
Of fast

Did not
Take much
To break it
Into pieces
With just one
Single bitter blast

Some earthquakes
Caused rift and break
And in the cracks
Fell all my past

No precious diamonds
Pearls and jewels
Invaluable memories
Too much I dwell

I try hard
To emerge
From my past
But a large chunk
Of me, slipped
Along in the dark

No easy way out
From this blackout

Groping for footholds
As I dream of skies and clouds

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Delusional To Disillusioned

For the last time this time
You have hurt me
Not any more
Will I let you touch me
It's over and I am gone
No more will you see me
Feel me, my shadows too
Will leave you alone
I feel my heart getting heavy
It's sad it's soggy it's sappy
Tears waiting to tumble
As at every memory of ours
I stumble
But this time you have
Done it
All my love for you
You have burned it
Pieces of my self
I try to salvage
Putting them together
With a useless bandage
For so long I have
Loved you
And my heart has
Always served you
But I know. You need to replace
For you I am no trophy
But disgrace
Out of your path
And out of your way
I am now gone
Nothing more
Left to say

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Demise Of Love

It came dancing with bells on
And made my heart race
Its rhythm was strong
Made me dizzy
With thrill of twirl
Ambrosia of love,
I drank
And every thing was blur

But when it left
It singed my flesh
Hurt like shrapnel and spikes
Hurled at me nothing
Is left

Love will always leave its trace
A lifeless hollow
Nothing fills that space

Hollowness grows
Within you then
No emotions, no tears, no fears
For all your sensibilities are past tense

But one. Goes on trying to live again
Left alone in the lurch
Devoid of any happiness or pain

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Denouement

The process is slow
It takes eons to show
The healed scars
Broken promises of stars

You have left a sour taste
In the name of relation so chaste
I will never be able to love
Anyone else any more

But I did love you
And enjoyed it through and through
Like savouring your favourite dish
Or enjoying walk in the dew.

It was enthralling to be in love
I did feel the rush so lush
How my heart leapt with joy
Like, it was a brand new crush

But Its slowly seeping away
from the cracks in my heart
Subtle detachment takes it's place
As I remember the brutal past.

In the end
I am a wiser girl
I learnt something
So it was worth
All the hurts

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Denouement....The End

Eyes shut
I lie restfully
On the
Cold ground
While you all
Sit all around

Trying hard
To revive
The leftovers
Of my identity
I would not question
Your sanity

I don't follow
Any more rules
No one
Tells me
What should
I have to choose

It's my soul
That you
Have not found
I have gone away
Without any sound

That minute
Crux of my
Essence
Lost forever
No more
Presence

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Depersonalisation

What you see
Is just the casket
Not me

Not anymore
Does my soul exist
Just ephemeral self
Trying hard to resist

A depersonalised form
Carried around
Just steering through
Life's tortuous rounds

And I am tired.
of mistaken identity
Can you not see
cold stony look
Lifeless caricature
While my soul
moves around free

I am hollowed out
Like termite ridden tree.
Where Echo's of my thoughts
I hear from inside of me

I am that dried out river
That no longer quenches thirst
Just a shallow path
Full of cracks and dust

The Me in me
Is story of my past
I cannot recognise that face
As I take a peek
in to the looking glass

Desert

Desert

Who said
Deserts
Were just
Dry Sand
A barren
Unliveable
Inaccessible Land

In the belly
Of the dune
Lies the music
Otherworldly tunes
Beats of Chang
Breath of algoza
Charms of colours
Not country of ruins

Regal camels
With long strides
And the gypsies
Chromatic site
Tents pitched up
Dunes more alive

Shimmer and shine
Reflections Devine
As she turns in to
Prismatic prime
Lissome movements
Arms make signs
Tinkling anklets
Addictive than wine

Mirage mornings
Cool moonlight
A land of charisma
Mysterious rides

Movement is life
Hardships and strife
Music and dance
Desert codes so right

Patch of green
Where sand
Meets stream
A magical land
Thats oasis grand

Here we rest
Before we hit
Deserts breast
Eternal quest
Circle of life
Of mystical death
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Desperate Denial

State of denial
Where everything vile
Still looks so perfect
Still looks sterile

Patterns in life
Repeat and always cheat
No lessons learnt
I got to retreat

There is just no hope
No friends and no plans
My life has changed much
Alone stranded on an island

Why do I reach out
Despite all this I have seen
A small spark of expectation
Wants to believe in unseen

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Destructive Dominance

Too many muted cries
shut out behind
those thick doors.
Too many spirits broken
by ruthless raging rogues.
Marriage is a mirage
to entice innocent girls,
where bounties, gifts and love
get spirited, once you enter this world.
Like the infamous house of candy and bread
that housed the mean witch
the one we dread
Its a predators thought out plan
a bobby trap to put you in chain.
Now I know why my country
suffers in pain
we have destroyed the pedestal
where Female 'shakti' should have reigned
What is left carcass of once what it used to be
and we carry it on our shoulders
proudly displaying our imbecility.

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Dew On Rose

And when it is
End of day
I have nothing
Left to say
All my wishes
Endless hopes
Washed down drains
Dispersed spores.
A wall of wave
Broke into shore
Trickle of tears
Dew on Rose
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Diagnosis Depression

It's dark and dingy
Disturbingly cold
It sucks up your vitality
It ruthless it's bold

More hollow than empty
It's needs are so scanty
Can survive all the laughs
Simple pleasures are passé

Feels strangely secure
Where loneliness lures
Desperately dementing
Thrives on lamenting

A natural killer
Puts you in
self destructive mode
You no longer savour
Life's one more day anymore

Constant feeling of guilt
Seems so strongly inbuilt
Esteem touches the floor
Cannot look up no more

Heart is heavy and sad
Unknown fears and the dread
Keep you prisoner in hold
As you struggle to be bold

Depression is a real thing
Malady that kills you from within
While your stories go untold
It's pain has eaten up your core

In the end
Tears just tear you apart
Fears force you to take

The escapist's path

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Dirge Of Divorce

It was always
All about you
You were there
In my thoughts
all through.

My favourite colour
My favourite dish
When I saw the rainbow
I made that just one wish

For your long life
And good health
I loved fasting
Appeasing god heads

Loved rushed through me
With just your one look
How could you not feel
You were my favourite book

But things have changed
As you had planned
With your beatings
I have bled
The love that was
Is drained and dead

Now last rituals
Rights of passage
No heartfelt words
Just what judge says

A piece of paper
To tear us apart
No more man and wife
Just strangers from afar.

We'll turn our back

And walk away
Stooped shouldered
Memories to tow away

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Disillusioned And Maimed

I have been
changed.
Heart
now
Retrained
To never love
With passion
Disillusioned
And maimed
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Dissociation

Dissociation
Of body from spirit
Of love from intimacy
Of emotions from relations
Of heartless humiliations

You taught by example
The art of survival
Basic instincts revival
And Convenient creations
Of rules for recreation

I thank you my friend
For showing me the way
A lot of lessons learnt
From your discourse today

An epiphany that struck
While I was so wonder struck
The pains of knowing the truth
The art of winnowing what's worth

No promises have you made
No happiness to home I take
A routine roller coaster ride
All this you take in a stride

Getting punished
For some one else's deeds
Your lack of respect
For my credibility.

This I know
You too have been hurt
Your heart has been broken
In no one can you trust

But is your vision also stained
Is your conscience too so drained

That you aim your arrows and might
At someone that's caring and right

I had to go
through this process too
This was my personal choice
And I don't feel that it's a vice

Carnal pleasures
Hedonistic accessions
Untamed desires
Not my future vision.

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Divine Vs Divination

Tarot cards
Divinity in
Crystal glass
Reading
Tea leaves
Or
Fortune
In ground
Coffee seeds

Horoscopes
Or God men's
Stars
Para psyche
Is now,
Not barred
Palmistry
To sorcery
Nothing left
To solve
Mysteries
Of my present
Future or past.

In the end
I know
None are
Friends
Just almighty
Who can
Wield his
Magical Wand

Redeem me
Of my sins
Get me back
In the ring
And teach me
How

This time
I can win
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Do You Remember

Do you remember
How I looked at you
Enchanted eyes
Loved you for true

Did you forget
The peck of my lips
Furtive touches
As I felt your finger tips

Don't you remember
How I loved your voice
Surrendering
to strong arms
My only choice

It is now, for me
An unforgettable dream
Never again!
My hurt heart
Does scream.

And you already
Looking for
Change of scene

The girl I was
Is now all dead
A hollow carcass
Is all that's left.

Eagles and vultures
Ready to devour
Rest of remains
Will join sands
Of the shores
Nalini

Dreaming Once More

I dream
Of
Fuzzy warm
Nebulous
Cloud
I am covered
Only tenderness
Shrouds

A sound proof
Life
Devoid of pains
Devoid of strifes
In my aloneness
I can survive
Yes I will thrive

Need a cocoon
No dreams of
Distant
Moons

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Dry

Parchment dry
Vacant eyes
No more feelings
Left to cry

Hidden
Messages
Written
In sighs.
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Duality

In the end
its just the
handful of sand
that little space
where you'll
put me down
my dear friend

Or its just
a palm full of ash
proof of my identity
nothing left of my stash

The stash of my memories
Much happiness some miseries
the past that did not last
but this present and the future
gradually unfurls
its plot full of mystery

so much drama
so many plans
its all futile
as I take a glance

but still I will
plan my day
its an old habit
will not leave me anyway

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Duel Within

Nothing that I do
is ever good enough for me
a little voice within
ties me down
whenever
I am ready to flee
these mini duels
that I fight
with Dr Jekyll
Mr Hyde
take up
so much
of my time
when being spontaneous
is just my kind

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Dusk

Dusk
Fills the space
Between trees
Open fields
It's misty trace
It's countryside

Dusk
No longer seen
In sharpness
Of head lights
Neon signs
Cheaply preen
It's the cities

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Embers

Heat of embers
Buried deep inside
Singe my soul
Tears burn my eyes
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Embittered

So many souls'
so hurt
So hard to console
Wonder where to start

Memories bitter and sour
Memories revisit unannounced
Over them we have no control,
No power

Traumatic battered childhoods
Wasted withered and lost in woods
Baggages of garbage and trash
Where there is no love just revolting stash

When will human healing commence
All this agony, makes no sense
Wonder what sins we are paying for
Evil at play while divinity seems insecure

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Emptiness Needed

I want to be
As empty as can be
Devoid of emotions and
Unachievable resolutions

Where No memories
Are stored of yesterday
And no floor plans
Of making new forays

With no locked doors
Or latched windows
Light will flood in
So much peace will overflow

But letting go
Is the first step
And I always fail here
Falling to depths
Of dreaded dark crack

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Empty Coffers

Empty coffers
I have to offer
For I am empty
Within and without

Last bits
Of love
I can proffer
Nothing left
There is to flout
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Empty Sadness

How to spell
My loneliness
I feel lost in
Emptiness.

I hold on
To shadows
Long
Cast
From past
Their roots
Are strong

Robbed by
Mobs
Crying
Muted sobs
In the midst
Of protoplasmic
Blobs
Nalini

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Encounter With Passion

Just that touch
Of your hand
A brush of your shirt
Smile, that quivers my heart

Evening skyline,
multiple hues
On canvass of blue
We have known each other
So many lifetimes
But had no clue
And you standing close to me
I feel the heat of your energy.

My passion just an extension
Of my love, my expression
For I never felt that tingle
Before our breaths had mingled

An awakening so intense
I had to stop breathing
For every single pore
Was respiring even more
Yes! like never before

Completely conjoint
Synchronicity of
Mind and matter
Our bodies together
Dancing this intimate dance

Where music is played
In our minds, in unison
And where is there's no reason
To not bring it to completion

As you trace the lines
Of my face my neck
Your Fingers putting me

On fire, I am in trance
Then you kiss
My mouth, muffling
sounds, of ecstasy
As I give up my distance

How do you decode
The unspoken unwritten words
Of my desires,
That I want to reach higher

As you make that final move
You and me together,
Everything else disappears
The spine chilling orgasm
Makes everything worthwhile
Oh yes that is it!
And I am so drunk

Sliding into deep slumber
Dreaming of many more
Happy days
to be unlocked from
Forgotten stores

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End of Ice Age

End of Ice age
Time For sunshine
And the frutation
Of green grapevines
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End Of Relationship

Like tress that have
grown apart
although together
they were
meant to start
I feel we too have
found our own land
there is no point
trying hard to remain.

I know our roots
have enmeshed
the common soil
strong fingers clasp
every bit of spoil
so when I try to
uproot myself
your world
also does
feel the turmoil.

but it was you
it was your plan
to wreck the bond
cut me to stump
in every way
many times
you have hurt

to save my life
secure my soul
its time for me
to move ashore
while all the ocean
you can have
sail your ships
to unknown lands

Ends Don't Count

It's brewing
Within
Storms
Are on a swing
Oppressive
Burnouts
My time
Running out
Darkness
Will catch up
Lifeless, I pass out.
End of stories
Ends don't count
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Entropy

My entropy
Does set me free
My restless soul
In winds control

I am unbound
Travelling on sound
Can't capture me
You will be trounced

A piece of coal
When struck
explodes
Into a zillion
Embers sprawled

When form
is gone
Light will remain
Back to the ether
There's no more
Pain.
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Escalator Of Life

This timeless
escalator of our life
Will take us apart
Like strong winds
And Oceanic tides

None of us
Can escape this drill
Of moving on
And not stand still

A universal plan
Applicable
To all creeds
And human clan

One by one
People come
And go
Some hold
our hands
While others hurt
Each Playing a part
Before they depart

There are others
That Just cross our paths
No lessons to teach
They Have no role

And then, when
We reach the end
Of our designated route
It's a different world
As we cross the threshold.

We all disperse
In the universe
Returning to

All the five elements
Other worlds we have to
Traverse.

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Escapist

I know I am an escapist
Hate confrontations
And clenched fists
cannot face the world
As it is
Emotionally dyslexic
I cannot be fixed

I have my ways
Of getting around
Away from crowds
I like to be found

I know I'd love
To wear a garb
Of superman
I can fly fast

A mask a shield
Or a magic wand
Will do me good
In unfriendly lands

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Eve In Me

That Eve in me
Hidden under many cloaks
So keen to be seen
Unhindered
She wants to preen
She wants to pose

Frozen, not fossilised
Neither hardened
nor pulverised
Still feels the throbbing
Her body, still wanting
Warming up
As you touch

Your breath on my face
Through the mist, I do crave
The kiss of approval
Embrace of wild cougar
Passion, fervour
Amorous ardour
It's my dawn

Sweat, your and mine
We, just one, well defined
Time, does not exist
As we discover, don't resist
My head, on your chest

A fall from our Eden
This fruit is forbidden
I am not guilt ridden
You'll be all mine, one day

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Experiences Et Al

There is nothing left to give
for I have nothing left at all
but there is no emptiness within
and I don't feel there is famine or fall

colorful pictures of my past
and grey clouds that did overcast
cast their shadows, as I walk
forever with me, I know, they would last

there was a time
when I felt ghost pains
pins and needles,
where nothing remained
thankfully even
that part is now gone
vastness of sky
will be mine from now on.

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Explanation Needed

Explanations needed

After all that
Happened
Between
You and me

What is left of you
That I Have yet not seen
And
Nothing remained concealed
of myself from your entity

But you have just,
Tossed me out
Just a human toy
In dirt to be found?

Our energies
Collided
A ball of fire formed
We basked in its light
Loving each other's warmth

A misadventure of sorts
For you might have
done this a lot
But as simple as I am
Cannot get over this rot

So give me back
My love
My treasured
peace of mind
I've loved you
From my core
But now,
you can't
Stand my sight.

I just, need an explanation
Of this loves termination
Or whatever you name
Your pathetic appreciation

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Eyes

Eyes

My pensive eyes
Now Just watch
No more
Tears
Here
To drop

No more
Laughter
No more joy
Just a stare
Forsaken ploys

Barren look
Of dry sand
No more smiles
To
Touch their span

They look beyond
Eternity
Till the end of time
Where I will be free

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Fading Away

Will fade away
By the end of the day
With the falling dusk
In me you can trust

Like the dew drops
That walk away
Riding sun rays
Out of your way

Sometimes skin tone
Or what I have worn
Have been judged
For where I was born

Time and again
I have borne
all the pains
But my smile
Is still well retained

No more words
Would be heard
No more laughter
No more verse

I was meant
To live alone
All by myself
Then be gone

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Fancy

Passing fancy
Of west winds
Bring no spring
To dried up springs
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Feel So Lost

Loneliness
Dark and dense
A feeling that's
So intense
It smothers
All my pores
It hits hard
To my core
Cracks appear
From within
Shattered self
I've lost again
And i gather
What is lost
Scraping warmth
To melt the frost.
My heart is hurt
I feel so lost
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Feisty Seed Of Love

Seed of Love

Sometimes the tiny seed of love
Plants itself in a barren trough
There is nothing there but sand
It still wants to rule this land

Little mighty seed of love
Will soon fill up
The terrain rough
It will then
branch out its hands
Spreading joy to hinterlands

Plant of love
Does look so frail
Might look tender
Yet hard as nails

It owns a will
To fight all flaws
Be it thunder
Rains, big storms

In the end
it will survive
Try your best
To make it die
You will loose
The seed will win

But
I won't be there
When you cave in
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Fickle

You had to go
Like winter snow
You had to leave
Barren are trees

Like passing clouds
And seasonal showers
You were to leave
You aren't North Star

Like fading essence
Castles in sand
Bubbles in puddles
When raindrops prance

First ray of sunlight
In sleepy dawns
Back to mirages
Now you are gone
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Final Home Final Hearth

Not book smart
Or street smart
I have no clue
Of worldly craft
And that is what
Just sets me apart
As I sail
My solitary raft

Please don't
Preach me
You can't
Reach me.
Turned my back
To the world.
I have locked
All doors
Not in your world
Any more

From you all
I've walked
Away
In your eyes
I've gone astray
In my head
Many songs
Do play
Only
to those notes
I am roused

Nothing matters
Nothing hurts
I am born
Of the dirt
I'll be gone
Back to earth
Final home

final hearth

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Finding Freedom

This phase of life
Will also pass
The knots it has tied
Will never last

Today I am helpless
Restricted and restrained
Bound and gagged
By heavy metal chains

People and relationships
Have done this to me
But soon that time will come
When nothing will bind me

Enraged in this cage
I have tried my best
To escape
But now my spirit knows
These cages are just fake

The day I stop to resist
The cages will no longer persist
And I will stop feeling the pains
Of crushing metallic chains

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Flashbacks

Like a trip
gone crazily wild
I get flash backs
from youth
and as a child
then I am transported
in that scene
like this time lapse
has never been
its been going on
for a while
It must be
that
I am stuck in past
for future and present
hard to catch
run too fast

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Flaws

Covering my flaws
With facade of new walls
Like holes in my roof
That I cover with straws.

Summers and Winters
Are kept away.
Down comes the rains
Straws soaked,
Rainwater drenching
All of my hay.

These tears like rains
Wash masks away
My smiley faces
For hot and cold days
Unearthing my true self
Pains and laughters displayed
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Flying Together

My poems were a start
Your verses touched my heart
A simple bridge of hope
Diaphanous as spiders craft

A deep connection I feel
I cannot spell the deal
For I wonder how simply can you
resonate my point of view

Today I want to dream
Having a conversation
While we walk upstream
Making our verses rhyme
A real poetry of you and mine

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For A Mommy To Be

That little wonder being
a sum total of you and me
Little feet little hands
Fluttering within
taking me to wonderland
So much beauty
and warm glow
Only a mother
could ever show

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For A Shy Friend

You look so tense
holding up your shell
tired and and so lost
thinking shell is all you got.
But shells are fragile
And plastered smile
was never ever your style
So put down those arms
look inside your heart
do it for me please
I can't promise you the stars
But for sure what you find there
will be beautiful,
worth sharing and a treat.
in your core
lies the store
Of eternal happiness
Just explore...

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For My Friend From Yesterday Land

You have changed
So have I
Time has carved
A gaunt profile

Are we wiser
Or just bitter
If we try harder
Can we clean up
This litter

I don't pretend
Broom stick in my hand
Trying my best, cleaning up
This mess
But the dust from my past
Breaks all trusts, settles fast

No more do
I want to live for tomorrow
All that I want
Is to forget our sorrows

When heart carries
Too many hurts
There is no time
For us to unearth

Scabs and scars
Forever they will last
But beyond this facade
Does still lie a loving heart

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For My Parents

here was once
a simple seed
did not know
its worth or need
never had
a chance to grow
others thought
that it was 'slow'
it was like a wingless bird
not included in the herd

so it had learn't to live alone
trying to sprout,
where grass had grown
deep in jungles it felt safe
no one around
no taunt
'its late'

but that seed was gardeners joy
to help it sprout
they nurtured and toiled
and made sure
no predator would unearth
saved it from freezing winters
and long summers killing dearth

one fine day when time was right
the seed, pushed the earth
and sprouted smiling bright
soon it started reaching for sky
once that was timid
too scared and too shy

rest is just a history
whether it grew tall or not
is mystery.

For My Pretentious Suitors

Walk in the dusk
Cold wintery musk
Frozen to the core
But so much to explore

Barren woods
Brown shivering lands
Full moon nights
Alone I withstand

Sprinkling praises
Showering love
Came like a shooting star
Upturned my quiet world

The Polish is golden
Copper, silver or tanned
Each one of you
Hide the same selfish brand

From this hillock
That overlooks
Deserted lands
I await the survival
Of my own being
My original self.
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For My Soon To Be Exhusband

Tonight I miss you
Just one more time
Why does my heart cry
Why can't I smile

So much about you
Is part of me
All of those memories
I touch and feel

I still remember
Curls of your hair
Square shoulders
Stern walk
Charming with
Flair

In all my dances
My songs of love
In all my dreams
You are my
treasure trove
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For My Special Friend, I Cannot Name

You say too soon
You'll go away
Leaving me on my own
There are promises that
We friends had made
Under the morning Sun.

I know your physical self suffers
Your soul too wants to be free
I know I should be thankful one
God helped me meet you though

I can't be selfish
Or perturbed
But I ll be full of woe
God has to keep you
Here for me
And that is all I know

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Forget Me Not When We Meet Again

Why did we not meet before
Cause when seeds are sown
The trees do grow, and then
In time fruits too will show

Who said we did not meet before
I am sure we did, but on the other shore
We looked different, spoke different
We still were friends, But I had to go.

For many year I loved a man
I was in love, I don't defend
But all this time he did pretend
It was a debt from previous land
I have paid the debt, that is the end

Across the seas in a foreign land
There is this person, who understands
We have never met, we never can
But through verses and words
We have held our hands

Strong threads of friendship
That no one can see
Perfection of affection
An unspoken treaty

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Forsaken Dreams

I had once a long wish list
of things to do
places to go
every thing clear
never covered with mist

This bucket list
kept growing big
but I realized
that for too much
I had wished
I was meant to nest on one tree
not fly around, migratory and free

so I rolled it up
and sealed it in a can
made it hard
to be opened
by human hand

tossed it out
in the open sea
beyond the horizon
into eternity

I am officially wish list free
don't make plans
for dreams are not for me

maybe one day
on a lonely boat
a young fisherman
will find this can
open it up
and read what I wrote

That will be the day

my dreams
can be freed
from caged existence
out in the open
savoring cool sea breeze

some other person
will own them then
and then all my dreams
will come true
never to be abandoned
again in a can

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Fragmented Hopes

Fragmented hopes
Precarious joys
Palpable fears
Life is destroyed

Earth quakes
And winds
Tornadoes
Death strings
Tsunamis
Of destruction
Volcano's
Ruination

Grappling with faith
None left
Of this trait
Prayers to the moon
With Dust storms
They escaped

Nobel Gold
it was gilded
My pearl
now outdated
This pearl
Of my heart
It's peace
Has been raided

I still
Will rise
To all your
Surprise
Last seed
Of my hope
no longer
Hides it's pride

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Free Water Lilly

In an unknown backwater
Away from all known lands
There once bloomed a water Lilly
One could spot, only by chance

She was a loner,
never lonely though
Her own little world
Where all her loves,
She knew, were true

Moon was her ally
Her lover and her friend
She never knew of high tides
A life of dreams and trance

Then one day
There came a Man
Handsome, young and tall
It was surely destiny's plan
For he swept her away for sure

He fell in love with Lilly
Spoke to her
Of greener lands
For he was a soldier
How could she not
Hold his hands

He took her away
From home,
Then tried planting
Her in oceans
Where tidal waves
Would menacingly groan

The Lilly felt so lonely
was scared
But could not tell

She never belonged
to the oceans
But here she had to dwell

Verily, as time passed
That 'love' reached its end
At last!
Cast away in the seas
The Lilly was now 'free'

But was she?

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Freedom

YBroken wings
Made no sound
Soul set free
Freedom found
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From Your Pen

From your pen
To my heart
Earthy colours
Of your art
With the songs
That leave
Your lips
For my dreams
I have found
A script
Back to the
Reverie
I have slipped
Nalini

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Frozen In Time

Frozen in time
My thoughts
Still in their prime
Sealed with
Love too
My dreams
Yet to come true

Waiting for the
Promised
Warmth of sunshine
Thawing in spring
Blossoming
In summertime
Nalini

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Full Moon Night

A full moon night
Always helps me
feel right
And wonder
At the world
The magic
That all
Pervasive
Love

It's beauty
The silver
Of its touch
The precious
Feeling
Of renewed
Romantic nudge
I know
I am dreaming
But few things
I now trust

Ecstasy
I soak in
From my every
Pore
And my broken heart
It does try to cure

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Furious Fire

Furious fire
Singed ashen
Wings
What pulled me
Towards doom
Unseen killer
strings.

What bound me
To you
Were Mere
Shackles of pain
Why couldn't I
Fight back
Couldn't restrain

How I slid down
This dubious
Black hole
Strapped to the
Driving seat
Still lost control

Sucked into
sadness
Little of me
remains
Scars of my
Past
Shards scattered
over the plains

Like billion stars
Sparkle on shores
My many parts
Tell secret lores
Nalini

Future Fast Forward

You can hide
From my gaze
But your conscience
Can never erase
Our memories
Will leave
their indelible trace

Different faces
Different names
You are all
Just the same
Wear wolves
Can, never
Ever be tamed
Dressed as protectors
To humanity, a shame

So nemesis is,
Catching up with you
No soothsayers or deities
For you to run to
And your end
Will be painful too

So run my friend
From your miseries
Your seeds of destruction
Are blooming as trees
And here I laugh
Tears streaming
down my cheeks

No! I am not crazy
But yes! Relieved

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Future Seen

I am broken
That I know
Damaged good
Dried up
To core
Just a stump
Is all I am left
Lifeless shell
Pearl lost
In theft.
Barren dunes
Quite moonless
Nights
Colours bleached
From tattered hide
You too will
Soon let me go
Like old times
Take solitary strolls
Nalini

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Gaia's Girl

To the
Five elements
I belong
Back to them
Before too long

My Earthy charm
My fiery thoughts
Waters resilience
I've been just strong

Clear blue skies
Or cloudy ones
With
My imagination
I am on a run

Windy days or
The ones of breeze
I do breathe
Not yet deceased

Yes! I am
Gaia's Girl
Mother Goddess
I'll soon return.
Nalini

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Going Solo

It's in your curves
The lively verve
It's in your smile
That gypsy style
In all that you say
With hearts you
Play
You are my love
Forever I'll serve.

Empty hollow
Careless words
Fake promises
There's no dearth
Cookie cutter
Clueless clowns
Clones caricatures
making rounds

I am no more
Naive and fool
In the end
You'll all control
I have learnt
From my past
Scrolls.

Going solo
Travelling light
I am on
Forever flight
Gypsy Bedouin
Homeless knight
Nalini

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Going Under

Going under
The cloud once more
I know the thunders
It has in store

I also know
That I might singe
When lightening strikes
My tender skin

But, I will still
Go on and fly
For up above
The sky is dry

That is where
My rainbow lies
Land of dreams
Many hidden surprise

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Gripes Of. Freedom

Gripes of freedom
Like birthing pains
Tend to scare
But end in gains

No more life line
From you to me
All by myself
Ill scale the sky free

Just for so long
I have tended our nest
Just learning
To take refuge on a lone branch
Put all troubles to rest

All this time
The walls of our home
Had pictures of us together
But now they are gone.

I still remember
How you smelled
How you looked
But there is no more
Looking back
For I am off the hook

It's a process
Of cutting you off
Getting you out
Of my system
While this heart
Still sobs

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Guileless Love

Love should always
Make us strong
Never guilty
Of doing wrong

For one
who Is touched
Is Enriched
But will never
Stay unripped

Like the raindrops
That bring us hopes
Fear of floods
Does lurk
unprovoked

But some men
Who play with hearts
Think of girls
As guileless tarts

Their lusty hands
Defiles all flowers
Like bitter pill
After taste does last

So fragile love
Just learn to behave
To that special one
Give yourself
With no haste

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Gypsy Girl, S Tale

It's my story
Has to make
no sense
Here it rains
In desert planes

Shadows
Of dark clouds
Play timeless games

Deluges and droughts
Take turns
To prove their clout

Here cacti blossom
And mirages reign
A lone gypsy girl
Scales this landscape

It's her excuse
to escape
Sandstorm of memories
That fiercely inundate
Every pore of her being
Its impossible, to extricate

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Gypsy In My Backyard

Right in my back yard
In desert plains
Out In the wilderness
During monsoon rains

I spot a herd
of white wooly sheep
And in their midst
I see a colourful turban peep

Bronzed by Sun a weathered face
White Loin cloth
he drapes with superior grace
With keen eyes attentive gaze
He scans the land
for his herd to graze

He is not another common,
everyday goatherd
He's a gypsy,
Comes from another world

To many lands he must have been
Privy to secrets,
of fallen and pristine
There s nothing
That he has not seen.
Nonchalant monk so much at peace

All through my lazy day
In hot blaze or rainy haze
He takes care of his sheep and stock
Lest they walk away and stray

It's evening time and I can see
Little fires lit with sticks and leaves
Earthen pots on fire tops
Time to eat, then stars to watch.

Wish I could just run away
From this world, just turn away
I am a gypsy in my heart
Maybe hitch my caravan
Time to make, a new start.

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Gypsy Skirt

I want that very gypsy skirt
the one that makes me dance on dirt
the one that's tied with silken strings
I want the one with golden fringe

That very one with mirrors on
that shimmer and shine
as I twirl along
In hues of purple blue and pink
I 'need' that gypsy skirt I think.

This skirt that has a floral trail
a classy top with diaphanous veil
and then you know
I'll never stop
will dance in valleys
and mountain tops.

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Happy Me Oriels And Tears

Happy memories, and Tears

It's always
Memories
So fine
Of you and me
That hurt
Make me whine

Deep within
They pierce
And pain
Not bad words
That we
exchanged

Close encounters
I still recount
Where I never left you
Still you, I never found

Not your spirit
Or ethereal soul
Just your miasma
That I could ever hold

But you did get
A much better deal
Not just ephemeral
That caught your zeal

One more feather
In your cap
As I deal
With another
Mishap
Nalini

Happy Pills

They are five
they help me ride
the toughest waves
in oceans wild

They make me tough
for life is rough
and I was born
with skin not hide

they help me face
the life with grace
so I don't fail
in this rat race

I know I am behind
from the rest of my kind
so no one holds my hands
they are in a different place and time

But my best five friends
are always there by my side
to help me deal with things
in my own sweet time...

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Harakiri.

Thank you all
For helping me decide
The way to go
Wrong or right
Thanks a ton
For showing you despise
My every mood
My moves, my style

Cannot thank you enough
For showing me the way
To take the path of death
Ending my miseries today

I feel so much at peace
For soon I will get release
From all the drama and disease
My soul will soon relinquish
This ugly piece of meat

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Harmless

Harmless
Charmless
Aimless
Lout
Nothing
special
There
To flout.

Branded
Clothes
Fancy
Rides
I am not
On your
Side.

Cheering
Crowds
Classy
Clowns
Painted
Faces
Tainted
Crowns

Just
A
No one
Blooming
Wild
It's my
Plainness
I don't
Hide

Painful
Stillness
Soulful

Sighs
Artless
Ardour
Unheard
Cries
Nalini

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Haunting Hatredk

I was still young
I was still naive
With lust or love
I had no tryst

And then you came
In to my life
You barged your way
Don't you remember that night

You made me fall in love with you
You said that all this was so true
You promised that you will hold my hand
And never desert me whatever the trend

But seventeen years down the road
When I am not young, beginning to get old
You have new planning so up your sleeve
It has been in process, to me unseen

For I never fulfilled your dreams
You don't need me,
But need change of scene

With much hatred
You beat me up
Dragged me on
So I loose my trust

You tried your best
To break me down
Like wild animal
I was to be trained
While I made no-sound

I still remember
My tuft of hair
In your hand
The pain of your kicks

While I cowered
Writhing in unspoken pain

That night of horror
Still I live
Humiliated and hurting
Nursing hatred

Now you want
To get rid of me
An easy task
You think
It will be

Just you wait
You narcissistic waste
For justice now
Awaits at your place

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Healers Story

Stories repeat
but to tell theirs
People compete
Every day I sit in
that 'confessional' box
trying to heal,
Sometimes merely trying to detox
I am just an instrument of God
if he chooses me,
I get blessings from the lot

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Healing

Moon's reflections
sparkle grains of sand
While I leave my foot prints
soon to be washed again
Ecstatic waves of ocean
reaching out to creeks
Where lay the quite sea shells
not wanting to be disturbed
while lightly they sleep
Strong and warm ocean breeze
Hugs me hard
Embracing me with all the zeal
Unwrapping all unnecessary layers
Its time to unwind just my time to heal

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Heart Once Broken

Heart once broken
Cracks remain
Words not spoken
Memories retained

A mosaic of experiences
Glued together
Haphazard patterns
Heart knows, no better

It keeps beating
Keeps going on
New hopes on
New horizons
But eyes look forlorn

Why does my heart
Feel all the pains
When life from times past
Can't be reclaimed

Why do I fear
To start anew
No trust,
And no faith
Nothing right
Nothing true
Nalini

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Hearts Call

Will you be
My true friend
Will you be
My mate
Say you'll
Never leave me
On paths I can't
Retrace

I am chipped
And broken
Travelling
Life's long trails
Canyons
Have been traversed
Mirages
have been chased

I might look
So messed up
And I do look
dazed
Jigsaw puzzle
Gone all wrong
Some pieces
Lost to blaze

So if you
want to hold hands
And walk for miles
With me
Remember
To pace your
Foot steps
Where
You won't be
Tired of me
Nalini

Helpless Heart

A broken heart
Can never heal
And in this state
It has been sealed

It has been frozen
To keep it safe
It bled too much
Lifetimes mistake

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Henna, S Words

H

She decorates
my feet and palms
With wet floral designs
From arm to the wrist
in front and behind

Dark wet motifs
That come to life
I love the fragrance
So many memories
It hides

Soon the motifs dry up
falling off as scales
Bright orange colour
Emerges from its veil

Then this orange colour
Darkens up much more
Maroonish brown colour
Adorns, the palms and soles

But in my case
The colour of my henna
Never takes this course
It remains a Dull orange
From where it gets washed off

I should have paid attention
Looked for Henna, s traits
Never would I have
Loved you
Never made this mistake

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Hidden Words

Right across
clear blue
Of sky
I see a streak
Of cloudy white
And so I know
A jet did fly

There was
A sound
A distant roar
thundering clouds
And rains
Did pour

On a quite
Sea beach
A gull
Did screech
High tides
Washed off
Some memories
With weeds

A shell contained
All of its pain
Lo and behold!
Pearl was ordained.

So much is said
But much is not
So much explained
But most cannot

Volcanoes bring forth
What nurses within
Flowing magma
Relieving
Pains grim.

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Hiding

Hiding into
My cubbyhole
My self contained
Comfort zone
And I am
No more
Accident prone

I don't venture out
Only failures
To flout
I feel so lost
Amidst large crowds

So, from this
Main land
An oasis
in sand
I go back
To hiding
In my
Deserts grand
Nalini

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Home Of My Dreams

I love living on the Edge
dangling my feet from the ledge
my little cottage with thatched roof
is certainly sadness proof

the front door opens
and I can see
valley of flowers
just under my feet

From a little creek
in a
distance mountain peak
I see it flowing
there is a big leak
Its spring waters rushing
for rivers they do seek

Misty mornings
wind chimes calling
and I cannot wait
to go out strolling

Sunshine warms up
wakes up the bees
They get busy working
from flowers to the trees

Butterflies and Birds
wild flowers on the kerb
little vegetable beds
and fragrant patch of herbs

After noons melt into evenings
Soon there will be stars
night has befallen
and deep slumber
Takes over the dark..

Hope

Splash of rainbow
In shut eyes
And my dreams
Take another
Joy ride

I am
No longer
Covered
In ash
Blown away
From furnace
Of memories Trash.

I am just
A form aglow
Golden rays
In ecstatic throes

One day my life
Will be coloured
In brights
Rainbows
Will shy
As I'll walk
Long strides

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Hour Glass

I wait for that last grain of sand
To drop quietly in the heap
So that I can turn the glass over
Before I sleep that eternal sleep

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House Hunting

All that I need is a quiet sanctuary
Where wilderness abounds
No more life of drudgery.

All that I want
is to sing away my songs
With the birds and bees and crickets
And I know no humans would throng.
They would not survive the thicket

Just a handful of earth,
And an armload of sky
I will rebuild my nest
With no one else's rules to comply

If I can't get this
Then I will hide
In the ocean waters
When the tide is high

And in the deep sea
I'll finally reside
In an empty shell
Spend the rest of my life

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Human Male

Now nothing unpalatable
surprises me about your lot
How shallow in character
Also a very deep traitor

You stole my money
And it's fine
But the trust that you broke
Will return to you in time

You all are born devious conmen
Some dressed up as solders
Others join doctors clan
While we do see you as farmers
Politicians and leaders of any brand

You were born of woman's womb
Warmly nurtured in their arms cocoon
As sisters they have showered love
As wives and partners
give their lives and their trust

But all you men can give them in return
Is physical hurts and
heartaches that forever burn

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Hurt

Yes! I will continue
to laugh smile.
For my sadness
is now sterile
But if you spot the sadness in my eyes
you know that truth is hard to hide

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Hurt And Pained

Hurt and pained
Loneliness gained
Nothing to share
Just heartaches stare

Looking down
From high rocks
Dazed desires
To become one
With brooks

All I see
Is summer streams
Rushing through
My, coloured
Dreams

And my dreams
Detached and flow
Down the ravines
Dying on sandy
Shores

Glassy eyes
Here
Tears don't show
Anyhow anymore
Nalini

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I Am A Pariah

The stench of sadness
Drives you all away
It's not infective
Still I am avoided
Like its plague

Feel like an island
Alone in the sea
High tides and low tides
Wash ashore some reeds

Each one of you
Have your own take
About why do I suffer
My reasons my mistakes

Some say it's my destiny
No wonder I suffer this misery
Others don't give a damn
For they have
their own little cosy clan

Quarantined in a cell
But when I come
I'll ring that bell
The one that once
The lepers used
So healthy ones
Could take refuge

But here I am
Dealing with my Pains
All by myself
Trying to
glide this
one winged plane

Day after day
Putting up a new fight

Nothing seems to work
Nothing in life is right

They say when it rains
It tend to pour
I guess in my case
It's going to flood
A little more

Then one day
As this storm
clams down
And Gives way,
To sunshine around

There will be
No sight of me
The island
That I was
You'll never see

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I Am A Statement

I am a statement
Unto myself
I am alive
Reiterating, my strength

I am no stranger
To sarcastic sighs
None of your judgements
Berates me with slights

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I Am Free

I am free
I am fragrance
Holding me
In chains
You have
No chance

I am a tune
Unforgettable
song
To ocean waves
I do belong

Silver of rays
On full moon night
My pure essence
I am hearts delight

I am the rhythm
In every dance
With beats of drums
I do romance

How will you hurt
This resonance
shimmering chimera
Turbulent torrent
Nalini

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I Am Just A Sound Wave

I felt it today
The detachment
from attachment
The connection
Between

Affliction and affection
Inspiration for perspiration
Emotional give and take
Where trust is never safe

I also am devoid of guilts
You gave some, I gave a lot
It's alright
something's in life
cannot be bought

We are all
recycled products
Many lifetimes
have etched out the hurts

I feel no happiness
Sadness has no place
My heart feels like
An alien landscape

This state of non feeling
Of being a non being
I must be anti matter
Or just a sound wave

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I Am Maimed

Baleful gaping
Empty holes
Sapless life
Troubled soul

Festering sores
They won't heal
Like a knife
Cut me deep

I feel severed
I feel gored
Tides touch heaven
Mauled by shores

Dusty mornings
Gritty eyes
Smothering shadows
Breathless sighs.

All those noises
Screaming jeers
Shameless memories
Singeing leers.

I am held down
Feel restrained
To deep anchor
Neck is chained

For a lifetime
Broken stained
Plight of pariah
I am maimed
Nalini

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I Am Poetry

I am a poetry
I am a dance
I am addictive
I am a trance.
I am a laughter
Meaningful smile
I am an essence
Alchemists spice.

Not just what you see
What you can touch
I am much more than
What you unearth
You have to free me
To know my world
I am that fire
Core of the world

I am Tsunami
I am snowstorm
Force to reckon with
Nemesis of sorts
It's hard to love me
Just be assured
Depth of this ocean
Can't gauge from shores

Like brilliant sparkles
Lighting the skies
Meteoric showers
Swarms of fireflies
Arch of the rainbow
Songs of love birds
Darkness of black holes
You can't unearth

Breaking strong mountains
Spring water spurts
San dune that travels

With gypsy's skirt
Fade in nothingness
Tricks for your eyes
Vapours existence
There are no lies
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I Am The Zee

For so long,
I have been the Q
Of no value
without U.

Relearning
to be the Z
Zipping fast
the painful past
Flying free
For nothing lasts

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I Belong To No One

The feeling you have
just before you are about to unshackle all the ties
start planning for life, devoid of lies
where you have time to spend with yourself
no more dressing up
or stressing out
no more deadlines
to waste your time
Then its year long
Summer times.

Yes! I am earning it all
for I am breaking these walls
that have confined me
and tried to define me
Back to where I am from,
The Sun, the Seas and Earth
that welcomes life giving rainstorms

Soon i will be a nobody again
in the process will have
so much more to gain

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I Have To Dance Today

I know have to dance today
its the rhythm in my head
that wants me to move
a beat that's so loud
That there is no way
I can mute

I have not heard this tune before
I know I want to savor it to the core
and the only way I have known
is to be led in trance all alone

every music, beats or words
lyrical voices, turn my world
into heaven here on earth
and here I am burning all that hurts

look at me so mesmerized
see that twinkle, in my eyes
for dancing means so much to me
its my language, my poetry....

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I Have To Go On

Borrowed songs
Rented dreams
Cliched words
These goods
Are for free

I do take pride
In each of my strides
For I planted trees
In barren reliefs

I've walked along
When Head winds
Were strong
Drenched to
The bones
Stone cold
Were surrounds

None of my trees
Escaped,
these Miseries
So nothing is found
Just Desolate grounds

I have to go on
To no where
I belong
The sand dunes
Play tunes
To them
I dance along
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I Know

I know
That
One day
You too
Will
Walk away
Not looking back
Have nothing
To say

I know
That
Once more
Ill cry
For succour
Feeling lifeless
Distressed
To my core

So I will not
Give this
Heart away
And there
Won't be
Any
Action replay
And so
You will
Have
Many reasons
To stay
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I Love My India

And the neighbours just stood by
Watching me being dragged as I cried
Now not a single spineless soul
Comes forward to say
That they did see it all
Oh yes..I LOVE My INDIA

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I Need

I need
To be loved
Tenderly
To be touched

I want
To be cherished
With much violence
Have been ravished

I wish
To be needed
Like your Queen
Want to be treated

There is hope
For life to get better
Only if
Your heart
Could give shelter

Sad fact
of my life
You have
No heart
To nourish
Me fine
I'll always remain
Unshaded
Grape vine

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I Nurtured Our Song

I have held you,
In heart
For so long.
My roots
thin tendrils
Entwined
so strong.
you Slipped away
While I nurtured
Our song

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I Still Love You

I have always loved your curls
That charming smile
I got drunk on that wine
I also have loved your deep brown eyes
Thick eyelashes your dreamy style
I fell in love with square jaw line
Your broad shoulders, I could recline
I am also not ashamed to say
I love your fragrance, in natural way

But your good looks
Now seem
Smoke screen
To hide all your hate
That aversion
You have for me

It's alright
That I loved
Just once
In life

It had to be you
To teach me
That I could too
Love someone
More than my life
And forget my own pleasures
For the sake of that smile

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I Want To Forget

I want to forget
But never
Would regret
Your sojourn
In my life

Lessons
Have been learnt
Yet No bridges
Have been burnt
Future will now
Surely be wise
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I Was Born

I was born
To be alone
For many sins
I need to atone

Tomorrow will be
Yet another day
I'll still be here
Not gone far away

Staring at the clock
I see the hands walk
And the pendulum
Religiously rocks

I step out
To Watch the
Night sky
Stars embedded
Still twinkling shy
And the comets
No longer here fly

No more smiles
No more light
No more laughter
Will enter my life
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I Was Here

I was here
Now I am not
Have moved on
Nothing brought

No more
Baggage
Just freedom
Sought

Like a thorn
Stuck in flesh
Happily removed
Thrown out
like trash

That is how
You make me feel
Just pure love
You'll never find
Even if you
Try to steal
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I Was Not Gone

I was not gone
All this while
Just spread around
Over lands fertile

Little grain of sand
My entity
As I stand
Mighty mountain rock
I am not,
I don't pretend

Just a fragrance
Of a rose
Cannot see me
Or touch from close

With slightest breeze
I'll float away
In your memories
I'll still try to stay

Just a dew drop
On a a leaf
As Sun comes up
My time to leave
Not even my shadow
There is to keep

That is all
There is to me
Nothing grand
About this
Deserted tree
You too can leave
You were always free

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Identity

I don't fear getting broken again,
crushed into pieces
washed away with monsoon rain.
All that I fear is to be found
littered in a drain.
And then being put together
in someone else's fancy frame.
So just break me
and spread me around
let my soul be free
in a body never bound

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If I Just

If I just
Sat here
Not moving
Just breathing
For many eons
Will I just melt away
In a hole
Wax candle
Burnt
To the core
Or will I explode
Into a zillion photons
Evaporate like mist
In the Nowhere zone
Nalini

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Ignorance Revisited

Everything around, will eventually change
Everything that's right, will one day be strange
Every one alive, will soon be lost in the dust
So why do I attempt, to protect iron from rust

All these mindless actions
that drive me away
from that One real perfection
are ridiculous reactions
to my own faulty perceptions

My inability to see
to feel, to sublimate
in to absolute reality
and I continue to suffer
forever in eternity

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Imagination

I never needed an anchor
to hold me down
all I wanted
was that wave
that could carry me around

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The rules that you etched in stone
I could never own
The ones I wrote on shifting sands of time
Yes, they are all mine
I don't discover new lands
Just invent new ones

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Impending Doom

the fear of known is worse
than the fear of unknown
I do know where my ship is sailing
and I know its doomed to be sinking
I see my end, as I blend in the sand
but there is nothing there that I can do

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In Dusk I'll Blend

I think
I will
Be my
Best friend
I know
I won't
Wait for
Changed
Trends.

Like a
Lone star,
Unknown
Wild flower
Will bloom
Anon
sparkle
From far

I tread
On sand
Travel
Bare hand
Nothing
To lose
In dusk
I'll blend
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Inbetweenness-Painful Midlife Blues

That in between stage
Where deep restive slumber
Fights it's loosing battle
With wide awake sleepless state

That embarrassing pause
When you have nothing to say
And the slowly moving clock
Digs in its painful claws

That sadly helpless state
When you are deeply in love
But other one is not on same page
So finds hard to reciprocate

The time when seasons change
There is so much to embrace
But memories of your past
Make you taste tears salty taste

That T junction in life
Where choices on either side
Make you cringe with fear
But you hide it with all your pride

I think it's middle age blues
The one that I am talking about to you
Maybe once I cross this bridge
I'll be less hassled
For inbetweenness will no longer fit

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India Vs Pakistan

let us go ahead
and compete
for the mood is
so upbeat

While India has
the minors raped
killed and hanged
why were they maimed?
it was the cops
not goons or crazed
makes me mad
and so enraged

Twin Pakistan
is also proud
for killing a girl
pregnant but
not devout.
They stoned her
It had to be
honor killings
makes society
blasphemy free

While these girls
suffered in pain
onlookers just
had no disdain.

In the end
who got to win?
Who is the one
with bigger sin?

which of the men
are bigger brutes?
Where against cruelty
no one shouts.

How much longer
it has to be?
before my sisters
will forever be free?

raped and maimed
killed and blamed
has to end
has to end
has to end..

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Industrial Summer

Peak of Indian summers
and Sun sings every being
with its piercing hot rays
last bit of sap,
sipped up from grass blades

mighty inferno,
its flames now surround
spiking high fever,
forcing us to be home bound

Its that time of the year
when everything burns,
turns crazed
while creatures run for cover
looking for that very shade
that has been lost
for all the trees
to the ground
have been razed

Thirsty little beaks,
looking for one last drip
from the roadside tap
for water is now a treat

a couple of stray puppies
along with their loving mother
searching for a puddle
and a cooler place
where they can take some cover

a malefic cloud of coal
envelops this little town
where everything burns like cinders
and clean water befouled
by industries around

no more patches of green

its a concrete and cement scene
why are we building our own hell
for soon there will be none left
life wiped out, under this horrific spell.

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Inside

Inside of me
There are
Oceans and seas
Upheavals that churn
Squeeze the brine
Tears run free
Nalini

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Insignificant Other

While you sling
That mud on me
Your own hands
Can't be dirt free

You have done it
In the past
Futile exercise
To bury me fast

But don't you know
I am that marshy land
Just another step
And you get sucked in

My end will come
Only when ordained
Don't try to rush
For you are lost
And from my death
There is nothing
Left to gain

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Interlaced

Interlaced
In the warps
Of my life
Are the wefts
Of memories alive
Faces and places
Of all the phases
Untamed love
Unrequited crazes

And I do cherish
This stole
Full of blemish
The protective guard
Runs in many yards.

Emerging patterns
Repetitive lessons
Tales of all the battles
From time I played
With rattles
Stories yet untold
Played so many roles

Again I stand alone
On vantage point
Unknown
Nalini

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Internal Inferno

You have broken all my trust
In the muck my face was thrust
Muddy vision, clouds my heart
You were first love, will be my last

Crowding memories of our past
Muddled up mangled days fly fast
Terms of endearment tear at my heart
So much love and now we will part

In one gust the straws got strewn
One by one I gather my home
But the spirit that stuck all it's parts
Vanished away, no way to recast.

Just a heap of straw I see
Conflagration
I feel the heat

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Introspecting

Introspecting
I see a face
So tired
But not
disgraced

Somewhat
Hardened
Still not
Disheartened
Wonder when
Will she be
Pardoned

Life's has been,
Just too long
Tired legs
But strides
are strong

How many miles
Do I need to walk
Before I hit
That bottom rock

Many days
To many months
Years gone by
No hardships dearth

When will I
Climb the
rainbow high
When will waves
I'll get to ride
When will Earth
Let me plant
My feet
When will love

Live in my own street
Nalini

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Invisible Child

That invisible child
The one
Who looks wild

That unwashed
sad look
Tough flower
Of the woods

Born to the dirt
From where
have you spurt

No future dim past
For how long
You'll last

Hooked on to glue
Of life,
has no clue

Sack on his back
Rummaging
Through scraps

Matted brown hair
Stray dogs,
Share your lair

Soaked in the rains
Nurturing
Hunger pains

No roof and
No hearth
Of miseries
No dearth

Your presence

Is the essence
Of dissonance

Makes me question
God almighty's
Own presence

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Inwards Bound

The flimsy
Diaphanous
Veil
A cobweb
Netted trail
Off white
With studded
Stars
True stole
Nothing
Is farce

My cocoon
So warm
And strong
Inside this
Nothing
Goes wrong
My sanctuary
Of many
Years long

My internal
Exotic world
Of which
No one
Has heard
Except
That tiny
Song bird

The rapids
Of the spring
The breeze
That mornings
Bring
Sunrises
Know
These things

So now
I am inwards
Bound
Where quietness
Does abound
And Serenity
Will resound
Nalini

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Isolation

Isolation,
Insulation
From
Temptation
Pretentious
Allegations
abrasive
Aggravations
Melancholic
Mortifications.
Isolation
Is my expectation
These big crowds
My annihilation

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It Gets Better

It gets better
As time goes by
This is what
Keeps me
from crying

It's the same
All over again
My horizon Shows
just snow and rain

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It's All About

It's all
About
Perceptions
Our
Crystallised
Convictions
The
Ideas
Etched
In minds
Those
Songs
That heart
Reminds
That we
All come
Into being.
Who we are,
And where
We have
Been
Nalini

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It's End

Cannot brave
These storms
No more

Broken yacht
And have
no stores

On this lonely
Rock I will
Perish soon
No will to chill

You will find
pieces of me
Floating away
With memory

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It's Over For Me

At will you can woo me
At will you can shoo me
Like termite
you dug deep in my core
And in my heart
you made your home

And when the core
Seemed old to you
You left me
riddled with holes

As I crumbled,
Other homes
you explored

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It's The Storm

It's the storm
Before it quiets
Weak wings pain
From endless
Flights
Hope green shores
Be soon
In sight.

I stand
On timeless
Sand
Waves washed
Away my plans
I still dream
Of distant lands

Turned my back
To lifeless past
Have no mould
Futures can't cast
And my present
Just senseless
Vast.
Nalini

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Jilted

I Don't feel guilty
But feel the pain
For my pure love
once more unaccepted
Washed down the drain

Maybe
it's in my flavour
Maybe in my
changeable moods
Maybe I love too much
None can deal
With its deep roots

You touched my skin
Left deeper imprints
You kissed my lips
New hope took birth

Every pore is drunk
With your fragrance
Every time I breath in
You slip in with grace

I try hard
To resist
Your addictive charm.
To stand alone
And Not reach out
For your
strong arms

But everything fails
Your thoughts
Just prevail
Foot prints
On cement floors
Of my heart
My soul.

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Joy

One little bit
of happiness
A minuscule of joy
Rubs off
so much sadness
Life's devious ploys

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Just A Rock

A single rock
Quietly sits
On the beach
Careless tides
Splash with joy
Playfully leave.
Left alone
It still
Does not grieve

Surrounded by ocean
An island
In its right
Its core
is never moistened
No wave could
Hold it tight

Not a mountain
To host a herd
Grow some trees
And nest the birds
Just a rock
A little mound
It's lost its voice
Its past still hounds
Nalini

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Just Cause Of Love

Just cause of love
Your nurturing
And My trust
I can forget
Our pasts
Banished
Back to dust

Just because
I love
I know how
To care
So that
This precious
Thread
Never breaks
And you
Never hurt

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Just For A Moment

Just for a moment
With the flicker
Of Sun's rays
On the resting
Dewdrops
And flakes
Your love
Showed
Me the path
But you are gone
Now where
Do I go
whom
Do I asketh
Nalini

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Just For Love I Thought Was There

Dust I have gathered
From all these years
Time I have frittered
Soaking wet
in senseless tears
Rocky Paths
That I have walked
Shredding shoes
And Clothes threadbare
Just for love
I thought was there.

Formless clouds
And tidal waves
Bubbles burst
Mirages chased
Back to dust
The castles razed.

Nothing left
But memories stay
Deeply etched
As soul gets frayed
Till next birth
When parts replayed.
Nalini

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Just One More Time

I want to bloom
Just one
More time
Before it's
Time to
Wilt and
Dry

To scale
The limitless
Blue
Of sky
Until
It's time
When wings
can't fly

To dance
And sing
To laugh
With Spring
To bring
Quite Autumn in
It's shy

I want
To swim
And ride
The winds
As monsoon
Rains
Soak me
On sly

Yes!
Can I just live
This one last time
Before it's time
To say

Bye bye
Nalini

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Just Ordinary

somewhere in the middle of that bell curve
I find my place, for me its reserved
they are many all around
nothing special to be found
i am happy to be one of the trees
in this wilderness of forests
to be exotic, is not my cup of tea..

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Karmic Lessons

So many scripts
So many trips
So many skins
That I have
Lived in.

Too many lessons
To be learnt
Before I detach
Myself from Earth

The very being
I loved so much
Is now averse
To my face my touch

The very place I want to be
Now is too far
An untraceable dream

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Kintsugi

Some crumpled pictures
Thrown in trash
I picked them up
Arranged the stash

I saw my smiles
Crisscrossed
With lines
Stories of yore
And broken ties

Yellowed out paper
Colours did fade
Fresh memories
In heart, have stayed.

Pictures from past
Shadows did cast
Wrinkles I've earned
Milestones I've passed
Nalini

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Kohl Blot

I scratched
Few words
Drew some
New Lines
On Brand new page
With gloss and shine

But blue ink wet
Was smudged
Looked sad
As tear drops
Spilled
Kohl lined eyes wept

Soon,
my new leaf
Looked old
With grief

Dust storm
Of sadness
Gritty eyes
No Sleep

I do now fear
My slumberland
Sweet dreams
Are broken
Just mirages
And sand

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Lasting Impressions

Lasting impression
On my life
Of all my victories
Of loosing fights

Of times
That I soared
Times
I had to dive

My solitary pains
My happy times
Some gains

My loves
In whom
I lost myself
My rejections
Where I found
My battered
Remains

Places I carved
A niche
But soon abandoned
Fleeing the bliss

Times
When self identity
Was at stake
Good times
When I seldom
Made mistakes

From nobody
To somebody
To anybody
A, face in the
Crowd

I have lived it all
And of that
I am proud

Yes! I am
Who I am
Today
For all
the experiences
I have gained
Times that
I was maimed

For some
I am dark
For others
My ugliness
Is too stark

Most find me
Harmless
But still
Think
I need
A harness

All that I am
Is a figment
Of your imagination
Soon to spirit away
In quite resignation.

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Learning To Detach

I am learning to realize
that world is just a stage
Where I am just performing
but not for a prize or raise
Its this feeling I now and then get
that soon it will be time to go
And I should not be sad
for towards the ocean my boat
I will row
I feel so light today
To feel this sparkling ray
for I know I do my best
and rest I let go away.
Maybe this is what growing up is all about

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Lessons

Some pains
that drive me insane
also teach me
I am alive
on many plains.
Walking barefoot
is not my deal
but when I have to
its a different feel
As if my sole
can feel so much
hardness of the ground
squishy of the mulch
Every single part
that hits the
hot summer sand,
is a lesson in patience
to see how much
I can withstand.
That is just how feel
when people come my way
completely rude and rustic
hard hearted or cast aways.
Like different notes of music
these people hold a place
helping my soul to grow
And I can win the race

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Letting Go

Trying to sieve
Right from wrong
Evil from good
And to which
I belong

What if
The books of morals
Were to shred and tear
Would we all
Still suffer our fears?

If the wise priests
Of the world
Were to vanish
From face of Earth

Would we still
Bind ourselves
In ropes of rules
And blind our senses
So they don't see
The obvious stuff

Too many rules
Too many rules
Repressed emotions
Hidden truths

Cannot contain
High ocean waves
Or fight the ambers
In Sun's rays

So let go
Let loose
And our paths
We'll get to choose.
Nalini

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Limitless Boundaries

Limitless boundaries
Selfless joys
Heart, that I gave you
Wasn't meant to be
Destroyed

Love was my essence
Yes! My very being
For which I took
Life's all chance
With hurts and miseries

From diamond to dust
You broke all my trust
But I am coalescing
Quick silver
Does not rust

Back to my norm
My feisty form
Braving all tides
Battling all storms.
Nalini

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Living In A Dew Drop

I want to live my life
in a freshly formed dew drop.

In the mist of the night
with the moon shining bright
on a welcoming leaf
I want to drop
and take a slide.

Carefully then
but without
a prior plan
touch the
silken cheeks
of newly bloomed
water lilies

Gazing around
I relish
the quietness
of the town
Feeling secure
in this prismatic
surround

But when in time
the night has to retreat
and the new dawn breaks
with chirping and tweets
Its time for me to leave
I know
my fate has no reprieve

Life was short
but it was sweet
that's what counts
so don't miss me
nor should you weep

Living In The Slow Lane

I want to retreat
physically and emotionally
just escape down
some unknown backstreet

Too much noise
disturbs my poise
the world around
too fast paced, much sound
and I am trapped in the midst.

Dizzy and deranged
tired and painfully chained
Let go off my hand
for this speed I cannot stand.

Adrenaline rush that fuels your thirst
now I have none, and I am on the run
Its time for me to go
please don't stop me any more.

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Lone Gypsy

A Bedouins call to another nomad
Time to pack up on camel's back
Its that time of the year
That we have to all leave from here
To settle again in some mirage land
The majestic shapes that fill landscapes
That yearning for oasis on most hardy trails
they are the panacea for nomadic souls
Away from sand dunes there are no stories to be told
Rooted to a places is not meant for me
I am a Nomad, and that sets me free...

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Lone Gypsy 2

I can never
live at one place
Will soon leave
Without leaving
Any trace

Wondering around
Like an aimless breeze
Touching hearts
Of petals and leaves

I am the very
Essence of freedom
Liberating truths
As. I go on my free run

Colour me blue
The electric shade
Purple and white
Indigo in lace

Nomadic path
A bedouins soul
Gypsy girl
Has much in store

Charms and amulets
Predicting Crystal balls
I dance in full moon
With little bells on

Nothing more
Do I have to say
At the break of the dawn
I will sail Way

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Loneliness

Lonely's
Just a
State of mind
All by myself
I am all mine

Pure reflections
In this pond
Glimpse of shiver
Wind blows on

Single dewdrop
On a leaf
That is where
I like to sleep

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Lonesome Again

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A soft
And Warm gush
An adrenaline
Rush
That feeling
Of awakening
When life
Of mine
Was trampling

I truly, fell in love!

Lo! And behold
My whole
Heart is sold.
As I walked around
Lost
In the alleyways
Of morbid miseries
I found a reason
To live, to stay on
Little longer
As your presence
Made me stronger

Did I
Ever know
Like a
Migratory
Bird
A gypsy
With his herd
You would
leave me
And go
While
On self

On my soul
I carry
The remnants
Of experiences
Untold

Hollowed out
Spaces
Not replaced
With
Other faces
Again I walk alone.
Since
In search of
Greener pastures
Long back
Now you've
Been gone

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Longings

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Cobwebs
That brush
Across
My face
Hold me back
Shackles
That chase
Memories
In heart
Etched
On my soul
Cannot
Return
All of your
Trace
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Longings Et. Al.

You will never look back
Of this I know for sure
No rear view mirror
In your car
I am history and nothing more

Just take me along
And complete our song
The one I have
Sung alone, for so long

We did fit well
Like glove in a hand
So much at home
Like camel in the sand

If you don't return
I'll continue to rerun
Those times of togetherness
Not meant to be burned

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Looking At

Looking at
The starlight
Loneliness
Endured.
Still
Waiting
For the
New Dawn
Where
I won't
Be forlorn
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Lost

Too many sunny days have been wasted
Searching in the bales of hay
Too many sleepless nights have gone
And I have still not found my way

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Lost Faith

Pristine Pagodas powerful place
where miseries of masses
melts away with divine grace

I wish to have
that place within me
where I can return
need no sanctuary

I need to reinstall
in me that long lost faith
the one I had once
but has gone adrift..

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Lost Forever

My little paper boat
my little paper boat
was made of blue paper
in turquoise
my name i wrote
It was made with lot of love
now its gone undiscovered
sunken deep in some unknown world

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Lost Home

Things have changed
so much all around
that I have lost my home
in some unknown town
and so now no hometown for me
and I am officially a vagabond gypsy queen

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Lost Hope

Lost hope

Crowds of people
A wave of hoards
Just pushing
And crushing
Comfort has no scope

Yes! This is how
Temples seem to me
What happened
To to all the peace?
My path to ecstasy

Too much lost
Some lessons learnt
Tranquility too
Seems to have
Got burnt

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Lost In An Ocean Of World

Lost in an Ocean of world

Hard old days
Difficult nights
Memories
Galore
I cry for
Sights

On my own
I row this boat
While my mates
Have stepped
Aside

Tidal waves
Bullies at heart
Toss and turn
My little water
Craft

Daylight sun
Scorching
My skin
I am parched
My throat
Does burn

It's so quiet
When night
Sets in
Just Splash
Of waves
No more
Of din

On my back
As I lie down
Clouds

Sail in
Covering moon
In shrouds

Slipping back
In to deep sleep
Dreams are only
Treasures
To keep
Nalini

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Lost In Translation

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It was meant to be
Our sweet song
For eternity
Like the trickle
Of the spring
Fresh dew drops
Ringing
summers in

But its gone.....

lost in translation
For I, speak of love
While you,
believe in lust

Lust comes easy
Like a take out dinner
While love needs labor
But No sprouts
could taste greater

You'r addicted
to my shell
And no further
Do you dwell
And I know it
Just too well

So no guilt trip
Of falling in love
An easy place
Your emotions
Are untouched

But Once again
I remain unexplained

Like a misty mirage
I am lost somewhere
In the blinding sandstorm
Lost In translation.

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Lost Self In Me

The Self in Me
Is surely gone
Wonder where
Did it
Slip along

Might have
Fizzled
With the
Oceans surf

Or could
Have seeped deep
Into the sand
And Dirt

Must have
Drifted away
With strong
Westerly winds

Don't know
How to
Find old Me
For have no
Strong wings

That essence
That permeated
My very life
And being

Is Long gone
And now Forgotten
Escaped
From worldly
Scene

Hence

What is left
Is just
The peel
The shell
The cover

All hollowed
Out
Gallows
No life giving
Stream

A waterless
River
Is Like a
black hole

A rainbow
Devoid of colours
Lone cactus
In deserts bowl
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Love

Every time I look at you
I know I am in love
even now when I hear your voice
I know I am in love
I know I can read your silence
and yes this surely is love
your presence still puts me in a trance
heady magnetism to your tunes I dance
I am lucky to be in love

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Love Letters On Leaves

Some love letters
On leaves during the fall
I had sent them with winds
Did you get them at all

I know it was already spring
When birds got them on their wings
Maybe you saw them
But you never cared at all

For you could pick and choose
In gardens, wilderness and every where
Of fresh flowers and leaves
You already had your share

And in the summer heat
When woods become timber box
My letters got burnt
But my love still exist,
Not spirited or lost

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Love Was Never There

You never loved me
I now realise
It's what I could get you
That you fantasised

I was to be your stepping stone
Inanimate piece, to be used and thrown
So when you found me obsolete
That I was no longer, what you need

Like a moth eaten rug
You threw me out
You looked so smug
You shameless lout.

I don't blame you
For any of my pains
I should have seen through
Your charismatic pretence

Another new victim
You will entice
Out on the prowl
Is this killer full of vice

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Loveless Lass

I do still remember that day
The day when I was wonder struck
To see you promise me heaven and earth

I still remember that lovelorn look
The one I saw on your face
And the place where I stood
Felt like tremors, it rattled and shook

Was it all a part of dream
Did you never truly love me
And what I saw
Was
Short lived like bubbles or
Vanishing vaporised steam

Why did it ever have to end
My lifetime of love
Will you ever understand

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Love's Recourse

Loves Recourse

You have erased
All of my trace
The memories
Of us
You feel
Disgraced.

Repainted
Canvas
New picture
Replaced
Garish colours
In various shades

Feel it well
With
Finger tips
You will feel
What is engraved

Outlines of love
Etched out with
Grace
Nothing will ever
Fade that away

You will be gone
I will be lost.
Blown away
With time
Love too
Will take
Recourse.
Of blooming
In wilderness
Close to wild
Rose

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Magical Melancholia

Today I heard the bold echo of lightening
And I saw the reflections of thunder,
they were frightening
Today I felt singeing pains of raindrops
While the arch of rainbow,
I saw scattered on leaves as dew drops

For others it was a regular day
But something changed within me some way

Today it must be a blessed day
When I could feel the natures way
No rules of humans come to play
When nature rules, we are humbled away

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Magical Night

The breeze
through the trees
Teasing young fronds
Ticking shy leaves

Bunches of honeysuckle
Fragrant and full of grace
Dancing to rhapsodies
Of cool nightly shades

Raconteur cricket
So full of tales
Even the stars
Look down in daze

The waning quite moon
Half veiled looks so glad
A day off in offing
To unwind take nap

The dark of the night
Is so full of charms
showers of meteorites
Glow worms in swarms

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Maimed

I have been
changed.
Heart
now
Retrained
To never love
With passion
Disillusioned
And maimed
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Masks

Masks I wear are not for charade
but to help me
make my life less hard
they save me from, all the hurts
I don't need the Armour
a shield or automatic guns

I don't need, no pepper sprays
or those high tech laser rays
thank God for my irrelevance
made no bunkers to get away

but yes! I have
some other ways
that do help me
to hide away
from predatory eyes
who think I am their prey

masks that I wear
of various emotions
have proved to be
a good solution
polished well with
all that fake sheen
to hide my very real self
mingling well,
with other goods on the shelf
so that the real me
is always unseen

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Maverick Me

I try hard to keep it under wraps
my quaint identity,
protecting myself from traps
I try my best to mix around
to be camouflaged
be one with the back ground
But its this strangeness that I have
that is an eyesore, none can forget.
The way I laugh, I walk and dress
my random thoughts, my challenging bets
the points of view, that no one gets
this genuine openness, too much for the rest
Yes! I am just made from the dirt
Potters mold, shaped me from earth
And rest of you are plastic dolls
Porcelain made, just not my sort
So we separate like water and oil
and I stay away, least your day, I do spoil

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Medicated Mind

My prescription drug
has made me a slug
To be a sleeping beauty
seems to be my only duty
I know I am angry
There is some aching pain
which part of me now suffers
Is very hard to ascertain
Until I come to grips
with the reality of my life
I know I am doomed to suffer
I will have no stable respite

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Melt In Sounds

In your smiles
And your sighs
In your stories
Times of glories
All the battles
Struggles and
Sobs
My reflections
Like ink blot

Parts of me
Scattered
And free
Photons
Of essence
Droplets
Form seas

Your
Deep impressions
On my perceptions
Ever changing
Self
Nebulous
formations

All of you
Around
Form a ring
Surround
Enriching
My life
As I melt
In sounds
Nalini

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Merger

Dew drops
That rested
All night
On the leaves
Slide down
Into river
Little splash
Where they meet

No more separation
Of two different worlds
River swallowed
By dewdrops
While dew drops
Lost in rivers surf

That is how
It's supposed to be
My love just for you
And our merged identities

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Mi Amor

Mi Amor

Seconds to minutes
Hours to days
Weeks to months
years to decades

Life goes on
I tag along
Waiting
For the one
Whom I have loved
For I know
Someday
you would return

Dawns to dusk
Spring to
Summer flux
From cold spells
To Sunshine galore
Mi Amor
I want you
Even more and more
Nalini

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Mirror

Mirror

Some days
I feel
Like a
Looking Glass
Broken into
Smithereens

And my image
Multiplied
Into numerous
Little beings

All my clones
That hover like
Drones
As I look around
All over the scene.

I don't fear
The multitude
Of my selfj
And I don't brood

For it's everyone
Placed around
In whom I see
My feeble frown
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Moments Of Magic

A full moon night
To everyone's delight
This silver glow
A Spectacular show

Silhouettes of trees
Standing tall
A quite composure
Does befall

This magical night
And Look at my plight
For its hard to mourn
Even if heart feels forlorn

I do not feel lonely
But just walk all alone
As I soak in this peace
So many paths
This light has shown

The paths
that daily Sunshine
couldn't show
Despite its piercing
Enlightening halo

Sometimes it's just
A nudge of feather touch
That wakes you up
And shakes your world

The wonder of the subtle hues
Where you get answers
In cryptic cues

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More Collur

More colour
More texture
More substance
To me
As I age
I become
A shadier
Tree

More accepting
Less rejecting
And my standards
Now less exacting

This maturing
Gave me wings
Gave me fins
Now I am on a
Speeding spree
No more bound
Freedom, I greet.
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Mother Earth, S Message

It's that time of the year
When earth has to be ploughed
Prepared to be turned over,
and new seeds have to be sowed
It's part of its life
To bear this change
No matter how much pain
It entails to be endured.

Soon there will be monsoon rains
Trying their best to beat the heat
Helping Mother Earth to regain
It's faith
in what Almighty has preordained

Behind every pain, that we undergo
Is a thought out plan, for new saplings to grow
For each one of us is a fertile plain
That needs to be prepared
For the larger gain

And now every time my life gets insane
I know I have been chosen
Time for me to work
And forget to be a fallow land

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Mutable States

Life goes on...on the stage

Death lurks behind

Brazen with rage

A simple circle

Of mutable states

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Muted

I have been muted
So long ago
Ceaselessly uprooted
Mercilessly looted
That my sanity
None left in store

That look in my eyes
Frozen smiles
Full of lies
Constant churn
Within this heart
Hiding pains, is just an art

No, I am not living
Any more
It's just a shadow
Left from my past
A wooden doll
Made out of my cast.

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My Affair With Love

A dreamy journey
To the land, Of no hurts
Just the way it is
For the
Bees and the birds

It was just
Short lived romance
No, I don't hold
Any grievance

Paperback heroes
Are not for real
Should have known better
Before facing
The surreal.

So once again
I hide my pain
Alone forever
Life has preordained.

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My Bangle

My bangle
Unending circle
Adorning
My wrist
Un breakable
Bond
Continuity
Of beauty
Sparkling stones
Set in lacquer tones
Reflection on walls
Mesmerising the lots

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My Brother

He has been there
Forever for me
Non judgemental
A special part of me

That's my brother
My very special friend
The one who knows
To support, who understands

We have so many
unwritten codes
We communicate
in non verbal modes

No explanations
No preconditions
My precious key
to childhood
With him I
Enter that land

No frown lines around him
I just get belly aches
The funniest jokes that he cracks
And it's hard to get ever sad

He's special, he's genius
But absent minded he can be
He is a Lion a true Leo
Spreading Sunshine all around me

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My Dance Of Seven Veils

Today I dance
The dance of seven veils
One over other
In layers they are draped

Lights are dimmed
The stage is set
Soft music opens
With oriental track

Dressed in white
From head to toe
Pearls adorn the rest
Where parts of me might show

Slowly I step in
With melody of flute
Waving the red one
My first layer of pretension

Red is for passion
Of sanguine attention
Soon leaves my hands
Part of me in detention

Soon sunny orange
Takes on the stage
Glorious like sun
But soon it escapes

Yellow is found
Deeply meditative
No sound
Veils many sorrows
Until happiness is found

Next is Lush green veil
I dance with luscious trail
Satin and sheen

Promises of forgotten dreams

Now it time for the blue
Electric and true
Midnight with stars
Sprinkled with dew

Indigo veil
Penultimate trail
Almost close to my soul
Hidden stories untold

And in the end
With violet veil
In hand
I modestly stand
Soon to be devoid
Of all layers of self

Beat of the drums
Takes over the stands
A vigorous dance
Of freedom and chance

My Soul is now free
In its raw form of me
Nothing to stop me
dancing till eternity

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My Death

My Death

All decked up
From head to toe
In pure white
Her corpse
Does go.

Four shoulders
Carry her weight
To five elements
She will cremate

No more poems
To create
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My Heart Breaks...But I Have To Leave

By now,
You have
Carefully studied
And rejoiced,
In Every curve
and crevice
Of this cover
Of my soul

You and I
Have locked
Our lips
Breath exchanged
Quivering fingertips
Another of those
Happy trips

We have moaned.
In Ecstasy groaned
As our bodies,
Just adorned
The form of other
A perfect fit
My best gift

Nothing is there
Left behind
To help us
Weather
This storm
Of passion
As we in
Unison
Face Together
Dusk to dawn

So much gained
It's preordained
As we met

Seventeen years
Down the lane

A fork in path
We had to hit
You have just lust
But no love
While it's love for me
As in you
I do trust

Not good enough
Ever for you
Just for sex
You want me though
How much longer
Can I stay
Left with one choice
To walk away

With your imprints
On my mind
My soul and body
Redefined
My paths to innocence
Have all been closed
And to no body
Can I ever disclose
Why my heart
Hurts so much
Why my soul
Will trust
No one

Rest of journey
Will be that
Of an unknown
rivulet
Forgotten and gone
As it gets lost
Back in to sand
Far away

From oceans
Grand

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My Last Flight

Soon I will take
That long awaited flight
back home,
Where nothing is at stake
Nothing left
To set right

My home
That lies in
Ethereal lands
I need
no crutches
To run or stand

My home where
I feel so loved
And cared.
My freedom
Unhampered
Don't need
To be repaired

Very soon
I'll leave behind
Invisible marks
Nothing to remind

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My Letter To Almighty

If it wasn't meant to be
Then why did you have to
play this game with me
If you are the one who plans it all
then why in a maze
I got lost and did fall
I am now as broken as can be
fragmented pieces
never fit back
as they ought to be
some parts of me
have chipped away
and been lost
so rest of me now
looks like a caricature of sorts

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My Life

My life now
Is treacherous
It's true
Too many
Tedious curves
But I have to
drive through
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My Lost Sapphire

As a young fledgling
I was always itching
To take off and fly
In the endless sky

Alas! My wings were powerless
Incapable and so helpless
Hence, to take a flight
I knew could just care less

Growing up was fast
For childhood never lasts
But my juvenile dreams
Still enjoyed the parturience
Of the past

I still believed
in the vastness of the sky
So I weighed my wings
Looking forward to maiden flight

There was so much happening
in my little heart
Leaves on trees just fluttered
The wind blew friendly, no blasts

At last in happy anticipation
I looked above my grass
Where did my sky go?
My very own piece of
Precious sapphire glass

Such is life!

When I have my
Pair of strong wings
And am set to take off
With no attached strings

My piece of sky
Has floated away,
Unseen by my eyes,
With times strong winds
Just escaped my gaze
Now...
I sit dazed
Watching my dreams
Buried to the ground razed.

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My Pictures

My pictures
Sometimes
They Do Lie
In them
You
Never
See me
Cry.

Never
A tear
Is captured
On file
Like essence
It's hidden
From human-eyes.

Look further
Beyond
This cryptic smile
A heart
Washed
Ashore
From sea of
Teary eyes
It lies
All by itself
But
Still Not sterile
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My Reflections

My reflections
In the ponds
And streams
Seem to shiver
With every crickets
Scream

These black shadows
That follow me
Give no clue
Where I should be

Echoes of voice
Just as I speak
In the valleys
Resound then retreat

Traveled so far
Along in life
Still so lost
Have no respite

Lost in woods
Got caught in vines
Need a road map
I want searchlight

There should be
A way around
this wretchedness
Needs to end now
Nalini

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My Reluctant Friend

His sage advice
His tolerance
His poetries
His words
His sense
His ability
To understand
My point of view
And every thing else
That is what makes
Him my friend
Thank you David
For giving me this chance

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My Song

Hold on for a little long
For In my head there is a song
Dying to be freed from the clutches of these lips
Waiting for me to strum with finger tips
I need safe space
To rest my case
and then full throttle
will make your hearts race

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My Spirit My Soul

Not in the span
Of my short wings
Neither in the stride
Of my slow walk
Not in the dusk
Of my earthy looks
You won't find it
In your books

My spirit
My soul
That permeates
My whorl
My zeal
You'll feel
Within
My field.

Tune in
To my world
Dig deep
Into dirt
Far Beneath
The sandy dune
A verdant
Brook in the stones
And my self
There Lies naked
Broken parts
Will you restore?
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My Unjust God

At this rate at which
I am being denied
My basic wants
and simple delights
I will stop collecting lucky charms
No lucky pennies, horse shoes
Or blessed amulets on my arms

This is called revelation
No more waiting in anticipation
For God must have his own good reasons
I am not upset, but I question him
For the treasons.

Another day of being rejected
To self evaluation being subjected
Am I your favourite punching bag
Or a straw stuffed, doll made of rags.

No more hot temper or self destructive anger
Just a cold spiteful fury, in my heart I do nurture
Time and again you have given me pain
As to why you hate me so much
Can you sit down and please explain

For you are The God
And I am not
What is it you want from me
That you have not already got

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My Wondrous Dream

Surrounded by mountains
Clouds hiding their peaks
I feel so much at home
ThIs floral valley, heart. seeks

Tiny rivulets
crisscross the ground
Their trickling voices
So much joy unbound

Tweeting and chirping
Gathering leaves and sticks
These little birds
Have their nests to fix

Waft of cool breeze
Heightens my senses
So many fragrances
Performing
Mix and match dances

I too join in
Humming own soulful songs
For the longest time
I have been so forlorn

Hearing me sing
Mighty Mountains would begin
Reverberating Echoes of my voice
I hear music all around

Breathless with exhilaration
I fight my temptation
To stay here forever
And never be gone

But it's just a dream
A virtual world
With wondrous theme

It's time to wake up
Face the world 's
Real scene

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Mystic

Mystic

The one that
Glow from within
Needs no shimmer
Sparkle on skin

Once you've climbed
The highest peak
Dingy caverns
Why would you seek

Stash of opus
Stacked up on desk
Wisdom seldom
Believes in that

Golden nuggets
Coffers replete
Poor little avarice
Still competes

Cloaks and beads
Turbans head bands
Turbulent when core
Pretentious stance

BUT

One who is drunk
One who's immersed
Tasted nectar
Quenched all thirst.

Silent sermons
Soul tuned to Yours
Blissfully speechless
Don't need encore

Still with thrill
The search then ends
Oceans within
Awakened trance
Nalini

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Nalini -The Water Lily

Marsh lands badlands
Where life won't grow
Just miles and miles of
Emptiness to show

I am a denizen
Of one such wonderland
For I am a water lily
Try catch me, if you can

I grow and thrive
In such marshy miles
The closer you come
The further I glide

All by myself
I explore all the shores
I bloom in the moonshine
Sun is too harsh
For me to be lured

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Nalini, Water Lily

I am a water lily
I bloom in
Marshy lands
Away from
Lifeless deserts
Far gone from
Gardens grand

I do not want
Warm Sunshine
For moon
Is all I crave
A hidden swamp
Mountainside
I am no oceans
Slave

Not coloured
Red, pink or blue
Adorned in
Purest white
I am the
Unnamable hue
Fragrance
Is sweet and slight

Closer that you
Try to get
Further
I Drift away
I do not need
Such lovers
At dawn, who
Leave me, stray.
Nalini

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Nameless Pebble

Fuzzy
Forms
Blurry
Lines
Sparkling
Gold
All the
Lies.

On
A wall
I am
A fly
Watching
World
Garish
Bright.

Money
Smirks
Money
Talks
Rich in
Banks
Poor
In thoughts

One
Of crowd
Not the
Crowned
Dreamless
Nights
Peace
Unfound

I breathe in
All my pains
And breath out

Restless realms
Vacant eyes
Aimless stride
Nameless pebble
On road side
Nalini

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Needs

A little bit of smile
Loads of laughter
Spice it with pranks
And a few close friends
For me this will be luxury
That was once a way to be

A job, to earn my living
No drudgery,
Excitement of achieving
Something to help me heal
A reason to be around
And feel the life, a zeal

This is all I dream
For my life right now
An impossible task
In vacuum
searching for sound

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Nemesis

As I was thrown
Mercilessly
On the ground
Tiny pieces
Of me, fell all around

Dragged by my hair
My mind replays this
Horrific night mare
Waking me up
I am surely dumbfound

Curses and bruises
All hope my heart loses
In place of love and hope
Splinter of sadness, very tightly
I do grope

Drop by drop
I am bleeding pain
Best is all lost
Little left to regain

Monstrosity of your blows
Like a boomerang,
will take recourse
Now Your life will be full of woes

Nemesis will catch up with you
Nalini

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Never Ending Circle Of Domestic Violence

you must have felt like a real man
when you grabbed my hair
pushed me down
dragged me over on the concrete ground

it must have been so empowering
for you to see me quiver and scream
abusing me making me feel like shit
you never leave a chance to do your bit

for everything gone wrong in your life
its easy for you to target me out of spite
I wish this happened to your own family
your mother and your sister faced the same misery

but God almighty is there to see
the curses of my soul
will never leave any of you free

i am numbed and I am lost
I cannot react I cannot talk
I treat the ailments of others family
but look at me
I am broken beyond any existing therapy

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Never Ending Circle Of Domestic Violence II

you have shown me again once more
that you don't need me any more
that you will hurt me, if I stirred
for all the worst things u have uttered
to say I am useless and I am crazy
just goes on to show how your vision is hazy

Its my bad Karma coming back to me
for I trusted you and you, while you are sadist
as bad as can be

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Never Ending Circle Of Domestic Violence Iii

There is never a time to heal
life keeps getting worse,
I do not know how to deal
for I am just a mere human
not a robot made of lifeless steel
no one cares and no one dares
and no one will ever be there
I know I am going to fly away free
when death happens, end of misery
I do look forward for my time to go
good bye to these tears,
good bye to sorrows.

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Never Ending Circle Of Domestic Violence Iv

there will be no send off smile
no more looks of forlorn eyes
once again getting ready to leave
how many more times
to get hurt and to bleed..

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Never Loved You Never Will

Never loved you, never will

I know
My picture
Will never
Grace your
Easel
Although
My curves
My lines
You know
Sure

My breath
On you
Has been
There
Warm seasons,
But you today
Have scraped
All My hues

My soul
And skin
They loved
You
From within
All you
Had to say
Was never
Loved you
And never will
For sure
Nalini

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Never Your Sun

I can never
Be the one
I can never
Be your Sun

I know I am
A mountain
Spring

Just a trickle
Can hear
Me sing

In the lonely
Woods and lands
I belong
To hidden sands

Never can I
Shine as stars
I am just water
Quench thirst
At last

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New Dawn

Butterfly kisses
That barely there
Touch, and the flower
Blushes

Gentle fragrances
Envelop my senses
Nurtures my soul
No scope for grievances

Early morning and
The vermillion
On the eastern sky
Soon turns into gold
This magic unfolds

A new day is born
New seeds to be sown
Life's given another chance
Let's make best of this dawn

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New Earrings

New earrings

You

No longer

Talk to me

But

It's this

Pair of

New

Earrings

That

Whisper

Sweet

Nothing's

While

Tears

Run down

My cheeks.

Proclaiming

Commencement

Of fall

No more leaves

Barren trees

Nalini

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New Home

It was a mistake
Cannot take anything back
Let it be gone
Like a wind blown veil

My colourful veil
Now must be stuck
In some thorny desert bush
My veil, my long time entity
Now torn and crushed
But that veil was old

It's time to replace
My garb with grace
New seasons, new reasons
An attempt to retrace
My steps to where
I was once a carefree lass

Rebuilding a future
With new bricks
Sturdier sticks
Wholesome
Not lonesome
Just my own
Little cottage
A true home

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New Journey

Your imprints
On my body
On my soul
Will remain
Etched in stone

A quick reminder
They will be
Of what
I've been through
What has become of me

Like neglected
monuments
Painless scars,
Of no consequence

A new journey
Of no return
I have embarked on
bridges have been burnt

With My favourite back pack
A pair of good old shoes
And all hardy terrain
I am ready to go cruise

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Next Dance

Don't ask me why
I enjoy this ride
By your side
May be I am
Mesmerised

The blue green
Of your eyes
So intense
I get magnetised

Just the strong musk
Of your breath
Makes me blush
Hard to resist
But I must

The strong pull
Unseen strings
And I am bound
To you

Secret promises
Soul to soul
Everything around
Seems so unsure

As our finger tips
Meet for the dance
Your hand on my waist
Mine on strong shoulders

The yin and yang
So naturally in sync
Whole world around
Just disappeared
All I can see
Is your handsome face

Strong tension
Of animal attraction
But no intention
To violate this relation

For we have to wait
For our next dance

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Nine Nights Of Ma

Nine days of Ma

Worshiping Feminine energy
The various moods of female deities
Mother, protector Nurturer, annihilator
As they work in synergy.

Dancing the cosmic dance
In deep meditative trance
Women and men, come together
For no one wants to loose this chance

The irresistible sounds of drums
Fills up my hollow,
where heart resides in its urn
But yet never touched
By even the heart warming rays of Sun

For those few hours
I was not the same Nalini
Identity sublimated
Into pure energy

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No Fresh Flowers

No Fresh flowers
In my bouquet
Wilted drooping
Words on display

Strong summer heat
Dried
my stream away
Barren basins
No one comes
This way

Puddles abound
Where raindrops
Find grounds
Once again
Free stream
My dreams
Do astound

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No More Gifts For Me

I live in a land of perpetual surprise
where I have received
many blessings in disguise
all the emotional litter
that you find around me
came from all the wrappers
from gifts I received for free.

so much junk of wrappers
is more than my storage place
not recyclable or biodegradable
Its highly combustible and unpredictable
So maybe its time to move out to new place

Maybe I will load and relocate
to a place, where I will find
a little more fun, a lot more solace
For once I don't want to learn any new lessons
just practice on the ones I have done well in so far

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No More Lonely

No more lonely
No more sad
Disenchanted!
But not mad

No illusions
Or confusion
live alone
Need no
intrusion

Acceptance
Of ignorance
Can't survive
World of
Pretence

Bit by bit
My parts
Are blown

Times
Strong winds
Took life
Along

I am dispersed
Over the sand
Well immersed
In oceans grand

There is none
To hold my hand
I sink deep
No place to stand
Nalini

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No More Tears

No more tears
Running down
My cheeks
They add fuel
To my poetries

No more messes
Left to scrub
No more sadness
That I need to dust

Like a lone star
On a cloudy night
I need no Sun
To brighten
your lives

I am stronger
Like the reeds
Might look
like tendrils
Truth well concealed

For I have been
A Woman of worth
Hardships of life
Made truth
To unearth

I am Atlas
The Hercules
Cleopatra
And Isis

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No Ones Girl

The silver of moonlight
And the sliver of hope
I danced and sang
Little left to grope

A magical night
Redolent with heavy musk
Of Night jasmine and Juhi
Tonight everything
I shamelessly lust

My heart still so heavy
For it was hard, I felt cursed
But my feat felt so light
Love songs slipped
Despite my hurts

I do know I am no ones girl
Just forsaken, used, unloved
But Mystical moon and it's world
Touched my soul to ecstatic raptures

Nalini Jyotsana Chaturvedi

No Reprieve

My heart
Wants to speak
Why my mind
so numb.
Voice weak

All around
Waves
of heat
Undercurrents
Indiscreet

highly strung
Is this rope
As I travel
One way street

I am
blinded
By strong
Sun
Away from
Darkness
I still run

These roots
Of hurts
Do run deep
Still so
Hard
For me
To weep

For too long
My cries
Have Been
Quietened
And I found
No reprieve

Nalini

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No Solutions

Writing my thoughts
In verses I was lost
Thinking that sadness
Would get washed away

Tears of remembrance
Rains of wordy trance
And my life, once again
Would have Sunny days

But writing
doesn't help
Dancing
Never healed
Singing
made Me cry
To laugh again
Little zeal.

Praying
Is passé
I will just
Join the mass
Where
Like a robot
I bid time
And leave
In one
Quick chance
Nalini

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None Of You Get Me

None of you get me
None can understand
My face and form
Snowflakes melting
In storms.
An ember of youth
Ashen and gone.

Delve in deep
Listen to
What I speak
In the crystal
Of my tears
See reflections
Of pains and fears

I am a stream
Restless, clear
Fresh, pristine
You want a pond
Stagnant, murky
Mossy, spawned

In white noise
Of my breath
My past
And
My strengths.

In span
Of my wings
Memories
Threaded
In time's strings

Lies truth
Of my
Winters
Hot summers

Verdant springs

Nalini

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Noose

Rubber Noose
around my neck
Keeps on tightening
Will it snap
Will it kill me
Or let me go

I am dumbstruck
Where will I land
Finding ways
Escape quicksand

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Not Your Family Too

Thank you mom
For letting me know
I mean nothing
Just an irritant
For you

Forsaken by spouse
I came back to your house
Soon to realise
I am unwelcome
A pest a louse

I will soon be gone away
Papa and you in peace
Can then stay

Hopefully soon
My life too will end
Rest of your lives
Will be smooth
With no bends

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Nothingness

Vacant look in my eyes
Where there was twinkle
Of surprise
Angular sadness
Defines my profile
Gone are the days
Of charming smile
I walk around stooped shouldered
And gaunt
No more spring in my steps
To flaunt

So many stories
Of unspoken pains
You had planned it
From the beginning
It was not preordained

Someone else lived
In your heart
While you proclaimed
I was your part

So many lies
Your fake
innocent smiles
You fooled me
For so long
But now
You'll pay the price

Not bitter
But smarter
Then ever
Before

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Now I Smile

Now I smile
All the while
Living in
this world
Of humans vile

Pretentious beings
Hidden agendas
Identities unseen
Will not say
'Why me?'
Any more
Just amused
By my rising
Scores

Return of the
Darkness
Here
Once more
Dizzying vortex
Sucked into
black hole
Nalini

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Odd One Out

Grass fields all around
Where rose bushes surround
Where ruby of poppy blooms
And carpets of foxglove abound

Where night jasmine showers
Layering the emerald of grass
The pond in the middle
Floating lotus
and water reflecting the stars

In a corner of this plan
Is a patch of barren land
No grass tree or flowers grow
Just a sandbox,
behind some bushes stands

So lonely and so shy
Still it knows not why
Been there all this while
For it belonged to
Deserts dry

Only cactus and date palms
Find their home
In its warm arms
No tropical fruits or trees
Understand it's miseries

Nalini Jyotsana Chaturvedi

Ode To The Children Of The World

So much strength
So much love
So much laughter
And much more trust

Happiness lies
In their innocent smiles
Fresh perspectives
Untouched by lies

They don't judge
Hold no grudge
Sensitive perceptive
Bring magic back to Earth.

Nalini Jyotsana Chaturvedi

Ode To The Healers

Physicians are doctors
researchers are too
lets have a new name
for healers
that are few

Nalini Jyotsana Chaturvedi

Of Fronds And Thorns

No one ever
writes about thorns
They were once leaves
Where deserts thronged

They tried their best
To live their lives
Foliage of green
For plants to survive

But Harsh realities
Of parched desert lands
Scanty rains and devious sand
They all turned them into thorns
For they too were once, soft green fronds

Now with vengeance, no mercy
They guard their plants, like true sentries

Life for some, is just the same
Survival skills, learnt for
Difficult time sand terrain

Survival of the fittest
Makes all the change
From prey to predator
A place easily exchanged

Nalini Jyotsana Chaturvedi

Of Jute And Cotton

Of jute and cotton
Silk and wool
My natural fibre
Mothers Earths
Own fruit

I do bleed
I do cry
A mere human
One day
I'll die

You wanted
Polyester brand
Plastic smiles
Emotions slammed

Teflon coated
By your side
Real girl
Won't be
Your hearts bride
Nalini

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Ojos

Eyes, window to the world
Inside me, outside around
No more twinkle, of laughter
No more tears of debacle
Drained of all emotions
No more dreams of creation
Just passive reactions
To colours, music, sadness

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One More Time

One more time
I will dive deep
Delving
In to
oceans and seas
There are pearls
Left To retrieve
Pearls of wisdom
Waiting for
Reprieve.

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Out Of Sight Out Of Mind

You too
Will
Loose
Your
Ardent Steam
While you
Rush on
With
Wayward
Scream
As I
hum along
My soft
Old Songs
Very soon
I will be gone
Out of
Your sight
Beyond
Your reach
Nalini

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Overcompensation

The game of hide and seek
Light and shadow show,
so to speak
Of smiles and tears
My fights and fears

As my past collides
With present at last
The duels within that fill me
With encroaching doubts
As I try to control
My crying bouts

When real seems so unreal
When I realise so much
Was hidden
in many layers concealed
Never in time revealed

I want to change
my very element
My habits my thoughts
Want to go on a rampage

How to deal with
All this uncontrollable rage
Cleaning up my past
Recreating my new story
To be shown
On a brand new stage

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Pains And Tears

My pains
My tears
Colourless
Veneers
Gruesome
Thoughts
Smirk
And leer

Languages
Fail
This endless
Trail
So hard
To scale
Unseen
Sorrows
Thickly
Veiled

Once again
I refrain
To be
restrained
By someone
Else's
Selfish reins

Unbound
Unseen
Unknown
Sun beam
Lost forever
In sparkling
Streams
Nalini

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Pains With No Gains

There are places
That hurt so bad
It's been a while
That I was thrashed
By some one I loved the most
But he took out the most in me
A vacuum, a cavity, a space
Where all my emotions
have been buried in their grave

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Parting Words To Soon To Be Ex Husband.

I will never be alone
For now I am one with the trees
You will hear me sing
With the cool monsoon breeze
So go ahead my friend
As you tread slowly on quick sand

Nalini Jyotsana Chaturvedi

Past

Past

I scroll through
The variegated
Album of pictures
Of once alive
Hopeful
yester years
Heavy,
Gets my heart
Eyes well up
With tears

People and places
That have etched
Indelible traces
Now left behind
Hiding in
Grey white hazes

I wipe away
All that mist
Memories
Abound
Life of
Dizzying twirls
And twists

Pictures
That show
Smiles captured
No fears
Camouflaged
Dark future
Greys and blacks
Covered veneers.

Wish had a way
To view my future

I do pray
No wasteful struggles
Day Dreams,
Carrying me away

In the end
To incinerator
Will be sent
Burning
All I have
Ashes
All left
As remains.

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Past Reloaded

I am now homeward bound
Back to where I sprouted
From the ground
I will turn in to a seed
Sleep so sound in the deep

Traveling backwards
I have no fear
It's a known path
With some weeds to clear

Slowly in the dusk
I will melt away
Quietly in the past
I'll find my way to stray

People's memories are too short
In no time I too would be forgot
No one to disturb me
Nobody distraught

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Patch Of Grey

That excruciating
Pain that hurts
Turmoil within
That aches
The trail of
Lifeless virtues
That follows
The Holy grail

I have held
I have walked
To lonely nights
I have talked
To all my tears
Once again
I have lost

My battle burns
The scars
I have earned
From where
I am
No paths return

Into the dusk
I'll melt away
A formless blob
A patch of grey
Nalini

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Pauses

Those quiet pauses
The in-between spaces
When I am lost
In deep
Thoughtful places
I find
True refuge
In pools of
Sound proof recess

In the midst
Of all the noise
Wilful mind
Has no poise
Egos clash
Peace destroyed
Hurt heart craves
Voiceless voids

Too many vibes
Of human tribes
I feel trapped
In baleful vice
So I run
To caves, and hide
Drift with rivers
To oceans and tides
Nalini

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Peaceful Quiet

Not bother
To speak
Or shed a tear
No crease of smile
Or glimpse of fear
No frown
No sound
I root
For ground
In peaceful
Quiet
Are joys
Profound
Nalini

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Perfectly Imperfect

Perfectly placed
Table mats
Manicured
Bonsai on racks,

Marbled floors
Here affluence roars
Houses caged birds
Behind closed doors

Palatial house
Where quietness
Resounds
Wealthy gravity
Sadness abounds

No, I don't want
Want to be
A part of this life
Devoid of any trees
Cause I am a bird
Just want to fly free

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Pitiable Predator

I pity you
My petty tormentor
Since all this violence
Are acts of dementor

It's sad to see
How helpless you feel
For you can only hurt my shell
But my precious core
Has always been secure
And from the light in my eyes
You could always tell

So in the end you
You have given up
I stand tall where I am
In your own eyes
You have shrivelled up

Nalini Jyotsana Chaturvedi

Playboy In You

Just once more
Let's both pretend
That nothing else matters
Accept our casual walks
As we go Hand in hand

Just for me
Can you be
That friend
With whom
I take my
Flights, free
Till the end
The edge
Of all lands

So easy for you
To rationalise
My love for you
Is no surprise.

For your Venus
Is very strong
Your presence
In my life
Just a habit
I have formed.

Who gave
A right
To you
My mate
To be
So cruel
For my
Unknown
Mistakes.

In the end

What goes around
Does come around
With many girls
Your heart surrounds
Not one of them
Will you ever
Find happiness
Unbound.

Not a curse,
Not my wish
For things
For you
To go worse

I am very sad
But for you
It does not matter
Another broken
Heart
About whom
You can brag

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Poisoned

my whole world and life crumbles around
there is no noise, there is no sound
a slow deterioration of all land scape
nothing can now save my place

I too am slowly sinking in quicksand
no one to give me a helping hand
I feel myself shrinking in size and shape
for you poisoned me, and there is no escape

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Politically Correct Death

For you my death
That I have
Planned ahead
Is not honourable
For I am no soldier
Wearing Samurai hat

No Harakiri or kamikaze
For me
Mere suicide
Will help my
Soul to be free

I am no one
You are one more
To have shown
So how does it matter
For in the end
I will be gone

Politically correct
I know I might not be
But I too wish to embrace death
With all my dignity

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Pollen

Soft powdery
Velveteen
Pollen dust
Sprinkle
Of dreams.
Ride the wings
Of butterflies
Makes new life
A farmers pride.
Nalini

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Power Of Ordinary

Ordinary lives
ordinary people
ordinary smiles
Simple upheavals
Not much do they ask
like worker ants
busy doing their tasks.

But don't underestimate
the power of ordinary
For when time comes
they'll make history
like cannon balls
or tsunami walls
they can bring down
Big castles, forts tall

For ordinary is just
a simple shell
Inside of which
lie unusual spells
Those magical words
that we have unheard
But very well can
give birth to new worlds

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Prayer

Those multiple pair of eyes
sick, sad and lost
looking at me for replies

they scare me!
my littleness
and helplessness
in my face
stares me

I try my best
to heal them all
help me God
to treat them all

for I am just
a humble being
if you work through me
to health,
I will steer them all

once again today
at your feet I pray
to hold my hand
so that I can stand
in turn on me
they can depend

Nalini Jyotsana Chaturvedi

Precious Corral Of Your Heart

The deep red coral
of your heart
Is so precious
I cannot part

Every time your
Dear heart bleeds
Ruby of drops
I hate to greet

I can see
the inevitable change
From vibrant red
To colourless flush
It's the thorns within
Thy flesh they crush

Why did you
Have to go through
All the hurt
And all those Blues?

I know all pains
That you harbour in
With down cast eyes
Salty tears, you try to win

It's the rawness
of heart and soul
Fear of getting hurt
Just once more
All the hatred
So hard to control

Too many times
Too many ways
Too many folks
Have relentlessness
encroached

And destroyed
Life's gains

So now!

if your Brush,
Colours me dark
I know that is all
You'r left to mark

Other colours
Of your palette,
Have been used up
Trying hard to paint
Your dreams,
your loves.

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Predator And Prey

The vultures are landing
they come in hordes
they had been waiting
while hunters, killed scores

Yes! they had been watching
from their vantage point
encoring the wild game
of depraved and deprived

so many of them
have been decimated
so far
brutal savagery
leaving generational
scars

tearless acceptance
helpless despondence
what more to loose
when they had no chance

So Vultures,
why make those speeches
in cacophony of your's
when you just wanted
for hunters to get more

news channels also
flash lights on these lands
where they will be surrender
to darkness again...

girls will be abducted
women will be killed
earth will be mauled
while predators will be thrilled...

Predatory Men

Same trajectory
Common path
Followed by
Shooting
Stars

All
Predatory
Ocean Sharks
Carnivorous
Vultures
Hark!

I don't wish
Upon your
Spark
Nor am I
A foolish
Lark.

You can't
Trap me
Once again
I won't wait
For desert rains.

Wings and wind
Only I trust
And the rest
Can go to dust
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Proxy Lass

A filler
To fill
Emptiness
To practise your
Seductive prowess
I am just your
Proxy lass

How small
You've made
Your shining self
Using people
Still being at rest
Satisfying
your Want of caress

I was wrong
In choosing you
My mate
Trying to fill
Small cup
With hollowed
Base.

Now I suffer
Have no solace
While
To another girl
You run a race
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Psychedelic Dreaming

I want to get magnetized
Electrified and atomized
Spread around with a burst of light
Combusting inertia getting energized
Electric blues makes everything right
No more 3 dimensional life
To other plains, I take my flight
No up or down or traveling around
Just melt away, where mysteries abound

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Psychiatric Ward

Psychiatric ward

I sit amongst
Other sick souls
It's Dr's waiting room
Trying to find succour

Each one of us
Has a story to tell
How we got here
Why we live our hell

No broken bones
No signs of sores
Just the pains within
That ails our souls

Some of us
Do display some tears
A nervous tick,
Imaginary fears
A vacant look
With smile so scant
It's all age groups
All classes and clan

The doctor says
It's chemistry at play
The brain chemicals
Gone awry and astray

Trying to set us right
Curing us of
melancholia and fright

But little do they know
What triggered this fight
Malady of
apocalyptic might

When I came
In to this world
Tabula rasa
was the word

Someone scratched
And broke that slate
Now I sit and contemplated
About my history, ruminates

Some day I will
Break the code
True password
To healthful abode

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Psychotic Torturer

I have stopped believing my eyes
I have no faith in sunset or sunrise
You have left your malignant trace
Strewn around, All over the place
Metastatic miniatures,
Your infective signatures

You are just a worthless scar
Ugly keloid, I nurtured so far
I know you are a passing phase
Radical surgery is needed in place

My lessons for, many lifetimes
To never love, even if heart feels right
To never let anyone touch your core
For every man is a potential foe

No males will ever vilify
My mortal body
Even after I die

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Ptsd

PTSD

Epicentre
Deep within
Is the crux
Of this din.

Aftershocks
Too profound
Toxic dust
Foreboding
Clouds.

And the quake
Long past
has passed
Broken mounded
New look recast.

Monsoon shadows
Sky overcast
Clap of thunder
And heart runs fast.

On the fault line
Lived many years
Pointless sermons
Allay no fears.

Need that sealant
That heals my core
Loves own rain showers
I'll face all roars
Nalini

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Questions

Troubled by turmoil
humanity, still
tries its best to toil
So much of turbulence
in air
So hard to plant your feet
in soil
Opposing forces pull apart
this gap just keep on getting large
So where did love and peace escape
and how did we reach this hell's old gate
So lonesome, lifeless bereft of joys
I trip myself at senseless ploys.

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Quiet

Not bother
To speak
Or shed a tear
No crease of smile
Or glimpse of fear
No frown
No sound
I root
For ground
In peaceful
Quiet
Are joys
Profound
Nalini

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Radical Resolution

I am trying hard to detox
To quietly step out
Of this box

The one that has
Contained me for long
The one within which
I have felt falsely strong

Breaking barriers
Breaking rules
I take off
Where my heart grooves

Like an untamed
Surge of tide
Or the wind gust
Taking you by surprise
I am here to shake it all
Yes I will now
Break it all

I've been frozen
Felt so numb
To thaw my core
I need to burn

So don't judge me
Don't cut me off
I took a lot
Still troubles
My thoughts
But Now I need
To treat this rot

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Rainbow In A Puddle

Today
I saw the rainbow
In a puddle
What brought it down
In a pit, it had to huddle
Did it melt with the scorching Heat of Sun
Or got washed down, with rains overrun
But even in this pitiful place
It looked beautiful, in its grace
Rainbows will always be the same
Cannot take away their colours
Their spirit or their name

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Rainbow Starts Where This Life Ends

From where
on earth
Do they well up
These tears
So fierce
never give up
As I go through
Lows and high

Muffled cries
Spike my smiles
And the hurts
Stab on sly
As I try
Hard to hide

Here I stand
On a dead end
Looking across
A canyon grand
Rainbows start
Where this life ends.
Nalini

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Rainbow Times

Rainbow times

Dark clouds
On the
Eastern sky
Hidden Sun
I forget
To fly.

Roar of thunder
Winds and rain
Fear of life
My limbs
Bound
In chains

Gusts and bursts
Now shake my tree
Now weak roots
Where do I flee

Lo and behold!
The rains just stopped
No more winds
Or Thunderous
Lightening showers.

Western skies
Now richly adorned
There is a rainbow
Your smile
Did this all.

Just as I wanted
To live my life again
Took away my rainbow
Leaving me
Heartache and pain.

I have still Been touched
With the prismatic Burst
One day
Truly pure magic
Will be mine
In this
I trust
Nalini

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Rainbows Will Happen Anyway

Rainbows
Will happen
Anyway.

They tag along
With
Strong rain
Storms
Just
as the Sunshine
Waits in the wings
Bringing in dawn
While the dark night
Ally's.

Smiles will escape
Despite torrents
Of strains
Tears streaming down
Can never
wash it away.

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Rainless Clouds

On the Eastern sky
As the evening befalls
In the dusk and the star light
Muted lightening surprises us all

No sound of thunder
No smell of rain
Wonder why is it here
Can you help and explain

Have the clouds been so lonely
That they have cried out all tears
No one heeds to their outbursts
Lightening helps them, face all fears

Rainless clouds
Over desert plains
Oh wispy wanderers
Please give back our rains

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Rains

The rains
Have made
all the change
Crystal clear view
Of natures changing hues
That which was barren and sterile
Is now the very seat of life
Various shades of green
Nature celebrates
Trying to heal
After a long spell of heat

No more desert terrain in view
Where did all the sand dunes go
Maybe they turned inside out
A green canopy,
where little seeds sprout

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Ramblings Of Devils Workshop

Space travellers
All night revellers
CEOs to
Nobel prize winners
People holidaying
In cruises, other lands
GM foods, protests
For underprivileged clans

Rape of minors or
Drunken drivers
Children of war zones
Too many sins to atone

Technology too attacks
Many lives to protect
Polarisation of this world
Human remains to unearth

Climate changes holocausts
Nature trying to breath it's last.

Rich and powerful take a stand
Politics of greed is planned
While common man so lost in land
Too tired to understand

Emaciated labourer
Pulls a heavy cart
A BMW just whiz's past

Sermons, preachings
Or the hymns
Religious leaders
Cause sufferings

I think I am past that phase
Where I will ever taste Gods grace
So no new blessings I try to earn

Just do 'good deeds' for the heck of fun

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Random Moments

Random moments
Never random
Unseen forces
Working in tandem

Strings of pain
Join you with me
A simple cause
For worlds miseries

Full moon nights
And oceans wide
Tidal waves
They touch the sky

For every tree
Was once a seed
Heart full of love
Forever free
Nalini

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Ray Of Hope

Magic ray of hope
Promises of
still some scope
Of breath of life
In lifeless body
Lying motionless
In syncope

Like a strong foot hold
On a tenuous track
Where even your
Only life line
Has been cut
And you are stuck
Out in the cold

The only ray of hope
Just enough to warm
Up your sinking heart
Give you scope
To live few more moments
Replete with repose

Yes all that I want
Is that magical
Ray of precious hope
Just one ray per day
And I too will sail through

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Recoil From Turmoil

Ripples and waves
In one quite lake
For something has happened
Her heart is at stake

For so many years
A water body, passive in flow
Something happened overnight
Now we find it's waters aglow,
Just so bright

That churning within
Causing water to spin
And she crosses and spills
Over her peaceful brinks

The first sip of ambrosia
Her colour turns fuchsia
How will she contain
This pleasurable pain
The day passive lake
Flooded the terrain

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Redefined

A little nip
A little tuck
A dot
On forehead
You need
Some scrub

A little weight
You got to gain
To be home bound
have to retrain
Even then
A mans love
For you remains
So uncertain

You are,
too dark.
Don't care
For your
spark.
Restrained
Don't show
feelings in
Shades so stark

You are
To be tamed
Those passions
To be reigned
all those
Dreams
Got to be washed
Down the
Bottomless drain

You're essence
To be shelved
Your beauty

To be shunned
Your spirit
To be burned
What
you've earned
to be
Returned

And so now
In the end
I am cactus
Of the sand
I don't bloom
Have no fruits
Give no shade
Sapless roots

Just me
Nalini

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Renamed

Monochromatic
My life's hues
Pencil sketches
Grey scales rule

In the backdrop
Mountains high
As I hide
In receding tides

Just a sea shell
Sepia's core
Pearl within
Sandy are shores

All those colours
You fill in
Then tell me
My colour of skin

Just reflections
Of your selves
You had lost
On forgotten shelves

Now I watch you
Walk away
As I wait for
Another stray.
Nalini

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Restart

When things
Go bad
And I go
Slipping down
A rocky
River bed

When tears
Find their ways
Pouring down
My cheeks
Giving away
What my
quivering lips
Find hard
To say

When all
The dance
And songs
Want me to
Retreat
Into a land
Where I belong
Quite darkness
Is all That I long

When dawn
Or dusk
The fresh
Dewy musk
Gives me reasons
To run away
From disrupted
trust

All that I do
Is climb back
Into my sacred

Shell
Hibernating
From the world
Quarantined
From rest of
The herd

Until, I am
Able to regroup
and reassure
Knowing that
I'll be secure
Of treading
On unwieldy
Road
Showing
The world
A facade
So bold
And nothing
Matters
Of what
Is said or
Told
Nalini

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Restoration

I am fine,
To cross all lines
Since you are gone
There are fewer ways
To be defined

It will take a while
Even to walk a mile
Without your hand
Held in mine

I am chipped off
A bit damaged
A broken heart
Is never exchanged

I will still say
That I am fine
For no one cares
There is no time

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Return

muddy path
Not strewn
With flowers
cobble road
On which I strode
wilderness
Of my heart
Hinterlands
Back to past.

On the fringe
Of this mass
Crowdy roads
Busy parks
And the humdrum
Of your lives
Shrieking loud
Close my eyes

I do run
With all my
Might
Lest you see
My hurts
And plight
Like a seed
Buried
From sight
Nalini

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Revelation

Don't be afraid to explore black hole
For in its belly the world's light is stored
When you are drenched in all the light that you want
Why back to earth would you come out

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Revenge

Today I have broken free
From the last string
That bound you and me

For it's been high time
That we separated
Our paths our lives

This life of lies
To which you
Turn your blind eye
Suffocates me
I would rather die

But remember,
You started it all
You entrapped me
You used my life
And now
you want to be freed

It's not yet reached the end
In tough times
I held your hand
Now that
you have turned on me
You'll have no place to stand

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Right Now

Right now
there is a feeling of heavy heart.
My insides feel soaking wet
Aching pain, all lost, no gain
I am I know now, just a mess
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Righteous Rich.

Stunted by their petty greeds
They can't see beyond their needs
Suffering from an endless lust
Where will they go, when this bubble would burst?
Wealthy, wasteful and erudite
But within so poor despite
Traveled countries near and far
Still so blind, to their own land's scars

They live here, to rip it off
With these treasures
One day will take off
Nation building is their theme
But double crossing, is their scheme
Politicians, bureaucrats, intellectuals with big heads
Businessman of unworthy means, terrorists and gangster creed
You all look the same to me
Its 'you' vs 'us' where ever I see

So away, from multitudes noise
False promises in fake voice
Silken clothes and diamond rings
You don't care for the ones on the fringe

On a lone rock close to the sea
I see you party so carefree
I don't know how will this end
Fragile castles I make in beach sand...

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Rose Petals

Soft young petals
Of pink rose
Spreading
Fragrance
Far and close
They may last
For a day or two
But their essence
Remains forever true
Nalini

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Runaway Mode

Like a reclusive raccoon
that returns with the moon.
Or the diligent silk worm
that hides in its cocoon.
I like to feel
life's tapestry
while others are away
no distractions around me.
In this dense forest of humans
I hardly find clear land
and whenever I do,
I make a shrine in sand.
For sacred is that place,
where people have not been
just nature untouched by vile hands
and birds still sing on trees
How hard it is today
for me to find my way
back to the silent sanctuary
leaving masses far away.

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Running Away

Running away
From Dawn to Dusk
Running away
From broken trust

Stepping aside
To let life flow
Trying to resist
I am a pebble
In its throes

I want to be gone
To the woods
I am drawn
Away from
Strong sunshine
Dense canopies
Will hear my songs

So many times
My sensitive rhymes
Have been defined
Wrongly assessed
And my rights
Been denied

It's all in the game
There's no one to blame
I remain the bottom feeder
In this, there is no shame

On an unending path
My feet run as fast
Trying to turn into fireball
Burning all that is past

In The End
No exit grand
A whimper

And a tear
All of me
Just turn
To mere sand
Nalini

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Rusted Dagger

It's the first rush
Like fresh spring bursts
Child like and innocent
Trusting every moment
I felt the warmth
That helped me
Sail through winters
And rainstorms

But
The charm of love
At first sight
Soon tarnished
And weathered
Full of fright

This what I fear
For now
A rusted dagger
Will stab me somehow

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Sadness

Thick smog
Dark blanket
Of sorts
Smothering
Sadness
I stop
To respond
Still not dead

I fight
Same battle
Every day
Little time left
For
Fun and play

Sunlight brings
Some nascent hope
By Moon time
Still find
Just no repose

Seems
My Sun is now
Swallowed
By eternal
Eclipse.

I close
My eyes
Not used to
any other
Light source
Nalini

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Sadness 2

Sadness

Sadness

Is

That plough

That

Prepared

This soil

Where

Today

Tears

are sown

With

Much

Toil

Seeds

For poems

Leaflets

About

Years

Of turmoil.

Loveless

Life

Cheerless

Joys

Nalini

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Sailing Away

I have stacked stores
My pair of oars
A sailors map
Showing seas and shores

I sit afloat
In My paper boat
A blue rain coat
Of which I gloat
And I am set
Need nothing more

Now all I need is
Tide to come in
And I will be gone
All set to win

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Sandstorm

Gushing haze
Till eyes
Could gaze
On wings
Of wind
Just storming in
Are you hell bound
This heinous sound
Smothering the land
With dust and
brown sand
Twisting the trees
Uprooting with ease
A killer on prowl
You did take a toll
And now you have eased
While Our brows are still creased
Nalini

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Sapped

Far above
The evening
Skyline
Last rays
Of Sun
Scattered
And sublime.

A group
Of birds
All homeward
Bound
No rustle
Of wings
No chirping
No sound.

These drooping
Trees
Lining the Streets
On parched land
Sapped leaves
Dried weeds

Awaiting,
the dark
Nights
quite spark.
And the
Lonesome
Moon
Spreading
It's Silver
Bidding
Adieu
Soon to see
Another day
Anew.
Nalini

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Save The Child...In Your Heart

In everybody's heart
from birth until
its time to depart
lives a little child
always ready to go wild
spontaneous infectious smiles
giggles that seem so puerile
head
that's up to naughty pranks
heart
that cares two hoots for ranks
these are the very essence of that child
the flame of youth
makes living worth your while.
so why do we want to tame
for reasons that sound so lame
the very seed of joy
using vindictive ploys.
hence, every single day
in as many hearts I may
I try to nurture that child
to make it feel
its alright to have
a facade of steel
but never give up
that child within
that craves to live
with joy and zeal

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Scattered Shadows And Scared Self

That distorted face,
In the mirror
Does tell me
I am still a winner

The shattered shadows
On the ground
So many of you
Scattered around

Craters created
In my heart
Walls will have to crumble
To fill the painful scars

I know the mirrors
Are helplessly cracked
No wonder in them
I look so bereft

Shadows will coalesce
I will become one
Before you know
Sadness will come
Undone

But these massive craters
Will remain precious scars
My victory medals
Will win place in the stars

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Searching For Love..Sphinx Reloaded

You have seen in me
What your eyes could see
Powered by sunset and sunrise
Just my skin deep ipseity

My love for you,
that got you surprised
Is who I really am
Beyond the blatant guise

You want to love
My carnal self
But never explore
The parts,
That You have left

Would you Try to see
My singleness?
That special me
My elemental wealth

Will you ever
Love me at all?
Or be another one
To abandon me
And sail off ashore

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Season II Of My Life

Please show me the way
light up my path
no more I want to stray

No idioms and proverbs
or riddles that unnerve
Just plain and simple plots
no more life's painful retorts

I stand lost, alone and repent
my mouth full of dry sand
No more running after
mirages grand
give me
just a green piece of land
friendly oasis to befriend

Long days, hard winters
nightmares
of me being torn asunder
these are things I fear the most
so to happiness, I raise a toast

Lively thoughts,
bounce in my steps
Song on my lips
time up
for penance.

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Seed

I want to go back and become a seed
Suspended animation is the state to be
For now my road to 'The End' seems utterly long
and I have run out of scripts and songs to take along
my untamed self lost in the unplanned routes
Its all so tedious and I am not strong

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Self Love

Learning to love
Myself first
It's a hard one.
Wish I could
Love you instead
With flying colours
Could win the run

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Self. Preservation

Will he
Will he not
Love me
Many
after thoughts

Touched and
Caressed so much
My twines
Embrace his trunk

Broken heart
Cannot break again
It will just die
Never wake up
To pains

Should I just
Distance my self
Hiding in shadows
Melting in dark cells.

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Separate And Fenced

This distance
That lies
Between you
And my smiles
The ardour
Of love
Towering tide
Powerful surf
That which
Binds us two
Not our arms
Tempting muse
In your voice
I have heard
All the songs
Not uttered
In that touch
You never felt
And the fragrance
Leading to trance
And Spellbound
We have danced
Our two worlds
Separate and fenced
Nalini

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Separation. Anxiety

Are all our pictures
Part of your lies
We're all those sweet words
Meant just as a jibe
Was it all imaginary
Creation in my head
The. Emotions I saw in your eyes
Were of love mummified
And long before I knew
They were. Dead

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Shades Of Pink

Shades of pink
Of Blues or green
Scents of roses
Sweet peas, jasmine

Warmth of fire
Heat of Sun
Timeless journeys
Tireless runs

Rising tides
On full moon nights
Curling tendrils
Your arms and mine

Rhythm of breaths
Scaling depths
Dreamy sighs
Sleepless trance

Slow progression
Passionate salvation
Past erased
Forgotten treasons
Nalini

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Shades Of Ultraviolet Rays

I am
Many shades
Of ultraviolet rays
None visible
In spectral array
For you all
I might not exist
Mirage on sand
A morning mist

Ephemeral
Like a bubble
I glide through
The melee of crowds
Touched by many
Still untouched by all

I am like that
Forgotten cave
Where some lost worlds
Find restive solace

I play the role
Of the underground rivulet
Filling up your wells
Yet quietly do I flow in rifts

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Short Term Relationship

No strings attached
For love is just a trap
No commitments
To keep
For no more faith
Is left

You are
Not my girl
Waiting
For you
To unfurl
And your
Black secrets
Slowly will
Unearth

These are
Your words
Scathing
They hurt

Then why
You touch me
Caress and
Undress me
It seems that
Your appetite
Not quenched
Has no dearth

You love
My presence
Attention
At all chance
But in your heart
I have no existence

So,

Am I being used
As you are pursued
Hiding your pretence
While I dream
In my trance

You have
No long term plans
While I
Wait for
Just that single
Glance

One day
Too soon
I will be gone
And
then you
my love
Will surely
Be torn
Nalini
Water lily

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Should Not Miss You But I Do

Should not miss you but I do

Most days
I don't see you
But I feel you
Breathe you
Carry you
In my heart

Your fragrance
Now permeates
My pores
Travelling inwards
It touches my core

Your voice
When heard
Casts a spell
Everything
I know
Will turn out
Well

That touch of fingers
And lips that kiss
Stir so much within
Your absence I miss

But soon
As you have said
You will be gone
I'll be left alone
Tracing life
As I had drawn
Nalini

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Shrinking World

World is now a shrinking place
Thanks to all the human race
Every where that you can see
Throngs of people form a sea

They have cut down all the trees
River beds are shrinking streams
Mighty mountains mere anthills
Just sky scrapers give them thrill

Concrete roads
Crisscross the land
No more desert
To travel on sand

I wish world was
Still big and free
With few humans
And fewer miseries

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Silence

An aura
Of presence
Subliminal
essence
Permeating
My trance
Soul cause of
Silence.

This silence
Hums it's
own songs
It's music
Feels so forlorn
Transcending
Trips to unknown

These songs bring
Succour to soul
New worlds I
Want to Explore
As I twirl,
Dance to restore.

This rhythmic
restitution.
Erasing,
Clouds of
Confusion
Bathing in
Radiant perfusion
Nalini

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Singleton

Sans the toe rings
Or Vermillion and iron hand band
No more rings or pretty little strings
That show I am 'owned'
No wedding rings

No more signs
Or symptoms
One can see
Of a betrothed
Evidently In me

My fate
The destiny
He did create
I just accept
No point
To debate

I feel so light
Like a tree in fall
No leaves or fruits
No adornments
At all

I know the eyes
They stare at me
Questions and doubts
About my identity

It's just the beginning
Of how life has changed
Since I have become
So free and Unchained

I am yin and yang in one
Cosmic energies
I am the Sun

Smudged Black Kohl

Smudged black kohl
Now spoils your smile
Once adorned
Those eyes so bright

That is what
I know I am
Can be washed off
At your whim

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So Confused

So much in life
Goes just unexplained
Or maybe my insight
Is based on limitations of my brain

No easy lessons
For people like me
Turmoil and treasons
Overflow my inventory

Is it a carry over
from my deeds of past life
Or a crash course
To prepare for future of strife

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So Long My Friend

So long my friend
Until we meet again
In some other life
Some other stage

My spirit
And my soul
That had diffused
Into yours
Now Extracted but
Distracted
With your
essence
That has
perfused
My every pore

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So Long Soul Mate

Dear soul mate
Why did you leave
Why did you hurt me
Was I so incomplete

It has been long
For Love to be strong
But in its place
To someone else
You belong

Go ahead
Don't be afraid
Even my shadows
Won't haunt your place

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So Many Lonely Souls Around

So many lonely
Souls around
Wanting to Find
common Ground

Many beads
Many pearls
Broken necklace
Lost to dirt

Petals strewn
Bouquets torn apart
Who will put them
In a vase

Oppressive breaths
Palpable pains
Sadness soaked
In every grain

Smile on face
Slice of hope
Another mile
I'll walk
tight rope
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Some Day

Some day

Some day
One day
Somewhere
Anyway
Someone
Will
Write
A love song
And send it
To me
All the way
With
A little girls
Heart
I wait
For it
Every day

Some one
One day
Will come
All the way
To plant
That kiss
That will
Grow flowers
Love will blossom
Every day

Yes somehow
I am lost
There is
No love
To spare
And I wilt
In despair

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Someday

Someday
when
Winters
Are gone
And the
Summer
Heat is
Strong.

When the
Monsoon
Rains
Heart seeks
Cacti
Will
Still bloom
Still heave.

I too am
A cactus
Plant
No more
Leaves
Just thorns
Have chance.

I stand alone
In deserted
Streets
All by myself
To dunes
I speak

I don't dream
Of lush Grasslands
Have no lakes
Or exotic plants.

I don't want

Oasis grand
I just dream, of
Gypsy's band
Bringing colour,
to deserts
Bland.
And so no more
Alone I stand.
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Sometimes

Sometimes past pains
Haunt my thoughts
Play wicked mind games
Calling me names

I fight hard
To stop these tears
flooding my eyes
Speaking of
past years

Memories Return
with damp breeze
good or bad
Still histories

I am complete
In my brokenness
Life replete
With experience

You will see me
Walk alone
Where the Sunsets
I will be gone
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Songs Of Ocean

Hold the sea shell
to your ears
From within
what songs
do you hear
Its the ocean
and its roar
caught in its heart
deep in its core

No longer lying
in the sea bed
but still this shell
has nothing to regret
For empty handed
it had not left
Brought along
treasure so perfect
Songs of ocean
timeless jewels..

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Soul Affections

There are some
Special soul affections
Cannot name them
For fear of pretension

They are beyond the
Mundane songs
Or the rhymes
And rhythm of throngs

The kind of love
That Dew has for the flowers
Or The one
That binds
Moon to the stars

The eternal quest
Takes rives to the sea
Admiration of sky for Earth
Horizons are made of these

There is a world
Beyond the words
No barriers of
Languages hurt

For too much spoken
Or too less said
Oftentimes causes
All the unrest

So let's move on
To that quite town
Where hearts can speak
Lips make no sound

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Soul Mate

Soul mates
Soul mates
They Do exist
You are mine
I do insist
You looked
So loveable
My heart
Had to
standstill
It missed a beat
From
across the street.
But You never saw
That look of
Entreat
How could I
Not follow
My heart
And once again
Reignite and
Restart
Coalescing
Like mercury
Amalgamated
Souls
We were together
Playing many other roles
Many births
And many cloaks
Cant hide my fervour
This fire, I stroke.
For one day
There'll
Be a shrine
Celebrating
Our love
That'll never
Loose it's shine

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Sparkle

Sparkle
Of my
Smile
Teardrops
On
Profile
Lingering
Lonesome
Light
Dusty
Dusk
Sterile
Journey
Never
Ends
Life's
Precarious
Bends
None
To hold
My hand
Alone
I still do
Stand
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Spirit

Spirit
Of the winds
Soul
Of the springs
Strife
Of the reeds
To love
I still heed

Soft tendril
Of sweet pea
Like new fronds
Of the trees
My world
Is still shaken
By mere
Spring breeze

As summer
Brings
Monsoon rains
Those hard times
Broke
All my chains
Chimerical
I live
Unrestrained
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Spring Comes For Sure

Spring comes for sure

A little bit
Of salt
A sprinkle
Of pepper
Arms full
Of sorrow
Handful
Of laughter

Floods
And rains
But, sun
Shines
Again

Deserts
And seas
Full of
Mysteries

Babies
Will grow
Old age
Will show

Sometimes
Hearts break
So much
To rake

Love will
Still grow
As Spring
Comes
For sure
Nalini

Spurious Spirituality

Innocence once lost
Is never regained
You can never undo
Damages done
and the pains

Throw out all those
books of spiritual claims
Ones that promise false paradise
If you follow their monastic trail

Love and devotion
are. Outdated notion
Your days are numbered
You will soon reach extinction

Hedonistic heads
Always bask in Sunshine
Carnal pleasures
Leads to Pleasures divine

If this is the way
That it has to be
I'll try y best
To change my element
My individuality

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Stars For Stars

Wish i could
steal a handful
of sparking bright stars,
make a little bouquet
or plant them close to flowers.
For flowers will dry up
wither and go
but stars will remind you
every day, I love you more.
Incandescent iridescent
happy or sad
Stars will stay
they'll always be present.
Lightning you way
today, tomorrow,
and forever my friend.

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Still Love You

You hated me
All this while
Must have hurt you
Oh! what a trial.
I feel for you
I really do

So much
venom
Behind those
smiles
While I
loved you
Devoid
of guile
The tempest
had to be
on the brew

You were
my first love
In you
did I trust
Still think
of those days
When I
felt the rush
While you
tried so hard
To win and woo

And soon
No more ties
You'll be free
No disguise
And our past
In garbage
Strewn
Most natural

For me
To still
Love you
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Still Tingles

Still tingles
On those
Spots
Where
You touched
In memories
Lost
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Stoned By Sadness

Like a strong gale
Or destructive hail
The high tide of sadness
Made me tremble and feel so frail

I pursed my lips
Closed my eyes
Lest the tears
Made the tides further rise

Then I firmed myself
like a lifeless rock
Grounded and unmoved
While the storm, laughed at me
And mocked

With all my mite
I stayed upright
Turbulence of tornadoes
I know I could fight

Soon I will metamorphosis
Turn into a stone
Don't be surprised
At this tone

For a lifeless form
Can only face
All these storms
With unwavering grace

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Storm..Within

A storm
so strong
Breaking
Branches
Ripping
Ranches
Howling
Hoarse
Cursing
Coarse
Mauling
Moors
Thumping
doors
Raucously
Roars
Greedily
Gores
This storm
Is within
The whine
And the din
It wrenches
My heart
Destruction
I thwart
With all
Of my might
I put up
A fight
I won't
Let it show
My form is aglow
I will
Win this show
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Streams

Streams

Of soft

Silken

Sun Rays

Wilderness

Enchanted

Wrapped in

Dewy drapes

Dreamy mornings

Winters at bay

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Street Children

They throng my car
At red light as I stop
Begging for alms
There I see a whole crop

Curious little faces
They peak inside the car
For a moment they forget to beg
Wondering if one day
They too could be at par

These are street children
Called urchins by all
But how did they happen
Who's fault is it, after all.

They sleep on pavements
Wear tatters for raiments
The invisible future of nation
How easily we forget
They also are Gods creation

Impoverished existence
Life will never give them,
second chance
Living on the fringe
From their mere touch,
we cringe

When they entered this world
Nobody celebrated, no body heard
But they have survived
Despite all the abuses and hurt
Hats off to these angels
Made of pure blessed earth

Weathering with the strong summer heat
And living through winters bone chilling cold
Have they ever learnt to dream

Or they don't need to
Since their destiny, is etched in bold

From rag pickers
To tea stall workers
Scrubbing the train compartments
Subservience has many colours

Self righteous people
The ones like you and me
Disregard them as another pile of trash
For they want money for free

With a mere wave of hand
We shoo them away with such pretence
As if they were not humans
But non beings or fleas
Not shameful of our belligerence.

As I sit mourning
Wasting my time in self pity
I feel so small
Smaller than 'your' identity

God almighty give me chance
And strength to help their lot
May be that will cleanse my sins
If you make me your instrument of sorts

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Strings

To stop before it slips
I clutched my fists
Way too hard

But it squeezed itself out
Your love for me
No reasons found
To never return
to these parts

Empty handed
Now I am stranded
In lonely alleys
Unknown paths

But I will wait
For the next
Summer winds
Riding them home
Cutting up all my strings

The strings of love
And commitment
With which we
We're bound for life

But you said
they tied you down
Stopped you from
Taking a flight

While I was enslaved
Traces of tears
On my face
As I craved
For endless skies

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Sublimated Self

I use,
Sublimation to transition
From hard realities
The unnerving confusions,

Moving,
To a place replete with
Perfect illusions
Where happiness and I
Savour our sweet seclusion.

One claimed his love
Sans all the nurturing romance
In the most recent present tense

Other shows me the road to heaven
But says I will never have any chance
And here I am, dancing my solitary dance

I camouflage my
dreary despondence
With a facade of pretence
For I still believe in magic
Put on a smile, for Lady Luck
If it crosses my path, happenstance

By freeing my feelings
I let go of my brittle self
Vaporise my emotions
Taking the high road
To peaceful perfections

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Sucked Into Sorrow

When did it happen
When you quit
Loving me

What was about me
That you wanted to be free

Am I so ugly,
so full of disgrace
That in your heart
I just lost my place

I know there are many
Much better for yea
But tell me just one time
Why did you batter me

The ache in my heart
Throbs with every pulse rate
I try to forget
It comes back with rage

Time is a healer
The wise ones say
Will I have that time
When I do not want to stay

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Suffering

An inflamed moon
Shines back at me
Singeing the sky
More than sunburns

No one suffers
In pain alone
Now you've hurt me
It'll soon be your turn

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Summer

Summer

It is now
Peak of
Summer heat
A shady tree
An only treat
Parched dry blades
It must be hades
Celestial inferno
Terrestrial furnace

In the midst
Are little birds
Open beaks
Distraught chirrup
Looking for water
No creeks to seek
Daring Sun
Bleaches and beats

In the horizon
Mirages do dance
Teasing our senses
As we take our chance
Dripping in sweat
Walking as in trance

Furrowed brows
As temperature soars
Hapless humans
As summer heat gores
Flora and fauna sapless
Look bleak
For rain clouds
To come
They all do beseech
Nalini

Summer Heat

Far above
The evening
Skyline
Last rays
Of Sun
Scattered
And sublime.

A group
Of birds
All homeward
Bound
No rustle
Of wings
No chirping
No sound.

These drooping
Trees
Lining the Streets
On parched land
Sapped leaves
Dried weeds

Awaiting,
the dark
Nights
quite spark.
And the
Lonesome
Moon
Spreading
It's Silver
Bidding
Adieu
Soon to see
Another day
Anew.
Nalini

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Summer Is

Summer is
Already here
Winters had
No time to spare
Got to deal
With Suns own glare
Got to say
miss wintery cheer.
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Summer Rains

Out of nowhere
in the middle of the day
Came an army of clouds
hiding Sun's pierce rays
What a pleasant surprise
to smell that earthy scent
as drops of rain sprinkled
cool breeze followed them as well
These mid summer rains
Are rare jewels in desert and plains

In such a long time
I too could look up
for sun didn't seem the fiend
I had to ignore and snub

Akin to summer rains
there are angles
who embalm your pains
They come in form of people
help you believe in yourself again
Just like raindrops on parched lands
gives out scent
to never be forgotten in vain
The memories of such friends
help you stand up and walk again
No matter how many times you fall
and this world acts inhumanly insane....for my very dear friend whom I have
been missing ever so often.....for you Maya Maryam Aghamiri....

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Sun Burns

Scorching heat of summer
More than bright Sun rays
And the magic is gone
From fresh spring time haze
Baby pink fresh soft fronds
Nurtured by
the humming bird songs
Weathered and dried up
Lifeless for long
Parched Earth
With cracked mud
Barren and dead
The seed lost its trust
Now it seems
I tracked a mirage
Chased the Sun
Got lost at last
There is no
Coming back for me
I climbed the sun-rays
And scorched my history

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Sunscreen

My lawn
shows patches of green
with dried up yellow spots
that needed better sunscreen

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Surprise Desert Rains

Out in the sand
Away from river bed
I walk all alone
In wet desert land
For its has rained

It's has rained
Things have changed
I am not the same
For rains have touched
My finger tips my hands

Rains have touched
My fingers and hands
My very being relishes
So does
Every Pore every strand

As I soak in this love
So rare in desert grand
Where I see rare blooms
Where there were sand dunes
Green oasis stand

Green oasis as far as I see
I don't think of beyond
For heaven is here for me

Soon the Sun
Will dry up these lands
This gypsy girl
Will be walking dry sand

But the experience of rains
Will never set her free
Forever in heart
She will carry this mystery

Surprise Gift

I was never thought of
as a person of many words
Neither ever considered
a respectable nerd
But life just pushed me around
so much
that one day I found myself
fallen badly in the dirt.
It was funny as can be
for I had bump on my head
as I landed from a tree
That was the day
my malady did start
of penning these verses
wonder how long will it last.
This synchronicity of thoughts
that makes me write away
Is something that I lack
dealing with reality per se.
Is it my alter ego
my evil twin at work.
Do I have split personality
that no one has ever heard?

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Survival Skills

No one will ever understand you
if they can, they would rather hurt you
so do not give too much credence
to any love, it makes no sense.

just take care of few, as your duty
but still keep a part of you, untouched
uncontaminated free of false security.

the very core that makes you unique
if you want to preserve
let it not be exposed to critique
no one should have an access to your core
that should be your place, a secret cove

no father mother husband or wife
brother or sister, can get your strife
no friends can always be by your side
and rest of the world is as it is wild

so don't be afraid to be alone,
your life on Earth is on loan
and once your debts get fully paid
just be ready to be gone.

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Sweet Pea To Cactus

No friends
No fiends
No calls
To be screened

No one ever
Knocks on this door
No more parties
No dance floors

No more laughters
To fill blank space
No more foot steps
To my home
Do I trace

A solitary cactus
I never bloom
All by myself
I deal with my doom

I have my thorns
They are my horns
To protect from summer
Chilling winter storms

Once in a while
When there are
Desert rains
I look above
To look at
Flying water cranes

All by myself
I stand alone
And meditate
Thinking of my past
Of my garden
I ruminates

I was not born
A cactus at all
But A simple sweet pea
Tendrils et al

Just A change of fate
A life so desolate
Turned me in to cactus
Abandoned in disgrace

Where there were tendrils
You find thorns today
It's a trick for survival
Just trying to find my way

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Sweet Street Child.....For 14/11 Children's Day

Sweet Street child
You On my mind
Born to the rags
World is so vile

Shamelessly immune
To your sunken eyes
Matted hair,
tattered clothes
Cracked feet
Still No shoes

Debauched community
Looks naked and bare
Of your sub humanness
You are made so aware

For you are the mirror
That they fear to see
Too much agony
When face to face with thee

No one knows
From where
You have come
Who's little flower
Getting raped
Starved and burned

I still spot
that precious
Twinkle in your eye
For childhood does
Have deep roots
And innocence
There still thrives

Sad about homeless urchins, the street children of India....nalini

Tarot Cards

Tarot cards
Divinity in
Crystal glass
Reading
Tea leaves
Or
Fortune
In ground
Coffee seeds

Horoscopes
Or God men's
Stars
Para psyche
Is now, also
Not barred
Palmistry
To sorcery
Nothing left
To solve
Mysteries
Of my present
Future or past.

In the end
I know
None are
Friends
Just almighty
Who can
Wield his
Magical Wand

Redeem me
Of my sins
Get me back
In the ring
And teach me
How

This time
I can win
Nalini

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Tears

Once again
The painful
Visitor
Barges in
Can't hit
The traitor.

Tears within
Tears apart
Tears I weep
Darkness
Is stark.

It hits
My core
Deep holes
It does bore
How do I
Ignore
Helplessness
Left in store

Revisiting
That place
Distant past
Of disgrace
Broken hearted
And burned down
I too
Once Had raced

It's a swamp
A muddy pool
Sucks me in
A guileless fool.
I am clueless
I know no rules.

Volatile vamp

It preens
On ramp
Mocks at
My smiles
Laughs
Like a tramp.
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Tears And Eyes

Why does it surprise you
To see tears in my eyes
For that is the place
Where all these pearls reside

Tears and eyes
Are a close ally
For each one of them
Makes experiences
Worth their while

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That Brief Sunshine

That brief sunshine
That you brought
To my heart
left warm traces
Think these cinders
Will last

But for you
I was just a whim
It's your deeds
That you'll drown
Not swim

From the middle
Of the ocean grand
On the shore
My silhouette stands
While you grope
For that last strand

No, you will not
Have a peaceful end
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The 100th

Layers after layers of dark ominous clouds
Blocking the sun,
Moon wrapped in shrouds

Dark clouds that blaze
With lightening, s sharp blade
Thunder is its accomplice
Do not fear the dust storms rage

These monsoon Clouds,
Are welcome and a treat
When sun has parched the earth
And moon can't beat the heat

Life too has moments that are grey
Sad and weepy like a rainy day
But don't forget that these scary clouds
Have hidden rainbows, on them we can count

Someday one day
I too will know
Why things happened to
Me this'd way

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The End

I often wonder
how will that moment be
When from this body
my soul breaks free
That nano second
between life and death
How does one define
that moment of last breath
Will I be sick, a tired old hag
Or will leave quickly, packing up
all my bags....
And I just wonder
how will that last moment be
When I will gone
breaking all shackles, free.

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The Little Mermaid

Shunned by many
Snubbed by more
There was this awkward girl
Who could not swim ashore

So she turned away her back
To the rest of the world
Took a deep dive in the sea
About her no one heard

Days and weeks
Turned in to years
Then one day
A sailor steered
His little ship
Towards a rock
And what he saw there
Gave him a pleasant shock

For what he saw
Was a little mermaid
An angelic face
Once shunned
By rest of the race

Sometimes it helps
To be cast away
To be left alone
Enjoying solitary space

For no one knows
What future holds
Maybe best of all the worlds
As you travel with the rainbows
To find that pot of gold.....nalini

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The Never Ending Cycle Of Domestic Violence I

you must have felt like a real man
when you grabbed my hair
pushed me down
dragged me over on the concrete ground

it must have been so empowering
for you to see me quiver and scream
abusing me making me feel like shit
you never leave a chance to do your bit

for everything gone wrong in your life
its easy for you to target me out of spite
I wish this happened to your own family
your mother and your sister faced the same misery

but God almighty is there to see
the curses of my soul
will never leave any of you free

i am numbed and I am lost
I cannot react I cannot talk
I treat the ailments of others family
but look at me
I am broken beyond any existing therapy

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This Time

It's Time

It's time
For me
To perceive
What's gone
To me
Never
Belonged

People who were
Never mine
Happy strings
They were
Never strong

To absorb
Subliminal Sounds
and fragrance
Of new born
fronds

To retain
Romance
Wait for
Another
chance
To process
All pains
And break
All chains

Now is the hour of
appreciation
Of friends.
Conciliation
With Unfathomable
Terrains.

Experimentation
Full throttle
Revelation
Of God's orders

Realisation
Of Precious life.
Preservation
Of my strife.
Immunity
From vanity.
Security
In brevity.

Yes!
It's my time
To regroup
Return
My self
To primordial
Plane

Little time left
Got to start
All over
Again
With the
Forgotten
Dance
In my steps

visit
The valleys
Where no
Foot prints
Have yet
Been
Left

Scale the peaks
And fly over

Lush blue
Creeks

It's my time
No one else
Can ever
Intrude
And
Once more
leave me
Joyless
As life's
Prelude
Nalini

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This Tiring Game

This tiring game
Of hide
And seek
My life
Takes
An ominous
Leap
Another
Hurdle
Another chase
When will
I
Reach
End of
This race.
Filtered sunlight
From canopy
Of leaves
Tries to thaw
My flesh
Is still raw
While up my spine
The cold does creep.

You left me
On the ocean shore
High tide did suck me
I am just, skeleton
And gore

So why did you
Come here just so close
When you had to go
Leave me at dead end road.
Nalini

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Time For Chnge

Time for a change

Got to turn
My world
Upside
Down
Shake it
A little
see to it
That everything
Is completely
Unbound

Rendering my
Vision
A little
Bigger
And my routes
A Little
Broader

My perceptions
Much deeper
My paths
Contorted
With fervour

Then
Watch
Everything
Settle down
In a new land
True love
Will be found
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Title None

Blessed are those
Who have never loved
For they are the ones
Who will always be saved
From the pure hatred
Of the one they have loved

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To Keep The Grains

To keep the grains
From slipping away
I clench my fists
Sand's got to stay
Smiling at me
Joins the sand dunes
And bays

To capture
the Sunshine
In my heart
I try to gather it
At dawn, I do start
The trickster golden
Still steals my spark

To hold the Rainbows
Make them mine
Across the oceans
Mountains I climb
Majestic miracle
Was just a moonshine

The essence
of my spirit
Colours of my soul
Flowers are the reason
Love still
It's pure source

Sparkle of dewdrops
Are tears in my eyes
Shadows of sadness
I try hard to hide.
Nalini

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Today

Today
Once again
I lived moments
Of ecstasy
No it is not
Just a fantasy

Once more
As we met
The heavens above
Did Encore

Your smile
As it softly
Moves above
From your lips
Like the break
Of new dawn
Spreads it's magic
To your eyes
My imagination
Once again
Fervently Fertile

Your closeness too
Is just enough
To make all senses
Deeply Heightened
I feel lit up

There was a music
In the air
Just you and I
Could hear
It played
While we Tangoed
In unison

Yes I know

I am madly
In love
Nalini

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Too Much Love Lost

So much
Love lost
Between
Crevices
In thoughts.
Too many
Tears shed
And still
There is
This drought

Like a
Carefree
Stream
From the
Mountains
Pristine
Inundated
With mirth
My love
Was so clean

Fountain
Of love
Breaking
Free.
Washed
Away
Remnants
Of miseries

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Tornado Traveller

I travel
With tornadoes
I dabble
In escape routes
Never know
My next station
I know
That life is brute

I am a lone traveller
Following tortuous trails
No one here to guide me
Learn through
trials and travails

Nothing much
That I have got
No more wants
For life
Just a little happiness
For Sunshine,
My heady wine.

No rules
No paths
No plans
No Graph
No wealth
But strength
To help me
With The End.
Nalini

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Traffic. Jam

Dusty dusk
Din of horns
Traffic jams
Breaking norms
Every day
In this fray
I am lost
Aimless
Stray
Nalini

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Traveller

Traveler

This never ending quest
On an old path
I have revisited
Running away
From sanity
Away From
Refreshing rest

Streams of sweat
Down my back
Dry sand in mouth
Only dreams are left

Oasis in heart
Mirages I get
Still
Gypsy Bedouin
Travelling alone
with hopeful jest
Nalini

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Trust

Trust
Once broken
With lies
Not spoken
Alone
I stand
A mess
Again
I am
Nalini

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Truth

None of you get me
None can understand
My face and form
Snowflakes melting
In storms.
An ember of youth
Ashen and gone.

Delve in deep
Listen to
What I speak
In the crystal
Of my tears
See reflections
Of pains and fears

I am a stream
Restless, clear
Fresh, pristine
You want a pond
Stagnant, murky
Mossy, spawned

In white noise
Of my breath
My past
And
My strengths.

In span
Of my wings
Memories
Threaded
In time's strings

Lies truth
Of my
Winters
Hot summers

Verdant springs

Nalini

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Trying To Look

Trying to look
Beyond all walls
All the flimsy
fearful veils
Yes! Today
I have the gall

No more tears
Have no fears
As I savour
Just a fragrance
So familiar
Of your presence
I love this essence

Still hopeful
Of your flight
Within my sight
Wishing you land
To my heart, s delight

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Turmoil Within

Turmoil within
Calm surrounds
Sapless within
Consequences
profound

want to fly
But I hit
The ground
So much to say
voices left
With no sound

Moving on
Reach dead ends
Now cornered
Can't turn around

Skies blue covered
Canopy of clouds
Promises of rains
Hopes return
Of barren grounds
Nalini

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Two Of You

There are always
Two of you
Always fissioned
As I see you true

So many lies
In deception
You thrive
With God men
You still
Have keen ties

Sometimes
A healer
Sometimes
A Dealer
Of Many
false dreams
You are a keeper

But I know
I am
In love
With you
Even if
You'll annihilate
All My clues
Nalini

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Ultimate Alloy

Welded and molded
Petted and scolded
Belligerent and bold
Been through
Extreme heat and cold
Mixture of metals
An alloy
Will fight all battles
Battles big and small
Where poor will rise
Empires would fall
That is what has happened to me
From one single metal
I am a wonder of alchemy

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Ultimatum

Ultimatum

If you don't
Choose it
You gonna
Loose it
Yes it's true
My love
For you

My voice:

It's between
Thoughts
and words
Ones
Not spoken
But still heard

Just forget
How I look
My smell
That you took

And please
Try to feel
The parts
Deep concealed

My ephemeral hues
Cumulus clouds
Don't follow rules
The spirit that resides
In this cage
That does delight

It's not about
Here and now
In forever

Eternity
Found

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Unbinding

I move forward
At a snails pace
Chary of every turn
All I need is unknown place

Every one around me
Is a familiar face
They belong to 'our' world
Everywhere I find your trace

I don't repent loving you
Or giving you all that I had
I just resent being a fool
Of not knowing I was replaced

This I know
That letting go
Will make me lighter

That in turn
Will help me earn
Trips to unknown
Flying higher

And then my past
Will no longer last
Just the essence
Of the present
Will surround
And fill my heart

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Unbound

It's Fear
That you
Want in me
It's fear
That gave
Reins to thee
Controlling
All my actions
I respond
To your
Reactions.

Fear of
almighty God
Of age old
societal rot
Of wrath that
You can wrought

As I
free myself
from chains
Get ready
for preordained
You try hard
To restrain

Much to
Your consternation
Your power
Is in attrition
I know
You can't give
Me Salvation.

This is my
Simple song
As I break free
After so long

From. Your clutches
That once were
Just so strong.

Rudderless
I swim again
Directionless
once more
My way
Freedom of choice
I do have new voice
And I'll never
Trade it away
Nalini

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Unfound Peace

The Zen of getting in The Zone
Its a pity, I have not yet known
in these movements
that are fake
no room for silence
do I make
dispersing myself
all around
consciousness plundered
darkness found..

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Unfriended

So easy
For you
To 'unfriend'
Me
To think
That my
Miasma
Is then
wiped Clean
From your
Shadows
And
Spotless
Sheen.
Nalini

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Union

Union

Your presence
Has coloured
The backdrop
Of My life
In shades
Of golden
brilliant bright.

This sparkle
Your fragrance
Will always
Grace
As for future
I learn
To try brace.

How will
My heart
Ever forget
Our moments
So precious
So beautifully
perfect

With my
Tightly
Closed fists
I'll hold on
To gems
Till the time
This life
Exists.

You think
You've escaped
Dissipated
From my life

left me
Little to loose
Little to smile
But
Do you
Know
I have
Captured
You
In the rainbow
Of my Memories
And you are here
Yes! You are
A part of me
Nalini

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Unlearning

Learning to unlearn
Trying to not love
Melting all memories
Into a shapeless bulk

Forgetting all the pains
Impossible senseless games
That we together had won and lost
To amnesia, I raise a toast

Will soon be a blank slate
To which no one can relate
My soul just left alone
To sing that unheard song

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Unseen Force

Unseen force
A silken thread
Forever yours
Nothing said

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Unveiling

Epiphany of sorts
when in my writing notes
I find answers
Rhythm of the drums
attunes me
to all that is to learn
Creativity helps me reconnect
with the rest of the living lot...
Epigenetics of my soul
so many life times to decode
glimpses of the past
I see them flicker but they do not last
hence remain, Yet untold
For Unfurling of the scrolls
Might reveal all my past roles
I need that healing
Got to rid this feeling
That I have committed same mistake
sometime not long before.
And then I will be on my road to true recovery
It's somewhere hidden in the cloud
The poems I had written
by mistake forsaken
could not even sing them aloud

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Veiled Voices

You hide your own vulnerabilities
behind my thick dark veils
for you know I am the strong one
and you the one who's frail

This veil
that covers my full form
like soldiers dressed up in uniform
we are meant to look alike
but for the practiced eyes
there is so much to decipher
Individuality crushed heartlessly
behind these coverall styles.

So many aspirations,
emotions and expectations
that have been shut out.
for fear of your destruction
caused by volcanic eruptions
eruptions from free thoughts
that have been sealed under pressure
but have never ever been lost

Caged in this piece of cloth
I have no identity to boast of
An unremarkable silhouette
Condemned to live as back drop

I do have a voice
that you have muted
by your choice
But if you ever knew
There are songs of revolution
Hidden behind quite poise.

You know of my strength
As mother, sister, wife
Daughter and friend
You also know of my weakness

That in loving lays my essence.

But soon you all will see
We will be blooming ever so free
There'll be sisterhood of fragrance
As we break fake rules of dominance
And pretentious suffocating peace

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Venting With Vengeance

Sadness, anger, repentance, despise
So many emotions I cannot summarise
I just feel so lonely no one understands
No friends and no reasons for my existence

I wish to be gone now
And make this my last day
The dread of tomorrow
I can't wish it away

No good news in offing
No pleasant surprise
Just tormenting hard journey
I see in foresight

There is no real justice
There exists no God
I don't care for deities
Or rituals et al

The good deeds I have incurred
Don't seem to have weight
They seem to have no value
All scriptures are fake

Yes! I am angry and upset
No patience anymore
These days of smothering sadness
Seem endless and more

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Visions Like Dreams

Visions like dreams

From my past

Kaleidoscopic

Creatures

With realistic

Features

Want me to

Trust

But like bubbles

They burst

Again left alone

Disillusioned

And forlorn

Nalini

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Vista

Vista

They only meet
At the end
of timeless
street
We call it vista
Where skies
And earth greet

A brief moment
Of amalgamation
Of complete ecstasy
Of no more
Alienation.

Sometimes
Completeness
Of selves
and souls
For however
Brief time
Is all
This long life
Is worth it's while
Nalini

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Voiceless Voids

Voiceless voids
In my heart
Are now like
Windows
Giving glimpses
Of my past

Colourful kaleidoscope
Pictures are clear
Where there were holes
Happiness seeped out
From where

those letters I wrote
Embroidered kerchiefs
With love
Thought strong was the hold
Threads and letters won't tear

All my plans
Even in other land
Revolved around you
For you. Were soul's friend

You left me midstream
I'll still reach across
No life jackets needed
A priceless boat
I have got

What happens next
As I reach the other shore
I care not much for
For I have no control

I am here now
That's all I care
What lies in future
Won't know until

I reach there

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Walking The Moonless Midnight Sky

From my hedge
To the ledge
I took the route
After the Sun had set
And that night
moon was on rest

The night I walked
Moonless midnight sky
When I slipped out, on the sly

Soon I was
In the midst of stars
Who could imagine
Moonless Night
not being dark

I stepped on floating
Cumulus clouds
Firm but soft
Feet shrouded in down

The Midnight blue
Was a laid out stage
Where I could perform
My dance in solace

There is so much music
In the interstellar space
It was hard to slow down
As I got tired
Hard to keep up the pace

Slowly as time passed
I found myself in that zone
Where night slips into dawn
It was no time to roam

Soaked in dew drops

Glided back to my home
From ledge
To hedge, then window
I landed in my room.

My magical secret,
Is locked up in my heart
Tossed out the lone keys,
Beyond the midnight stars

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Want To Forget

I want to forget
But never
Would regret
Your sojourn
In my life

Lessons
Have been learnt
Yet No bridges
Have been burnt
Future will now
Surely be wise
Nalini

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What Ails Human Race

These tangled yarns
Of human relations
A neat ball of wool
Changes into fuzzy creation

Knotted and trapped
Every strand every thread
How did we make it
This unyielding mess

We were all born
To create a pretty
Tapestry of life
Patterns and motifs
With colours so bright

Knitted with love
Mittens for hands
Not to be matted
Into useless
wool strands

Egos and greeds
And jealousies that breed
Trampled emotions
Xenophobic creeds

We end up suffering
Getting entangled, enraged
It's our own doing
Time to end all this craze

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Whatever Happened

Whatever happened
To my past
The one
I rejoiced,
Ran away too fast

Like the summer
It had
warmed my heart
Little sprouts
Why didn't
They last

It's now just
rainy days
Is winter cold
here to stay
Or Will the Sun
Ever smile
My way

That little patch
Of grass green
My little garden
I had to preen
Is now left
As dried up sand
My tears not enough
To enliven this land

Just one ray of Sunlight
Just last chance to live
I pray and beseech
For good times
To repeat.
Nalini

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When Will

When Will

When will I
See the Sun
When will my feet
feel warm again

When will life
Have no strife
When will heart
Feel no pain

When will tears
Leave this port
When will laughter
Have it's hold

When will love
Stray this way
When will deceit
Have no reasons
To stay

Like a carefree bird
Want to fly again
Nothing holding down
Stopping my forays

When will? ...
Nalini

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Where Do The Unwept Tears Go

Where do the unwept tears go
The ones that never brimmed
To the eyes the ones that are silently
Brushed ashore

Much before the barrages overflowed
And the deluge destroyed
Every happiness stored
Did they all get soaked in to the soil
Or with the tidal waves do they roar

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Where To

Where to
The
Skylarks
Away they
Fly
With moon
On wings
Sailing
So high

Fragrance
Of the
Fresh wet dirt
Magic of rains
Quenching thirst
Of
Parched Earth

Mere hint
Of breeze
Shakes up
The world
Of fronds
On trees
Unspoken
Words

Is brightest blue
Of oceans
True
Or from the sky
It steals it's hues

Who taught
The birds
To knit
Those nests
How dusky skies
Are painted red

How do the
Flowers
Know
When to bloom
Their essence
Leaves
No room
For gloom

Where is it
That
I want
To go?
How far is it
How do I know?

When will I reach
What will it teach
Time does have
Precious
Pearls
To preach
Nalini

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Whirl Wind

Whirl wind
Uprooting trees
Tsunamis
Churning of seas
And in the midst
Is a baffled me

People people
Is a jungle
Stepping on toes
And I do tremble
To live or die
It's just a gamble

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Who, Where, Why

Who are you?
Is a difficult
One
How to define
That soul
Many times
That has
Returned

From where
do you come?
From the depth
Of consciousness
Of the primordial One

Where in the cosmic soup
We were all the same
One filled the cup
Another the firkin

Why do you dress up?
To my expectations
I want to live up
And face the world again
Despite
Past of broken trust.

So the questioning
Goes on
I phase out
Climbing back
To my cloud.

Travelling
a little further
From the mundane
That surrounds
Nalini

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Why Did You

Why did you
Just laugh at me
I am broken
When you can see

My reflection
On speculum
Is the one
From whom
I run

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Why Do I Have To

Why do I Have to
Everyday meet
Me and my shadow
On the scary streets

Why did it
Leave me, And stray
The only love
I lived for Anyway

Why was I born,
To the sand dunes On run
A wild cactus flower
Where no birds and bees
Return

Why wild caverns
Call up my name
Why do these crowds
Drive me insane

When
All that I want
All that I need

Songs of oceans
Floral breeze
Rhythmic dances
In tidal heaves

Lonesome moonlight
Rustling of leaves
It's in these quite moments
New love is weaved.

Poetic sketches
Of prismatic dawn
Magnetic laughter
Of nights reborn

All that is sublime
Unseen
that churns
Scents of my future
In past Pyres
That burn

When will I reach
My timeless retreat
That niche
In this universe
Where shadows
Don't creep
Nalini

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Why Do You Mock At My Love

You say I know nothing about love
You say I use it loosely,
When it is such a loaded word
And I am casual about its beauty

And then it's you who tells me
That you have touched its depth
But I can see clearly
How you misjudge my strength

We'll let me tell you mister
For I too have been in love
I gave up all my dreams for him
Went through a hell unheard

My love for him was just
so dense
It enveloped all my senses
I lived in trance
Even in that distant land
I felt the reassuring warmth
Of his hand
The one that was never
There for me

The sweetness of just being in love
Puts that extra bounce in your step
Gives you that warm glow and grace
And at every tune you can dance.

The dreams and aspirations and hurts
That your partner nurtures or distrusts
Become a part of your own little world
And every step you take in life
It's all about him his struggles and strife

Putting his picture next to you
Where you work, makes
All your worries go

It's his smile, his voice
His style
And Everything he does for you

Test of true love I have passed
With distinction and honours that last
So don't dissect and inspect my past
For I am moulded in loves own cast.

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Wild Seeds

Wild seeds
Of capricious love
Plant feet
In coves
And kerbs

Will it strike me
One more time
Show me rainbows
But steal Sunshine

Yes, I do still
See that smirk
Every time
This dear heart hurts

On this coast
Where sand
Meets brine
Painted castles
In clouds
love's shrine
Nalini

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Wilderness Nymph

She walks alone
With jingles on
So light footed
She Does not
Stall

Carpet of grass
Under her feet
Does not crush
As she skips
With her beat

Butterflies flock
As she twirls
Her rainbow
Frock
In unison
They dance
Wings and arms
Fluid forms afloat

As She spreads
Around
Her fragrance
Profound
Redundant
With sweetness
Magic unbound

She is
Just a
solitary Dame
A simple
wild flower
That's Never
Been tamed

With twinkle
In dark eyes

Challenging
Stars fame
Lover of moon
And Suns
Warm days

She Prances around
Singing her songs
Winds carry her notes
Every corner resounds

No one knows
Where she
Is from
Her self
Never shows
Obfuscated
From crowds
Nalini

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Wildflower In Me

I am just a
Wild flower
No you can
Never
See my
Beauty
And
My magical
Powers

You want
Orchids,
Roses
On Your
Precious land
I do not
Just fit in
Too earthy
A brand

But still,
You did
Rejoice
As I
Sang
In my
Lilting Voice
And while
I Danced
My little
Dance
You were
Their
With me
My 'choice'

You were
Just playing
And I thought

You were
Here
Forever
Staying

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Wilful Vagabond

Uprooted and repotted
Just so many times
I don't remember
Feel of Earth
True home
Has been denied

Every time
I have tried my best
Build A little nest of mine
Gale and storm
Floods and earthquakes
Razed it, they were so unkind

So now I just pitch my tent
When not on the move
Where ever I reach in time
I have no place to call my own
No territory well defined

But I do belong to nowhere land
For every where Sun shines
And every where the moon does show
No place for structured shrines

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Will He

Will he
Will he not
Love me
Many
after thoughts

Touched and
Caressed so much
My twines
Embrace his trunk

Broken heart
Cannot break again
It will just die
Never wake up
To pains

Should I just
Distance my self
Hiding in shadows
Melting in dark cells.

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Will I

Will
I ever
Crack
The code
To bring
You back
In
All loving
Mode
The one
In high tide
That once I rode
And forever
I want
To closely
Hold.
Nalini

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Wilted Water Lily

This flower
Has now wilted
Dried up petals
All strewn around

Don't try
To salvage it
Or your life
Will be all ruined

Just feel
My presence
In the ephemeral
Essence

This soon
Will be gone
Captivated
By none
Pursued
By all
Nalini....Water Lily.

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Wind Chimes

Wind chimes
Mysterious rhymes
songs sublime
Of the breeze.

Feel the notes
From distant lands
Cryptic notions
Obscured emotions
Unknown tales
Are now unleashed

Flimsy strings
Pull metal rings
As they are coaxed
By rustling leaves
From morn till eve
When easterlies thaw
While westerlies freeze.
Nalini

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Winter Mornings

Winter mornings
Misty dawns
Shivering sunshine
Dew drops on lawns

Little Birds
They're All puffed up
Barren trees
They Do Look tough

Canvass of
Winter skies
Colours splashed
With many dyes

I might shiver
In my shoes
Heart still happy
Have no blues

Winter times
Are such a treat
In nature's arms
Time to retreat

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Wise People Say

Wise people say

There comes a time
When tears don't flow
They get hardened
Into winter snow.

Into icicles
They do turn
Pricking fingertips
They do burn

Pains of heart
They never go
In hardened core
Memories are stored

Laughters lost
To mountain caves
To the roaring
Ocean waves

Depth of sadness
Like black holes
A dying star
Loves life no more

But life goes on..

In manure
Of dead trees
Sprouting seeds
Circle complete
Nothing left
To plead entreat
Nalini

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Woman

I do sing
I do dance
I laugh freely
At every chance
I do love and
I weep
I Daydream
And in my sleep.

I hurt, I blurt
Deep within
I feel like dirt
I am sphinx
I am sand
Just a woman
Nothing grand

Like a swan
Want to fly
Like a peacock
Preen but shy
I am tigress
Gnaw you alive
On my wrong side
Dare to drive

I am tender
I am strong
To the heavens
I belong

I love colours
Pure and bright
But still think
In black or white

I can feel you
In my heart
I can heel you

Let go of guards

I am thin

I am fat

I am perfect

Just know that

I am your sister

Daughter and wife

I can love you

All your life

I am woman

Just a girl

Willy damsel

Shakti and pearl

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Worn Out White Coat

My old cotton coat
Many wrinkles
To explore
Many rents
And many tears
Trying to hide
My less known fears.

Once
clean white cotton
Now
It looks so stained
With dirt it's loaded
No virtues are retained

Doesn't help
To keep me warm
In summer heat
It can't be worn
Gets me drenched
When it rains
Than why in closet
Does It remain?

Because it is
My original self
The way I was born
No Virtues left

But my closet
Is Now replete
With all new clothes
I seldom repeat.

For this old one
Could not play
All new the roles.
I learnt to brave.

But my coat
Is here to stay
Last years of
My life
This will
Carry me away
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Yaadein...Your Memories

I hold no grudge
I wouldn't complain
There is no thought
Of Afflicting you
with pains

You wanted to go
You let me know
Now Bereft of joy
Will not cry no more

I do miss you
But You couldn't
Be true
It's not your style
To be one girls smile

The endless skies
Are for you to fly
I have turned
to the waters
Your reflections
I can eye

I had my share
So did you
Times of togetherness
Brought pleasures in hues

Hues of the rainbows
Fragrance from flowers
Softness of clouds
Ecstasy of ours

Nothing more
left to say
Nothing there
That I'll rue
Ever anyway

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Yearnings

I need
To be loved
Tenderly
To be touched

I want
To be cherished
With much violence
Have been ravished

I wish
To be needed
Like your Queen
Want to be treated

There is hope
For life to get better
Only if
Your heart
Could give shelter

Sad fact
of my life
You have
No heart
To nourish
Me fine
I'll always remain
Unshaded
Grape vine

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You And Me

You and me
From different trees
Different worlds
Stars galaxies

I am lost
A gypsy soul
Wildflower in bloom
I am no rose

You do belong
To gardens grand
Opulence surrounds
where ever
you stand

But why do you
Love me my friend
What can I give
I have no cents.
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You Live Within Me

Mi Amor

Seconds to minutes
Hours to days
Weeks to months
years to decades

Life goes on
I tag along
Waiting
For the one
Whom I have loved
For I know
Someday
you would return

Dawns to dusk
Spring to
Summer flux
From cold spells
To Sunshine galore
Mi Amor
I want you
Even more and more
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You No Longer A Part Of Me

You are no longer
A Part of me
Our story together
Could never be
For I am all heart
You are all greed

I am as I were
In nascent stage
Just as an armour
I use my rage
Lost from
the daylight
To dusky
Haze

With sprinkle of
Dew drops
Silver moons rays
Warmth of gold sunshine
I had dreamt
New days.
You burnt it all
Ashen in blaze.
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You Stepped In My Life

When you stepped
In my life
It was the fall
But to me
It felt
Like spring

Could not feel
Premonition
Of cold
I got warmed
Being just
Next to your
Skin

Toasty smell
Of your being
And new dreams
I was seeing
Now they are broken
So I'll not preen

But a Part of you
Now belongs
to me
That part always
Will keep me serene

No it will not be returned to you so that you can give it away to another to be
loved to be seen.

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You Too

You too
Will
Loose
Your
Ardent Steam
While you
Rush on
With
Wayward
Scream
As I
hum along
My soft
Old Songs
Very soon
I will be gone
Out of
Your sight
Beyond
Your reach
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Your Colours On Me

Your Colours, On Me

Want to be
Coloured
In all the shades
Of your love
In many ways

Deep within
I have
been changed
With you in heart
I feel so safe

Deep Sapphire blues
And purplish hues
Shades of reds
And greens so true

Like a bouquet
Held with
golden strings
Variegated skyline
Dawn and dusk
Within

Like a river
That quenches
For free
Always parched
Ocean never wanted me
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Your Lies

Unshackling myself
From your ties
From false promises
From true lies

There was venom
In your smiles
So much treason
So much vile

You were glitter
Not true gold
I was blinded
Many folds

But I am
Black magic free
Your touch still
Is left with me

Monsoon rains
Will wash it down
Will have nothing
To turn around
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