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#### Convinced Me She Is ....

Is she an angel? I asked the stars They were dubious

The angelic smile, The ruddy cheek and Divine magnanimity Convinced me she is...

Is she a glacier? I asked the arctic mountains They were too, dubious

The radiant beauty, The well carved and The blazon sculptured features Convinced me she is...

Is she an icy mountain stream? I asked the icy mountains They were too, dubious

The sweet rippling gift of the gab, The flashy blue eyes and The wavy hair Convinced me she is...

Her presence in my infinity dreams, With all her grace and beauty Made me a man of desires Hence, whispered, I love her, I love her,

I Love you.. I Love you.. I cried, as loudly as I could My love to hear my love But the winds snatched it and The clouds then, if she heard my yelps, I am dubious...

April 16-2009

#### Made For Each Other

I remember the first day I met you, I caught a glimpse of your face far in the crowd, Glowing in the diffused golden twilight, I strode in the seething mass to be near you.

I remember the day I met you again, You frowned at me in response to my smiling, though, Ardent longing for your love was burgeoning, I realized, Aloft flew wishes of a moment alone for you and me, anon.

I remember the day I met you again, You flung a glowing smile to me and walked away, And you fondled me again by eying me furtively paces after, A golden era was blossoming out as ever I wished.

I remember the day we lusciously conversed, Your sweet rippling still echoes again and again, Many a time exchanged our thoughts of love at our rendezvous, By the sweet singing, lonesome, white, rippling brook.

I remember we saying "The day is only for you and me, " "We are the only two in this glebe; the glebe is only for us, " Smothered around us the halo of our love, We could see nothing but us, we could hearken nothing but ours.

March 30,2010 - Perinnanam

# My River

Oh! My river My cute river Beauteous you are In the morn, in the gloaming Sandy is your bosom Banks are grassy and pebbly Pellucid little waves Singing and flowing smoothly You are turned to a young bride now Garbed in the glittering sequin of gold and argent And flowing slowly arrayed in all your finery And verily you are the sybarite! I am at your bank again, my favorite hangout, where I spent my childhood more often than not Vividly return my memories of my nights with you You were calm in those nights Still you are, and the glory remains as pristine. You are bathed in the moon light How beautiful you are now! The tiny stars are flashing and dazzling on your bosom You are cradling thousands of them, as if, It's spectacular! I am lying down, alone, Looking at the zenith, Gazing up the galaxy, within the clouds, and Watching the Gleams of light Coming through clouds' cleavages And vanishing into the river in the distance The milky orb is almost in the horizon now, and The golden orb started his brush work in the sky I nestle down at the bank in the zephyr & gentle cold, Looking at my river with her vivid golden water Listening to the music of the foam-flaked waves A sense of euphoria possesses me as I lie at the bank. Oh! If ever I could dwell at this bank for years and years A feeble music from afar fondles me, As an accompaniment to my relishing And I relax in the ebb and flow of the rhythms But it aroused me, My alarm clock chimed and reminded me

It is the time for work, Oh! I am in the middle of the desert Poignantly convinced myself, what a contrast! No my cute river, No grassy bank, No Pebbly bank No, No, Nothing, Nothing, but the sand dunes...... The sand storms ......

Mar 12,2009 - Hawiyah (Part of Empty Quarter - Saudi Arabia)

#### **Photos Speak**

Dragging me these old pictures In to my by gone days They are decayed in course of time, though The pictures have a lot to speak Of the love and ardor towards A girl resided next to my door But a picture is essential not For reminiscing about those sweet memories Of all those love and ardor As it is solidified as a thick layer of sediment In the deep depth of my mind And it keeps on jolting me in my darks Oh! My Girl, you have never been a girl In my forgotten corner of mind, thus far, You are with me, as the shadow of mine Wherever I am Ever since you walked off To reunite in our next birth

Feb.20,2009.

#### **Rainbow Expressions**

Hazy and misty sky turns (into) bright Sun shines faintly in the rain ere long Lovely girl's lovely eyes Twinkle with amazement Beholding the colorful rainbow in the sky The swaying boughs and woods get in the way Of the view of the pretty bow in the sky Wishes the lovely sevenfold be watched Amply out in near vicinity Wishes the rain be suspended soon, she prays

Slumbers the rain as sudden As her prayers are answered by her Lord By leaps and bounds the little girl nips out Of her confines joyfully to see her rainbow But, Stands she still! Looking up the sky And numb with shock! Give herself Up to a feeling of utter despair And she realizes unto Her pretty rainbow is no more there and It faded away with the rain.

May 28-2009 - Hawiyah - Saudi Arabia

#### Reflection

Slouching beside my parents A shabby shriveled bloke Wrapped himself in a rug worn Laden with a bulky bag torn

Unfolding his bulky carryall 'Showcasing' couple of his works Animated with the literary styles And so musical with the themes!

Jibes from the parents & verbose he became Coaxing them, with the recitals repeat And so bared the similes, couplets & metaphors Wide eyes wrestling with the prospective buyers

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Though decades and decades passed, while Posting my poems on poetry site Requesting attention of members agog, occasionally Reflecting somewhere deep inside The faded picture of that shabby bookseller, His jaunty rhymes, imploring eyes & that unrewarded return

#### Retrace

Trills of the birds Arouse him up in the morn. The feeling of lethargy Restrains him from getting up of his comfort He pulls the glitzy quilt over Cuddle the pillow and huddle Try to take a zizz – in vain Despite the wakeful night Followed in the wake of roars of thunders Perpetual pouring rain and baneful gale

He rolls out and draws the curtains It is nippy and, still, drizzling out Mist and fog smothered far and wide Faintly visible a pair of flitting Kingfishers On the sagged branches of the bougainvillea The trills are aloud and melodious, though.

He slouches at the window and gazes at The river flowing hard by, awhile She is, in her saffron getup, Slightly miffed and craggy In the aftermath of the night pouring Breeze triples the ripples on as a consolation And then passes thru the window To caress him with lots of love and affection

There bathing in the river, an adolescent, The amusement bursts in to his hurray..hurray There he soaked to the skin and, then, Playing in the rain... Sloshing through the puddle of muddy water Ha! ...Ha! ... The lad is at his peak of glee.....

In days of yore.. Bathing in the river Experienced him spontaneous mirth For long he bathed in the river For long he played in rain, He recalls... The lullaby of the river was quite sweeter The breeze was fairly colder The trills were more melodious ...but, Deteriorated in course of time

His eyes are getting sagged He can't resist – he draws the curtains and Slumps onto his downy pad Pulls the quilt over......

April 3-2009

#### Smudge Of Blood

Here, this smudge of blood, Of a tender boy of eleven, Soaked thru the tarmac, Yet to be dried, still wet and warm!

An innocent young lad, Fades-in my mind, Your bag! Your bag! Picking up a shopping bag, Shouting and chasing the biker, Who slings the bag into the crowd, And cruises at a high speed. Shouting repeatedly in vain, Albeit he ran a bit far away from the crowd, Your Bag! Your Bag! Still shouting...

Oh! Sudden, the shopping bag explodes Shredding in to pieces, the poor boy. Scattering around his fresh flesh all over. "My son! " "My son! " The horror stricken mother gasps. Dreadfully aloud and running to the spot, Where her son has been ripped, Plight of the mother is tearful. Compassions and rancours surge up, Cries and sighs of the shocked crowd, aghast. Mother out of sense of mind, Insanely hasten gathering, Of her only beloved son's tender bod. Warm blood dripping fleshes, broken skul, Clasping to her bosom "Oh! My Son, My Son. ' Weeping and wailing with a grief uncontrollable, Caving into the pool of blood...sans...consciousness. .....

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Appalling brutality and the terror, Of evil minds, will get over when? Open your eyes, empathize, NO reward of Heaven, for shedding the innocent blood. NO reward of Heaven, for this distress of mothers. What remains is just this smudge of blood...

# The Bird Watcher (Part 1)

I plod through the leafy woods The shadowy, coolly rain forest at the dale Harkening the spellbinding tunes of trills Watching the vividly coloured pretty fowls

Echoes of those feeble (But aloud) chirrups twinging me Of those little birds I encaged in my early ages Were all tremulous and dolorous sobs, but Misapprehended unto chant sweet songs of rollicking

Encaging the birds is remorselessness To set all those confined birds free, now I wish, To let them spread their wings beneath the skies And dry out their invisible tears in the fresh breeze of the freedom

The red and blue Macaws, the Golden Pheasants.... The birds of passage, The settlers for the time being, Blossom the trees with lurid variance of colours

The Green Turacos, the red Robins And the tall milky Flamingoes with pinkish limbs Creeping in the marsh and organizing their eats, Deceive me the marshy land to be an enchanting flowerbed

Golden slanting rays and long shadows The contrasting beauties of the forest And the humming of swaying trees in the breeze Embellish to the beauty to the trills & chirrups

May 11-2009 (Hawiyah - Saudi Arabia)

# The Bird Watcher (Part 2)

After a day long traverse far and wide In quest of the secrecy of my pretty aves I back in the tree house in the sanctuary for the night While they are ensconced in the high tree fastness for the night

The weald is engulfed by the milky moonlight And it is glistened with the dewdrops It is unparalleled and distinctive in the moonlight The picturesque prospect over the dale from the tree house

I am harkening a sadden serenade from afar That breaks through the serenity of the moonlit valley A lonely cock sings for his lost hen on their passage, perchance, Expecting their reunion in next to no time, fervently

It's getting feebler and feebler, as through Ebb and away and away... far and far from me .... There comes a flock of lovely birds, Spotted in Dazzling silver and gold, the insignia of heavenly colours

They are around, chirruping and fawning me with their beaks Alas! My hands, transforming to wings! Legs to a beautiful long feathery tail! Nails to shiny claws, lips to a set of pretty beak...!

Oh! I am! .. I am also a heavenly bird...! Adorned with lovely feathers..! Spotted with brilliant gold and silver...! As pretty as they are..., as lovely as they are...!

May 11-2009 (Hawiyah - Saudi Arabia)

### The Notion

Old age knocked on my door and enjoined 'Over, your stint in the desert' Obeyed, though my reveries remain unfulfilled Oddments of my odds and sods are wrapped up to carry along Being the remnant of my bygone age In the reduced and straggled circumstance

The nook in this room may have a lot to tell the next Of my grieves and pains, though I portrayed to be jovial As it might have overheard my weeps and whimpers When pang of loneliness crushed me in the shadows of the nights

Throng of memories spring to mind while leaving my den Of yore, for the land of bliss and delight, I left all my nearest and dearest It was on the later part of a dull and damp day The sun was hidden, as he was too fighting back tears so I was.

The burning days were unbearable The summer days in the promising land Toiled away beneath the fiery cruel sun, but Thoughts of my nearest and dearest hasten dried out my sweats

Vacations, quick as a wink and hurry, were Waving hands of friends and relatives prompted, 'Be ready to set your pace in the heat and blizzards, and The rousing (but a weeping) send-off for long, again and as often

Not hurry, I am, now

My hired wheels are also rolling at a glacial pace As if the chauffeur knows that my journeys are over He too seems dull, probably, no trip after mine...

My nest, not remote, away only few minutes My ecstasy is curling up away in to infinity Seeing my clan of people, at the thought of, Who would be waiting for me eagerly as usual.

The cab is in front of my mossy house, but My notions are all for naught I am devoid of my friends and relatives Who used to be eagerly waited for my arrivals.!

March 20,2009 - Hawiyah (Empty Quorter of Sadui Arabia)