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# Engage Your Senses

Feeling low, don't just pout  
Engage your senses, Think about

An orange slice  
A Chocolate delight  
Cinnamon tea  
A cold coffee

A cuckoo calling  
Rain pouring  
A child laughing  
water splashing

Spring Season  
Cherry blossom  
Beautiful sunrise  
Star filled night

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# A Meaningful Life

If my words can help a broken heart mend  
or a prejudiced mind to open and make amend  
If they can bring back song to the Silent Spring again  
My life shall not be in vain

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# Procrastination

Procrastination is not going to take you anywhere  
Laziness is going to be your doom for sure  
This careless attitude, how many dreams it has broken so far  
Your heart is still pierced by the shattered pieces of your goals

I know, you don't like the direction your life has taken  
Drowning in the stormy waters, you are looking for shore  
If nothing changes, this anxiety will never ease  
You will live and die with nothing but regrets and remorse

You can still create your world as you desire  
But you need to let go of the secure foothold  
It's going to take great effort and discipline  
The more you delay, the harder it's going to get I assure

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# To Be Free In This World

What it takes to be free in this world?

Prejudiced and divided by race, color, class, caste, sex or religion

Someone replied all the above in right combination

Right pedigree and lots of money to burn

Lots of power even though less of ambition

I surmise

It is the courage to stand up for your conviction

Not letting the world get to you with its opinion

For others you may be one among billion

But in the mirror is reflected a hero toiling for his vision

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# Don't Lose Hope

Don't get disheartened midway, even if it seems a struggle uphill  
Can win over all barriers, Such is the conviction of your will  
Even if no one supports you, don't you listen to their drill  
Try even harder, don't let your aspirations remain unfulfilled

Under extreme pressure, diamond becomes of coal  
The shine increases with flame, that's why it is called gold  
A ray of light can brighten even the darkest hole  
With its perseverance, a sprout breaks soil's hard folds

You are part of the singularity that created universe  
Why believe if one dream is shattered then life is curse  
Why think: this is my luck, I have nothing in my hands  
Thoughts create world, if you believe then the test of truth it stands

If happiness didn't last, then sorrow also won't  
Instead of being disheartened, why don't you resolve?  
To be like that flower, whose smile even a fierce storm can't shake  
Or that lamp, which fights alone with darkness till the Sun wakes

It's okay to despair for some moments and take your time  
But never lose sight of your goal, Now get your priorities in line  
Don't count the blisters of your feet, or look for a shady copse  
Don't stop till you reach your goal, don't ever lose hope

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# My Dear Mother

Forgive me, my dear mother  
I could never understand the depth of your love  
But now being a mother myself  
Those unsaid feelings are deeper felt

Even though in words you never expressed  
Your love was in the little things done for us  
In your morning wakeup calls  
Love filled simple breakfast bowls

In the polished shoes and pressed school shirts  
In the scolding we got for poor results  
In your worrying over our diet and health  
Raising a storm over even small welts

In hiding the calluses from a day's hard work  
In our expensive schools while you slept to an unlit hearth  
My dear mother, to give us a brighter future  
You did everything and beyond what your limits were

So thank you dear mother, for being my mom  
Creating a beautiful life for me outside your womb

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# Don't Fear The Reaper

Baby, don't you fear the reaper, reaper  
Don't lose heart if they call you a sinner  
Look inside your heart and drown out all words bitter

Oh baby, why you fear, why you fear the reaper?

The only thing that matters is love, only love  
Now take my hand, let's fly away  
Let's take warmth from the Sun, from the Sun  
Let all of our fears burn, fears burn

Oh baby, why you fear, why you fear the reaper  
God will always be, always be your keeper  
Oh baby, don't you fear, don't you fear the reaper

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# Going Back To Nature

Looking looking looking  
To realms beyond  
For higher intelligence  
To guide you through  
Just close your eyes and come in my fold  
All the secrets of universe my whispers hold  
Not in science or higher tech  
The solution lies in love and respect

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# Let Me Take Shape

Mother, O mother  
Please don't be afraid  
Feel my beating heart  
And let me take shape

I am all your broken dreams  
All your desires, never fulfilled  
Fight for me and don't give up  
Derive strength from your battered heart

One day I will be your shield for sure  
But today I need your support  
Together we will face whatever comes  
Let them come with blazing guns

Mother, dear Mother  
Now please hold on  
Against my father's raising storm

Mother, O Mother  
Don't Despair  
Let me see this world  
And all that's here

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# Earth's Cry

Acid tears burn my lap  
Gasping - radiation filled chemical breath  
Thirsting for water, this dried up loam  
what have you made of your sweet home

My welling up blood strikes the shore  
These heated emotions you ignore  
The day of breaking point approaches fast  
So tell me dear human where will you go

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# I Am Just A Human

A caged nightingale sings of soaring the skies beyond  
But her longing for freedom we never hear  
A woman's life is bound in the chains of patriarchy  
But her cries for help fall on deaf ears

I am fed up, tired up and wired up  
Listening to the evergoing barrage  
Don't do this, don't wear that, Don't behave so  
You are sending wrong signals to the entourage

Though my spirit is invincible  
And I will keep on fighting for what's my due  
It has been centuries facing this onslaught on my soul  
Don't you think, some reprieve will be good

Not a trophy to be scored  
Not a thing to be procured  
Not some prestige to be preserved  
Not a goddess to be revered

I am just a human being  
Who wants to live  
and live free with dignity

I don't want your love or protection  
I just want respect and equal consideration

Please do not see me a woman  
I am just a human, I am just a human  
Please consider me one

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# What Love Is Like?

Love is like the Everest  
Never bowing down to time's behest  
Burning brighter than the Sun's core  
Engulfs our hearts like a black hole

Deeper than Mariana Trench  
Creates paradise in heart's wasteland  
Flowing like eternal river  
Titanium Strength to our Will it delivers

The feeling that nurtures this world  
LOVE is God's essence sprinkled in universe

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# To Be Or Not To Be

All my life I have spent hiding  
Sometimes behind the veil of ignorance, Sometimes mere cowardice  
Sometimes procrastination, Sometimes merely avoiding  
Never finding the courage to foray beyond the path that's easy  
All my life I have spent in misery, lamenting things that could be  
More and more I hear this echo inside, to do something to salvage me  
And no matter how much I suppress it, the voice keep ricocheting  
God please now show the path to me: To be or not to be

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# Why The Middle Path?

They say follow the middle path  
It is the path of Zen  
But since they don't know the thrill of extreme  
I have never agreed with them

I have seen the bottomless pit of sorrow  
I have been through heart wrenching pain  
But in the moments of joy  
I have been the trees, the flowers, the butterfly  
And have been the wind, the sky, the rain

I am never an advocate of bland life  
Why not to spice up this sweet delight  
I do believe in our souls being a part of the light  
Why not live every moment and burn bright

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# The Eagle And The Sparrow

Have you heard the story of the eagle's egg  
That somehow fell in the sparrow's nest  
Unaware of the truth all along  
The sparrow raised it as her own

Often mocked by his kith and kin  
For his large body and bigger wings  
He always felt this longing in his heart  
But never could name what it was  
It seemed his fate to live and die a sparrow  
And waste all his life moping in sorrow

He had capitulated and accepted his lot  
But suddenly one day he saw an eagle afloat  
He realized the flight stored in his wings  
The hap gave him hope and renewed his will

After knowing his true potential  
He worked hard with staunch determination  
After months of hard practice through thick and thin  
He soared, soared and soared high to rule the welkin

It seems to be the story of most of us  
With souls of eagles but hearts of sparrow  
We spend our lives living in misery and self-disgust

Let not our inner voice be suppressed by our feeble hearts  
Only by being courageous, can we truly play our part

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# Why Do I Walk The Road On Feet?

I am often asked  
Why do I walk the road on feet  
In such sweltering and scorching heat  
Why not drive a car to work  
Be at ease and save effort

Oh! but what a joy it is  
To be devoured by the picturesque on-route view  
The trees standing stalwart, protecting from wind's onslaught  
Gleaming with leaves of different hues

The flowers: red, pink, yellow and white  
Showering me with their tender smiles  
They have all accepted me in their fold  
Assuring me its a beautiful day, Today I am going to hold

I see the little birds, flying from one branch to another  
Asking me to come explore the world together  
There are fluttering butterflies everywhere  
Giving me courage to shed my shell and flaunt my flair

It is not for the sake of exercise  
or environment that I take this walk  
It is to watch the creation unfurl  
And be a part of its wordless talk

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# For You

For you, I can be the panacea  
Solving all your problems  
The Great Wall blocking all Weltschmerz  
Giving you my inner strength

For you, I can be the nightingale  
Singing lullaby to your dreamland  
Michel Jackson Dancing to your tunes  
Entertaining you to your heart's content

For you, I can be a hero  
Fighting for right with all my might  
Can gather paradise with my small hands  
And give it to you in the blink of an eye

For you, I can be an angel  
Loving you always, making you smile bright  
Every moment with you, I am created anew  
For you, I can be anything you like

For you, for you and only for you, my dear child

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# Journey Inside Self

The wise ones say know thyself  
The greatest journey is within yourself  
But this is the hardest road I have ever taken  
Full of diversions and unsolved mysteries  
My will along the path has often shaken

I keep moving in circles again and again  
Always coming back to where I began  
So many times it fills me with ennui  
and ineffable languor starts weighing me down

It oftentimes makes me ponder  
How long will I continue to wander  
Which path now shall I take  
Just continue or take a break

But then how will this life be  
Without knowing who I am  
How can I know who I can be  
So, I will just keep on trying  
Someday victory will be mine

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# Little Sparrow

Little Sparrow, what song you chirp?  
Is it about freedom?  
Or are you beckoning me  
to watch the world from your perch

Is it a song of discovery and exploration  
Or about nothing but the mere joy of existence  
Are you only calling your friends  
Or simply asking me to shed my reticence

Little Sparrow, what song you chirp?

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# I Am Dreaming A Little Dream

I am dreaming a Little Dream

Of waking up to the chirping birds  
And sky full of sunrise hues  
Going for long walks in boulevards  
And grasses tipped with morning dew

To a home and hearts  
Brimming with love and sunshine  
Playgrounds full of laughing children  
Newspaper pages full of adoring smiles

People coming out of daily rut  
Basking in nature's handiwork  
Happiness is not a pursuit but foundation of life  
Boredom filled days have long become archaic

There is no room for hatred  
Or acrimonious harangue  
Even strangers are acknowledged  
And greeted with warmth

No distinctions of class or creed  
No more prejudices, No exploitation of any being  
Trust and peace rule the world  
No bloodshed, in no more wars the world is hurled

Science and nature go hand in hand  
Sustainable life perfected with staunch perseverance  
There is no hunger or poverty  
Dignified life to everyone is guaranteed

It all might seem a utopia  
Entailing a struggle uphill  
But everything is possible with love  
And strength of human will

I am dreaming a Little Dream



# Where Has That Girl Gone?

Where has that girl gone?

With innocent eyes behind the rimmed glasses  
Full of hope and zeal for life  
To whom everything in the world seemed possible  
The girl whose will seemed indomitable

Now I look in the mirror  
And all I see is an imposter  
With empty eyes and forced smiles  
Battered and bruised by life's struggles

Where has that girl gone?

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# My Dear Passion

My dear Passion, where have you gone

I have searched for you everywhere  
In the crystals and beads so rare  
In the yoga and meditation  
In the strict exercise regimen

It feels like I am just escaping life  
Wasting time in watching movies and the like  
It seems I have lost all zeal  
From this gloominess my soul is not going to heal

Everyday I look for you in coffee beans  
But it never works it seems  
Please tell me how to find you ashore  
Otherwise I am going to die of boredom for sure

My dear Passion, where have you gone

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# A Little Girl

Come my baby, I will sing you a song  
About a little girl, brave and strong  
They tried to subdue her spirit with their worldly wise  
But nothing could stop her from aiming for the stars up high

Oh! She was a girl, her opinions were obviously ignored  
Afterall, she was destined to do only household chores  
But little did she care for the worldly ways  
She was a star ready to set ablaze

Brought up on the stories of heroic knights  
She never knew how to give up in a fight  
But to make her identity in a man's world  
She had to give it her all, no matter how the fate unfurled

To them, her dreams were mere whims and fancies  
Never to be taken in the earnest  
But what do they know of a will so strong  
That even in your sleep, it won't let you rest

The scorn and admonishments only made the fire in her soul burn stronger  
She could not be deterred from reaching her goals any longer  
Come my baby, I will sing you a song  
About a little girl, brave and strong

You will ask me, What was her dream,  
Did she succeed, Who she was  
Oh baby! the song is not about a single girl  
It is about every Malala, every Mulan

It is about every girl who won't back down  
Who believes in equality and won't allow her aspirations to be let down

Won't you help her my baby, if she ever comes your way  
By not being prejudiced by what the world says

She is not a damsel in distress,  
she doesn't need an armoured knight  
She is a fellow traveller in this journey of life

All she needs is a reassurance that her fight is worth the price

Whenever the darkness engulfs her and the doubts and fears start to make her  
feel small

Won't you stand by her and give her dreams wings of courage to fly afar

Come my baby, I will sing you a song

About a little girl, brave and strong

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# Yeh Jo Odhi Hai Maine Chunar

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# If You Ask Me

If you ask me will I miss you  
How am I going to answer this question of thy

Can't you see it in the little glances I steal at you  
To cherish your features with my eyes

Can't you feel it in our hugs and kisses  
And the way we cuddle side by side

Can't you hear it in my hitched breath  
And how your nearness makes my heart go wild

If you ask me will I miss you  
How am I going to answer this question of thy

All the unspoken words that keep lingering in the air  
All our shared struggles together

All the moments spent in each other's embrace  
All the memories etched in our heartbeats forever

You already have the answer in your soul  
Then why keep asking this question forevermore

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