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Waiting (Poem)

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Everyone is waiting for something At some place, at some corner, at some point.

A crowd in the bus stops

A patient in the hospitals

Ration card holders at the ration shop

And the serpentine queue at the ATM booth.

Life is full of waiting,

For endless purposes and meaningless reasons





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Waiting of the farmers for the harvest full, For the lover for his beloved's return Between certainty and uncertainty When the twilight walks into the night. At times a senseless waiting Other times for hopeful tidings Many a times it's a fruitless waiting, Knowing not what to hope for And what to wait for With only a bygone nostalgic past Where one's dream seem to bloom In the garden of imagination Where periwinkles spread its hues of colors And the cuckoos sang its melodious song. Where cool breeze blew by With the news of spring and summer Where mother Earth opens up to drink in full cups To renew and grow To contemplate on the fullness of this world.





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2. TRUTH

Truth has its varied facets

With its rainbow colored hands

Is like the mysterious lady at the devil's gate

And a fragrance of peace at an angels gaze.

Truth opens up the Earth with beauty With its manifold blessing and bearing It is like the grain that grow into plant And the blue sky reflected in the mirror.

Truth stands like a rock in spite of the sea
With its sediments cemented in solid ground
It's like the pristine spring that gushes down the hill
And gurgles out the pebbles on its way.

Truth has the mocking and shocking aroma

That grinds and winds out life

From the layers of covers

To the nakedness of being.





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Truth can capture or deliver

Make or break

With fear and owe

This needs no show.

Truth is the rope of hope
The shield of faith
Is the bottomless pit
Which need no cover up.

3. The Weary Soul





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News comes flying
Across buildings and blocks,
That someone passed away
And a meeting is held
A condolence for the departed.

Sitting in reflection of the soul
Who could not withhold
The pressure of life,
This made him only sigh
As he walked those miles.

Condolences read with grief

Of life lived in brief

Of men's woes and ills

The motif to self-kill

With no room for life's will

The weary soul must have walked its last mile

Like a man in exile





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Sorry for himself and his fate

Weigh down by the heavy tolls

Seeking solace in death,

Where no one knows where it goes

No question to be asked

And no answers to be made

Weeping soul,
Thy life is a journey now
To another world
Where you seek and rest.

To find a home, to talk to souls

With whom you may care to know

Stories of spirits

Those that have wondered far away

To seek and find, an everlasting rest.

