

# Soul's Secret Story

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## PREFACE

*Beautiful reflections amalgamate into soulful thoughts, penned down as poignant poems. A memoir is born, which is an expression of those very alluring reflections.*

*Years pass by. That memoir of youthful days lies gathering dust and decay, in a quiet corner of the house, hidden from the busy eyes of its creator, kept aside in an old, wooden cupboard. Until a day arrives, when the passions re-ignite. Old days retraced, the memoir is born again.*

*Born in a new form, born as a book, it finds its day. It finds its way back into the heart of its readers.*

*Soul's Secret Story, is that very memoir, which was written as an amalgamation of some beguiling thoughts, penned down as poignant poems during my youthful days. Today it is breathing again, in the form of this book, Reflections, Thoughts, Poems & Feelings! My eyes have read them repeatedly. They are close to my heart & soul. These poems are the beginning of my journey as an author and I am truly proud of them.*

*With Soul's Secret Story, I share with my readers these very exquisite and engaging poems.*

*Hope you enjoy reading them as much as I enjoyed writing them in those charming days of my life.*

*Let the magic unfold...*

*For Asif*

*“In You, I found Love,  
The most beautiful feeling in the world”*

**LOVE YOU LOTS**

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## HOPE

*Abrupt black & white shadows in the hollows,  
It's just a ray of hope each one of us follows*

*Footsteps walking waywardly, but firm,  
Moving ahead unaltered, like the clocks arm*

*Nervous in a way, Yet confident always  
Thinking of the positive side, though the fears, unwilling to hide*

*A rainbow appears...Bright in imagination,  
"But Aah!" the black ray is most prominent in observation*

*Will it end - the unending road?  
Will it turn - the unwinding path?  
Will it be close - the destination?  
Or will it be over - this determination?*

*Well, there is a diverging way,  
A way cut aside,  
However, it is not the goal, it's not the Hope  
It is the wrong path!  
A path easy to take, yet unsatisfying  
A path reaching somewhere else,  
A destination, which was never to be mine!  
So let it be...*

*Time is no one's friend,  
It is just confidence, which should never bend  
Because 'They' always, say,  
"Every dark cloud has a glittering white outline",  
Reach hard for it and it shall surely be thine*

*"Oh Yes, I see it, I see it"  
A ray of sunshine at the dead end,  
Blooming bright and unshaken*



*The worrying mind gives clues,*

*Like the skies bright blues*

*THERES' ALWAYS HOPE, MY DEAR,*

*AS HOPE IS NEVER FINAL,*

*AS HOPE IS NEVER ENDING*

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# REMINDERS

(Picture Courtesy: Faraz Haider)

## REMINDERS

*The whistle of the breeze,*

*The dancing of the trees,*

*The buzz of the bees,*

*Remind me of someone*

*The flow of the stream,*

*The sun's first beam,*

*The nights beautiful dream,*

*Remind me of someone*

*The colour of the sky,*

*The cuckoo singing high,*

*The smile shy,*

*Remind me of someone*

*The song on the radio,*

*The girls' handsome beau,*

*The raindrops and the dew,*

*Remind me of someone*

*The flower's smiling faces,*

*The feet leaving traces,*

*The emotional & tender embraces,*

*Remind me of someone*

*The sweet songs of life,*

*The devoted husband and wife,*

*The princess and the knight,*

*Remind me of someone*

*The tides in the ocean,*

*The heartfelt emotion,*

*The unquestioned devotion,*

*Remind me of someone*

*The friends so close,*

*The striking of a pose*

*The red perfumed rose  
Remind me of someone*

*The colours so bright,  
The moon and the night  
The dawn and the light  
Remind me of someone*

*The mirror so true,  
The moments so few  
The old and the new  
Remind me of someone*

*The day of Valentine,  
The twinkle and the shine  
The heart that's mine  
Remind me of someone*

*The jokes of a clown,*

*The places in the town  
The eyes black and brown  
Remind me of someone*

*The valley and the scenery  
The earths carpeted greenery  
The poems in my diary  
Remind me of someone*

*The dreams of sharing  
The hearts baring  
The voice daring  
Remind me of someone*

*The shining of the stars  
The racing of the cars  
The breaking of bars  
Remind me of someone*

*The essence of a painting*

*The endless waiting*

*The false hating*

*Remind me of someone*

*The days of sadness*

*The lovers' madness*

*The future's happiness*

*Remind me of someone*

*The smell so familiar*

*The love so dear*

*The nervousness and fear*

*Remind me of someone*

*The expressive eyes*

*The human ties*

*The soul's cries*

*Remind me of someone*

*The books about lovers  
The monsoons first shower  
The blossoming spring bower  
Remind me of someone*

*The passersby on the road,  
The shine of pure gold  
The relationships new and old  
Remind me of someone*

*The infant so cute,  
The naughty brute  
The voice of love - mute  
Remind me of someone*

*The love of a pair  
The relations couples share  
The fluffy, blowing hair*



*Remind me of someone*

*The delightful love stories*

*The delicious blueberries*

*The romantic movies*

*Remind me of someone*

*The endless conversations*

*The powerful sensations*

*The dreams - the imaginations*

*Remind me of someone*

*The food I eat,*

*The way I greet*

*The hearts beat*

*Remind me of someone*

*At the time of every prayer,*

*The chaste and the fair,*

*The adorable and the dear  
Remind me of someone*

*The feelings of jealousy  
The passion and ecstasy  
The impossible fantasy  
Remind me of someone*

*The tales of immortal lovers  
The names engraved on towers  
The personality that hovers  
Remind me of someone*

*The night and the day  
The color of hay  
The words I often say  
Remind me of someone*

*The life so lonely*

*The love so holy  
The hold so manly  
Remind me of someone*

*The scene of a wedding  
The happy ending  
The passions unbending  
Remind me of someone*

*The colours white and red  
The feelings unsaid  
The emotional thread  
Remind me of someone*

*The vows of love  
The sweet song of the dove  
My God, all above  
Remind me of someone*

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## MUSIC

*The sole energy of this tedious life  
Stirring the chords of one's poetic side  
Tunes like the ripples in clear water,  
Rhythms, which make the birds, chatter*

*Speaking volumes of affection and harmony,  
Expressing feelings of mystery & morality  
Saturating the silence with songs of desire,  
Gleaming in the brightness of Sun's fire*

*Immortal, invisible - undistinguishably striking,  
Listening to memories in the mind, embarking  
Words moving on the paths of fantasies,  
Coming straight from the heart like a romantic ecstasy*

*Creating fabrication, following imagination  
Instruments played with delicate fingers,*

*The fragrance of it forever lingers*

*The food of fairies, the mood just carries*

*The Lord's beautiful creation for the sinful mankind*

*A gift, not deserved, but kind*

*Music - the food of the soul, the energy of life,*

*A way to express one's emotions*

*Truly, a symbol of care & devotion*

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## STARS

*More precious than diamonds,*

*More exclusive than friends*

*Making dreams, fulfilling wishes,*

*Our hearts, their light touches*

*Peeping through the deep black sky,*

*Shinning faces, sailing up - so high*

*Silrus, being the brightest of them all,*

*Standing there like a twinkling ball*

*Stars, help you relate to God,*

*And get you, what you want*

*You pray when they fall,*

*Thinking that maybe God hears your call*

*Guiding man's future,  
Supporting the astrologer*

*Making way for predictions,  
Setting life's mysterious trends*

*For some they are holy expressions,  
To others they are earths' ornamentations*

*For the rest they are life's inspiration  
But, to me they are God's very special creation!*

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## COLOURS

*Colors, the variety of a monotonous life,  
Colors, soothing to the wearied eyes,  
Colors, gentle to the distressed soul,  
Colors mingle with existence overall*

*White stands for peace and love,  
White, as serene as the calm dove,  
White, suits everything that is fair,  
White signifies a clean heart with care*

*Black, the color of the re-occurring night,  
Black, superstitious, blocking one's inner sight  
Black, beautiful, when the color of flowing hair,  
Black, matches with anything that has glare*

*Blue, reminds us of the Sky & the Sea,  
Blue, creates magic on this earth, you see*



*Blue, associates itself to words and letters,  
Blue, sprinkled on paper, always glitters*

*Green, is God's favorite color,  
Green is the base of every flower  
Green, is what this planet is made of,  
Green lives with life & can never fade off*

*Yellow, shines every-day in the sun's beams,  
Yellow, dances when it reflects on the streams  
Yellow, the magic of pure Gold,  
Yellow, stands precious & bold*

*Red, the colour of agony & fire,  
Red, the colour of pain & blood,  
Red, the colour of dirt & danger,  
Red, the colour of heart & love*

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## **A PROUD MARTINIAN**

*A sea of qualities is how you would describe a Martinian,  
The spirit develops in you, as you become Senior  
La Martiniere is a place where your personality enhances,  
Confidence gains gradually by diverse opportunities and chances*

*The fancy dress contests were all so memorable,  
Where we walked in those lovely costumes without trouble  
Concerts, dramas, and the plays - all gala times,  
When the teachers were strict about everyone's lines*

*The singing classes required big attention  
Our rhymes came out perfect thanks to Mrs. Madan  
Sports days were both hectic and exhausting,  
Calcutta meets were great, while hosting*

*Elocutions were not for the stammering,  
Debates had the usual elite gathering  
Picnics were considered somewhat childish,*

*Fetes were often extremely girlish*

*Canteen duty was difficult for all,*

*As it was tough to manage the stall*

*Cooking classes were mostly a delight*

*And the Exhibitions were always colorful and bright*

*Social service was for morals,*

*Prize days were organized to give out laurels*

*Campus teaching was good to boast about,*

*Tests and exams were tough to sort out*

*Library lessons required pin drop silence,*

*Medicines at the infirmary made all the difference*

*Study Hall classes were very interactive,*

*The office being close by was oh so distractive*

*The Garden was well mended, while the swings were all bended*

*The cool pool was a beautiful enclosure,*

*Within Khursheed Manzil's elegant composure*

*Our uniforms were always at their best*

*The teachers too took a lot of interest*

*Assemblies have taken a lot of preparation*

*Farewells are sad moments of long separation*

*Claude Martin's busts were intimidating,*

*Which the Artist took a lot of pain in creating*

*The auditorium was big and enormous*

*As La Martiniere and grandeur are synonymous*

*Lifetime experiences which can never been forgotten*

*Socials were such an interesting topic of discussion,*

*Attending them at Spence's Hall was a tradition*

*Every detail of the event was worth a mention*

*Photographs were such a piece on display,*

*Ice Creams were eaten at the gate everyday*

*Bhelpuri after school was a regular feature,  
Romantic novels were the most popular literature*

*Extempore was often dull and boring,  
But the Quizzes were always scoring  
The buildings were a classic piece of architecture,  
Nature's club added finery to the structure*

*Teachers and students were all such close comrades,  
So many good memories that will never fade  
The time to say Goodbye is filled with tears,  
For the outside world is what one fears*

*La Martiniere will always hold a special place in our heart,  
It is like our soul and we can never part  
Long live the spirit of La Martiniere,  
We feel proud to be its torchbearer*

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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*What is so special about a New Year?*

*It comes every year to make us realise,  
That we have lost one more year of our lives*

*No - I think it should make us realize,  
That God, has gifted us with one more chance to thrive*

*A chance to accomplish the un-accomplished,  
A chance to create dreams unrelished  
A chance to build new relationships and strengthen the old ones  
A chance to bury grudges and spread love  
A chance to help others feel good,  
A chance to love and not brood*

*Yes, a New Year will always be special  
And I hope it's really a Happy one for all of us this year*

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# SAVE THE WORLD



(Picture Courtesy: Saurabh Mishra)

## SAVE THE WORLD

*Why in Life there is pain and suffering?*

*Why in Life there is heartburn and yearning?*

*Poverty, Pollution, and Pathos,  
Disease, Death, Destruction & Loss*

*Violent outbreaks of hatred,  
Bloodshed and killings on the spread*

*Who nurtures these feelings of Satanism?*

*Who wants to spread this Sadism?*

*Menace, Malice and Misery*

*Fear, Suicide, and Beggary*

*Competition, Communalism, Coercion,*

*Jealousy, Jugglery, Manipulation*



*Lack of faith, trust and understanding,*

*Oh my Lord, what is happening?*

*Where is that four-letter word?*

*We had learnt to believe in*

*Is Love, merely an illusion today?*

*Or is hatred here to stay?*

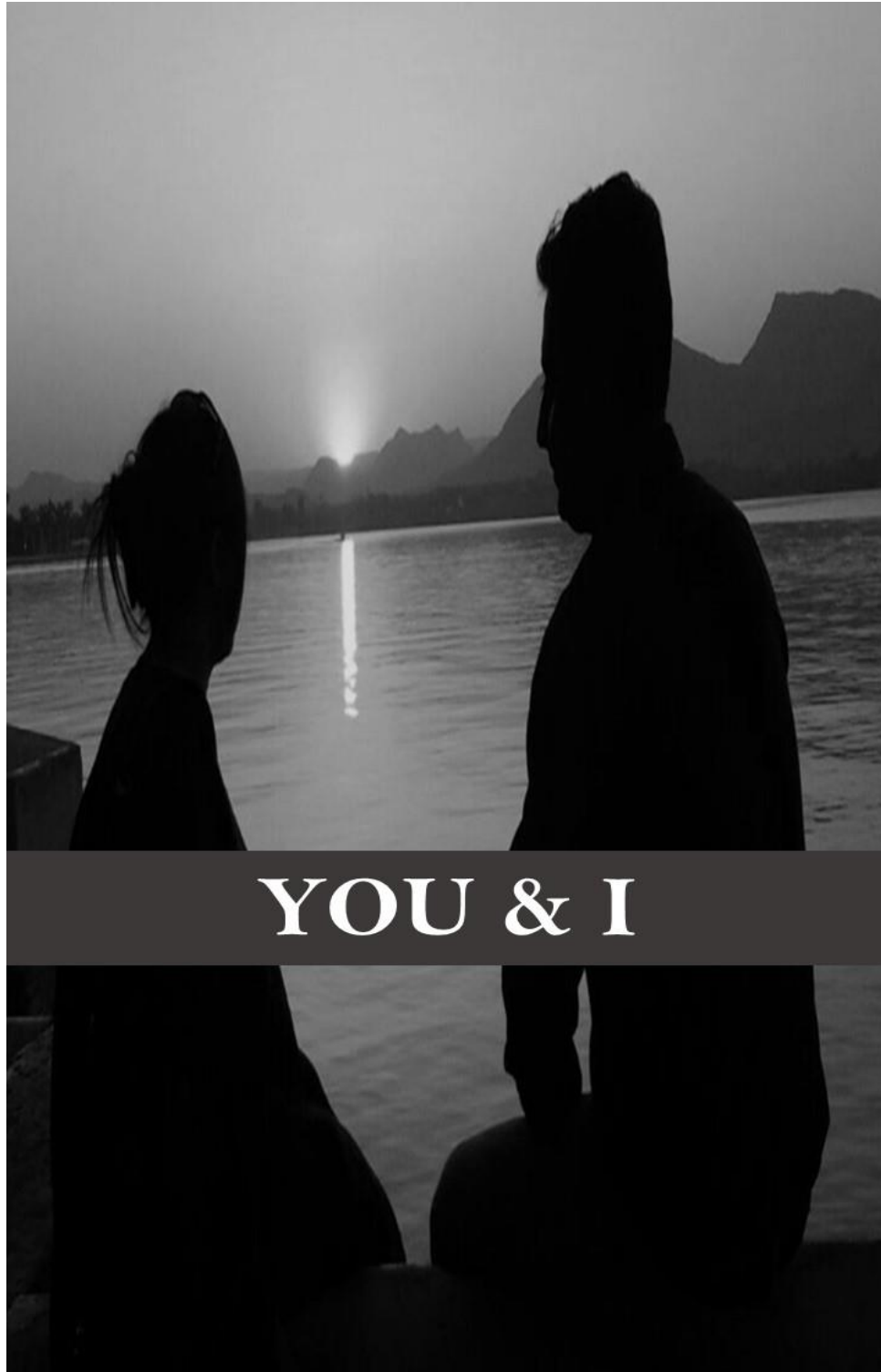
*Don't ask God, Ask ourselves,*

*For it is for us to ponder and dwell*

*Till we find a solution,*

*And Save the World from this destruction*

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(Picture Courtesy: Amreen Fatima)

## YOU AND I

*You and I, walking hand in hand,  
The sunshine smiling on us,  
The look of affection in our eyes,  
The sea birds singing the song of love*

*Oh, your touch made me shiver!  
Oh, your kiss trapped my breath!*

*Our eyes full of passion,  
Our hearts full of desire  
We - full of the sense of togetherness,*

*The sun setting in the sea  
Our love dawning in our eyes*

*Time stood still, the moment you took me in your arms*

*I blushed the moment you whispered in my ear,*

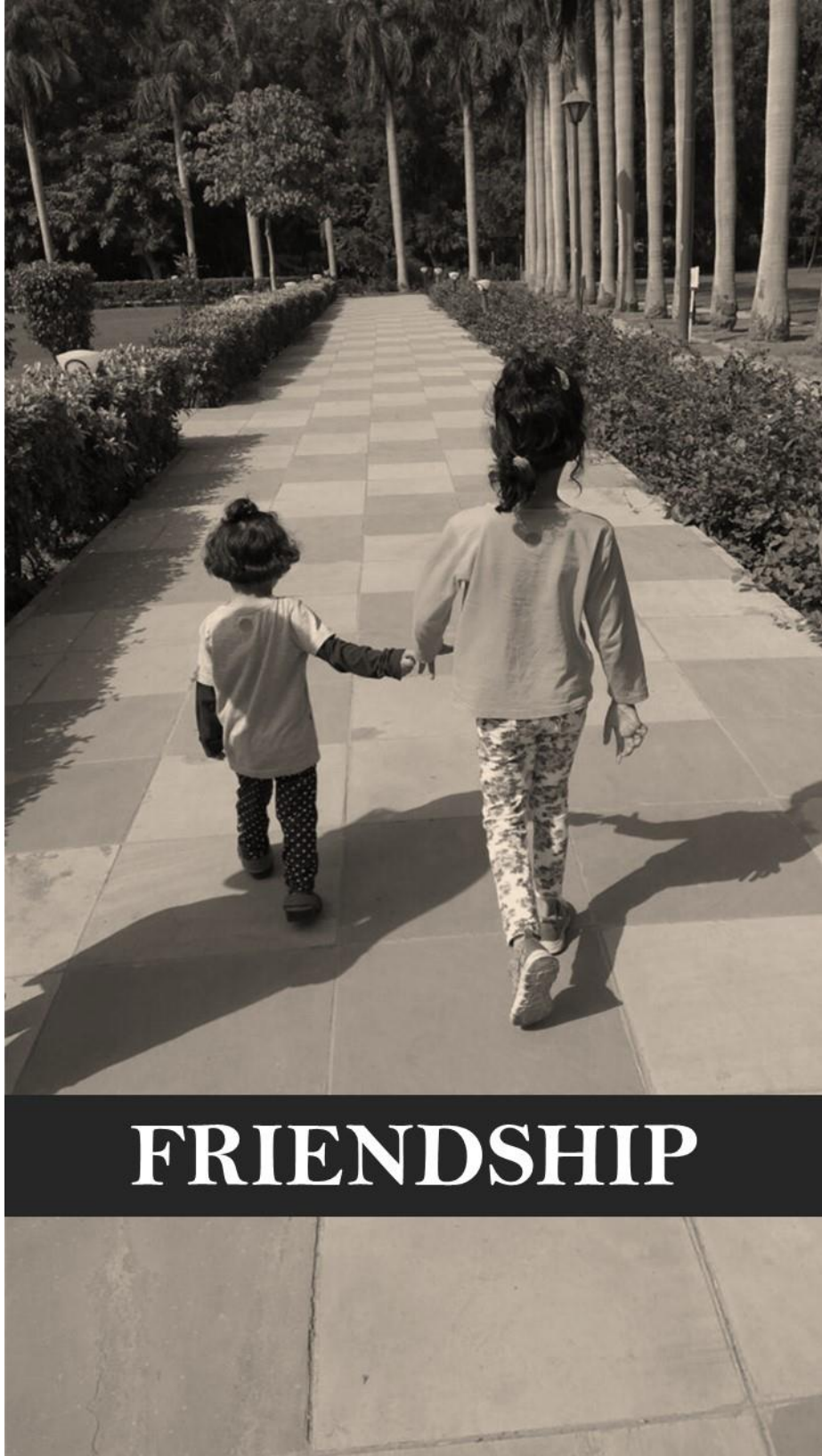
*The three magical words*

*Which whenever said, drive hearts crazy*

*Oh, I had longed to hear this and*

*Wanted you to be the one to say it to me - always n forever!*

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(Picture Courtesy: Asif Hussain)

## **FRIENDSHIP**

*Friendship is the essence of life,*

*It is the beauty of nature*

*Like the sweet song of the stream,*

*Like the sun's fresh beam*

*Moving mountains with its power,*

*Like the fragrance of springs bower*

*A pillar of strength,*

*Standing tall amidst storms*

*Created by God - a lovely bond*

*A shoulder forever to lean on*

*The strongest relationship in life,*

*Sharing the joys and sadness alike*

*Thoughts of two similar minds,*

*No secrets kept of any kind*

*One, which never works for harm,*

*Like a skilled magicians charm*

*Love, Adoration, Trust & Support*

*are few of the ingredients of this lovely relationship*

*Long Live the Spirit of Friendship*

*Because it is one relationship that we all worship*

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## **YOU ARE THE ONE**

*The first time I saw you, I knew you are the one*

*Who is going to make my life special and fun*

*Whose desire I have nurtured for long,*

*The day you came along, I knew you are the one*

*With you my life has been like a bed of roses,*

*We have so much to share and care in small doses*

*Is it a dream or a gift from God?*

*Is it really for me? I often thought*

*I never expected to fall in love,*

*Are these emotions for real?*

*I never knew I could love someone so intensely,*

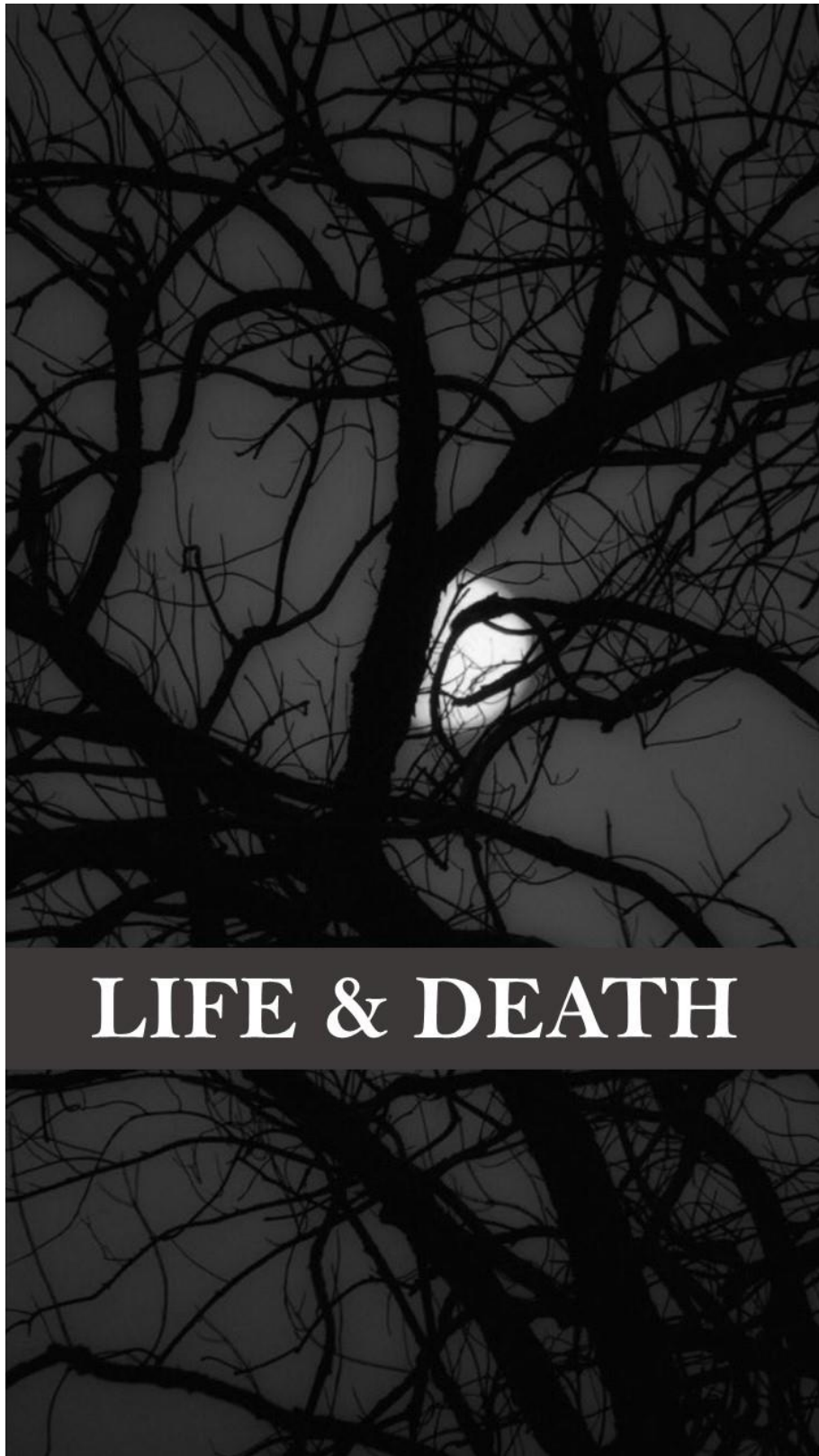
*But, You are the answer to all the puzzles in my memory*



*Its just you for me,  
All my emotions revolve around you  
You very well understand my words,  
Even though they are few  
You can see it in my eyes,  
The love, affection & adoration for you*

*What more can I say?  
I know you are the one  
Who is going to make my life special and fun!*

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# LIFE & DEATH

(Picture Courtesy: Varun Kumar)

## LIFE & DEATH

*The lows and highs of life are like a roller coaster of situations thrown at you, both like brickbats and flowers.*

*However, in spite of all this we love Life – we love to live.*

*But, one thing that makes life more desirable, is that Death is as inevitable.*

*A small elaboration of emotions on this very journey of life that has a predictable end called Death*

*More than a journey, every life lived is like a story*

*With its trials, turbulences and triumphs*

*It can be a book or a movie*

*Waiting to be made, watched, read or heard*

*If taken aloof, every human has a unique story to share*

*A story of his/her life, of experiences,*

*ups and downs, sorrows and joys*

*And some moments that make each story different from the other*

*Let's not waste our time by trying to understand*

*what is being told,*

*But simply live to enjoy the experience*

*Because the end is inevitable*

*And it is the end only which binds each story to another*

*Because for every story lived*

*The end is always called 'death'*

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## DREAM MAN

*I had desired my man to be like a fairy tale prince,  
Thoughts crossed my mind, beautifully ever since  
Prince charming on horseback, waking me with a kiss,  
Dreaming forever of being his fortunate Miss  
His handsome face lives in my fantasies,  
Holding me in his arms and carrying me overseas  
Love thoughts blossoming day to day in my mind,  
Oh my Dream Man, Oh you, when will I find?  
In all these lonely years of my diminutive life,  
Yearning every second of being his propitious wife  
One who cares for me in the world the most,  
Whose love is the only quality of which I will boast  
Talking to me in the worldly hours of days and nights  
Understanding my point in our argument and fights  
His talents will be known as my virtues,  
Spending time in each others arms and sharing our views  
Handsome, smart, charming, elegant and tall,  
The one for whom my heart will fall*

*Enchanting me with the look in his eyes,  
My heart pounding his name eternally cries  
His presence would make me cheerful and glad,  
The moment he leaves me, I will feel sad  
His love, his adoration, his reliance, will make me feel special,  
His fragrance like a rose, his innocence like a child, not superficial  
Ever ready to take all the pains for the sake of me,  
His sincerity and trust will be there for me to see  
Waiting for my man to come soon and express his love  
Imagining of being his ultimate woman and all above  
Oh God just bring to me the one I will love dearly  
I am sure he exists somewhere, really!*

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## LOVE BEING IN LOVE

*How very Pleasurable is being in love,  
Lovers flutter high in the skies, all above*

*The world never seemed so beautiful before,  
Each moment is lived to the core*

*A face often crowds their thoughts,  
So picturesque, poetic, charming & lots*

*The name of their beloved is like Gods name,  
Lovers enchant it day and night, the same*

*The devotion for love is beyond limits,  
The feelings are both sweet and timid*

*Yes, its love that settles the hearts score,  
There is no chance of a normal life anymore*

*Nights are spent staying awake,  
Counting the stars, without a break*

*The moon becomes the symbol of romance,  
Feet move around in a graceful dance*

*Talking to oneself is no longer madness,  
This is the impact of 'romantic' gladness*

*Day dreaming is the best past time,  
Thoughts that make eyes shine*

*Every piece of soulful music triggers their imagination,  
Because Lovers live in a world of romantic fabrication*

*Greenery and scenery evoke their feelings,  
The breeze & rain, now have different meanings*

*All romantic ballads seem to suit their situation,*



*As their Souls thrive on music's vibration*

*Beauty becomes difficult to describe,  
Because now it rests in the beloved's eyes*

*Suddenly poetry holds a new meaning altogether,  
Because it helps in carrying their imagination further*

*Each days' spent like a year,  
Keen to meet their beloved dear*

*Flowers, cards and chocolates are the ultimate in wooing,  
While its so cute holding hands and cooing*

*One's favorite color seems to suit the other now,  
Whether it's yellow or red- it's simply wow!*

*Long peaceful drives are the aspect that flatters,  
Whether it's on a car or bike, that hardly matters*

*Lovers become superstitious at the drop of a hat*

*It can be for a 'black' dress or a 'black' cat*

*Each penny now has the value of precious gold,*

*To present gifts, both thoughtful & bold,*

*Every time there is a search for places of meeting,*

*Films, Hotels and Parks are ideal for dating*

*All lovers want is a little privacy,*

*Where there is peace and no eyes to see*

*All good stuff is meant for sharing,*

*Looking into the lovers eyes and staring*

*A smile occasionally crosses their face,*

*This makes the others around gaze at them with amaze*

*They search for that one face in a thousand,  
And imagine themselves as wife & husband*

*Weddings show promises of their future  
One day they will also get married to each other*

*Lovers love to paint the town red,  
Not understanding that its dangerous territory to tread*

*“We are in love” they want to shout from the rooftop,  
But realize it’s not sensible and stop*

*Lying to others, is no longer a sin,  
For no one should know their secret - even a pal or kin*

*It’s a fashion, scratching their names all around,  
Trees, Walls or simply the clear ground*

*Poetry now comes to them naturally,  
Feelings are often penned down beautifully*

*Counting dates on the calendar,  
Each day seems a lot more longer*

*I am sure all of you must have loved someone in your life,  
These emotions must have touched you too, you now realize  
It doesn't matter whether You Won or lost Your Love,  
Its better to have loved and lost than to never love*

*Some people who've been lucky in the run,  
Undoubtedly must have experienced, all the fun*

*For those who are still fighting their case,  
I am sure your efforts will not go waste  
And then there are people who just Love being in Love,*

*I am one of them,  
Happy in my own way,  
And that's the reason, I have so much to say!*

## **PARENTS**

*Like a devotee venerates his Lord,  
Children regard their parents, as their sacred God  
Bonds of Love, which stand constantly reliable,  
Bonds of Blood, which are firm and dependable  
Parents, are God's most precious gift to Mankind,  
Parents, once lost are nowhere to find*

*Have You ever seen a couple of stars?  
Shining so different from the Rest,  
Similarly, our parents give us their life's best*

*There is no other woman in this world like Your Mother,  
The Best Man on this Earth, is undoubtedly Your Father*

*A Duo, We look up to advise us anytime,  
And give us another chance for an error or crime  
Their heart is the sea of emotions and affections,  
It surprises us to see their enduring devotion*

*Family Values, is the true definition of Parents,  
A healthy 'n' happy life, is what they surely represent*

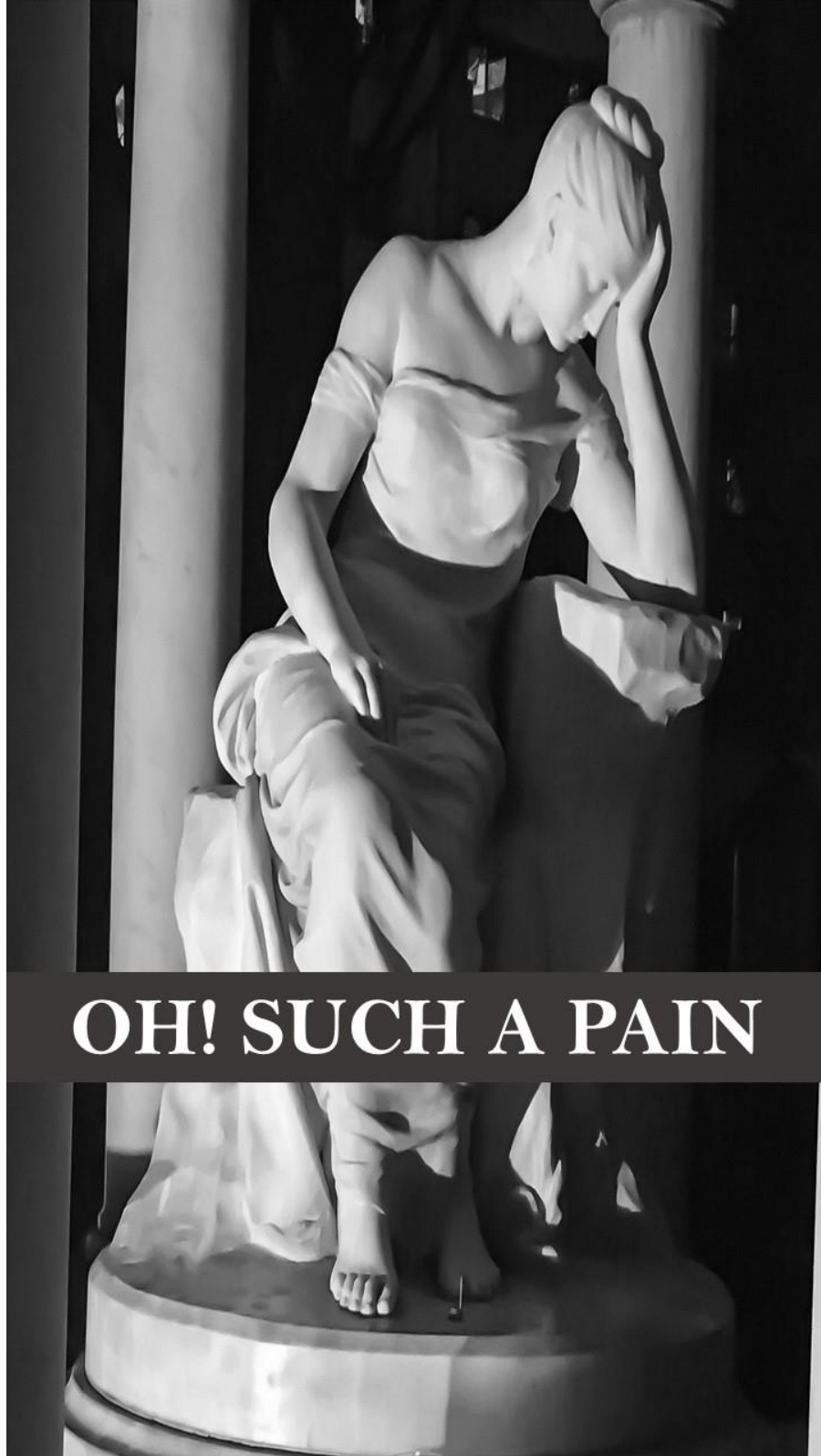
*Our Respect for them increases with every passing day,  
Their Love is simply great, we'd want to say*

*They are unmistakably our dearest friends,  
On whom every single joy of our life depends*

*Thank You, is a very insignificant word which we use here,  
For people whom we call our parents, are more than 'just' dear*

*We are deeply indebted to our parents  
for giving us this Wonderful Life,  
Their favors can only be reciprocated  
by what we give to our children, as husband and wife!*

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(Picture Courtesy: Varun Kumar)

## **OH, SUCH A PAIN**

*Falling in Love, is such a pain,  
In this bargain, you have nothing to gain  
  
Heartbreak's from precious soul mates  
Are growing every day at a fast rate  
Love today is just a matter of give & take,  
Acting sentimental in a relationship is absolute fake*

*You suffer and spoil your name,  
Relationships these days are only a passing flame,  
Please do not spoil your life's aim,  
Instead Work hard for success and fame!*

*Please do not be insane,  
My lovely sweet dame  
Oh, falling in love is such a pain*

*These relations often result in severe heartaches,*



*Your morale suffers an astonishing shake  
Please don't trod on this dangerous lane,  
It'll suck your emotions & leave you drained*

*Shattered, after putting everything at stake,  
Getting into a relationship that will eventually break*

*I know, the heart is hard to tame,  
But still in vain,  
My dearest dear, understand this game  
Please Never Fall in Love again  
Because falling in love is such a pain*

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## **A CRAZY FEELING**

*Love is the peak of ecstasy,*

*Love is the fountain of fantasy*

*Love is a funny, crazy feeling*

*Love is never defined by meaning*

*Love is not restricted,*

*Love is not limited*

*Love is a happy state of mind,*

*Love is unique in its kind*

*Love even makes sadness a joy,*

*Love is something you cannot buy*

*Love has an absolute charm,*

*Love can never do harm*

*Love is not a letter, its an expression*

*Love is man's most beautiful possession*

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# WAR HEROES



(Picture Courtesy: Saurabh Mishra)

## WAR HEROES

*The Frontal War,*

*Fierce battles that make hearts sore*

*The shattering truth of horrifying deaths,*

*Indian soldiers fighting bravely to their last breath*

*A time when many happy families lose their young sons,*

*A time when expenditure on artillery is done in tons*

*Our soldiers make their country proud,*

*But the war covers many homes with shrouds*

*Amidst the glories of our men at the battlefield,*

*Can we forget how their women keep their tears sealed?*

*Can we forget the mourning of the mothers & fathers?*

*Can we ever compensate the loss suffered by sons and daughters?*

*Our soldiers sacrifice all this for our sake,*

*Putting their lives and happiness at stake*

*For the people of their country, they dont even know,*

*Just to help their nation and its citizen's grow*

*These people are undoubtedly more than humans,*

*Protecting their sacred country from foreign aggressions*

*They have done their duty in the best possible way,*

*Now we should shoulder the responsibility of this present day*

*We need to help their families for life,*

*To give their children education & shelter their widow wives*

*“Thank You,” is only what we can say to the brave martyrs,*

*With gratitude in our heart and eyes filled with tears*

*Yes, we salute our War Heroes for their contribution,*

*The Brave-hearts who sacrifice their lives to protect the nation*



(Picture Courtesy: Shubham Singh)

## **DEAD DREAMS**

*Sixteen, I was just sixteen,  
When I began to nurture a sweet dream  
The dream of winning your affection,  
Became my life's sole inspiration*

*Riding high on fantasy's terrain,  
Oh, our feelings were the same  
You in black, Me in Red  
Our hearts tied to a single thread*

*Your smile, a magical art  
Your touch melted my heart  
You & Me could never part  
Then why this hurt...*

*Our dreams were alluring,  
Our dreams were fascinating,*

*Our dreams were enchanting*

*Our dreams were DEAD*

*Dead like your feelings for me*

*Dead like a leafless tree*

*Dead because your love was not me*

*Dead because you never really loved me*

*How can I ever forget the rainy night?*

*When you had come to fight*

*Oh, such Memories of a sour relationship,*

*Ghosts of a love, so selfish*

*Why did everything change in a few years?*

*My dreams turned into tormented fears*

*My Dreams are dead now*

*Dead dreams of love, and life*

*Dead dreams difficult to survive*



*Reality has no place in dreams,  
You are a part of my dreams, not a reality anymore*

*But I know for sure,  
That you will come back one day  
To find me 'waiting' no more*

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**PAIN**



(Picture Courtesy: Tushar Lohani)

## **PAIN**

*There is a secret in my heart, from the very start  
Each day the wound deepens and the pain steepens*

*Sometimes it explodes in cries,*

*Reflecting as tears in my eyes*

*I want to share it with someone,*

*But I know no one will understand...*

*No one will help*

*All they can do is sympathize,*

*While I continue to be traumatized*

*They say the greatest healer is Time,*

*Maybe after some days the agony will whine*

*When I will learn to accept and compromise,*

*When I will finally learn to sacrifice*

*If it doesn't happen, and my emotions continue to threaten*

*Then ill surely share it with someone*

*Someone who will understand me true,*

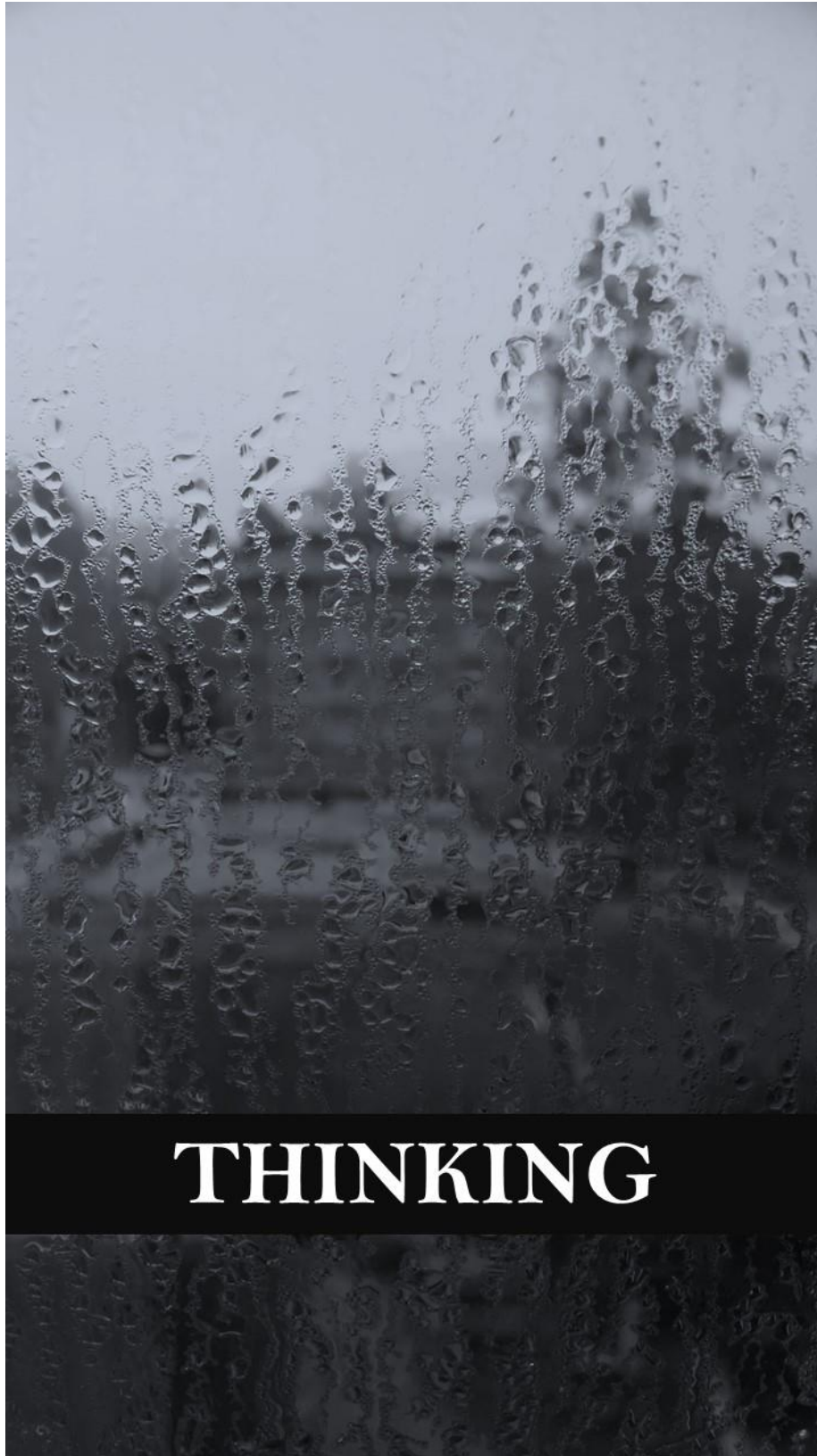
*It could be him, her or you!*

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## PLEASE SMILE

*When you look sad, it makes me feel bad  
It is a tragic sight to see,  
Your sadness hurts me  
Please smile for my sake,  
Even though it might be fake  
Your smile makes the day bright,  
Suddenly all things seem right  
And if something is still bothering you,  
I have a remedy for that too  
Reach out to your dear friend,  
Who understands you without judgement  
That friend will take away the cause of your worry,  
Then you will have no more burdens to carry  
A True Friend's advice is worth the chase,  
Because now the smile is back on your face  
And this is what a friend always wanted,  
Finally, my wish for you is granted*

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(Picture Courtesy: Faraz Haider)

## THINKING

*Thinking, Thinking, Thinking*

*Thinking... without Blinking*

*What could have gone wrong?*

*In a relationship so strong!*

*Thinking... we had all,*

*Love, Trust, Respect & Understanding*

*Then why did these pillars fall?*

*Thinking, was it my fault?*

*Or Yours or Ours?*

*That time brought us together and time made us apart...*

*Thinking, is it God's will or just fate?*

*That we were not meant to love but hate*

*Thinking that life has come to a standstill,*

*That Life is no longer the same*

*Thinking, will I be able to survive this pain?*

*Thinking, that this pain has brought about a change*

*On Reflection of the pain,*

*The passion now seems to be an addiction*

*And the addiction, an obsession*

*Thinking, that the obsession is nothing but the passion again,*

*To Love and Live with this pain*

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## **THOSE COLLEGE DAYS**

*Exciting college days gone by,  
But those beautiful memories still stand by  
Thoughts galore, feelings assure  
Friends shall be friends,  
What if all good things come to an end  
College days may never return,  
But, the flame of friendship will continue to burn  
Those naughty talks, those lazy walks  
The picnics and the mimics  
The long drives to places not seen before,  
The dhaba get togethers and more  
The help, the helpful and the helpless,  
Friends are lovely nevertheless  
Those crushes, those movie rushes,  
Those taunts - those blushes,  
The teasing, & the grudges,  
Oh, what all one misses!  
The bond will never be broken,*



*Because, it's a lifetime of memories frozen  
Chances are that you will lose friends to distances,  
But distances will never win when it comes to keeping promises  
And the promise is of lifelong Friendship,  
The Friendship you will forever cherish*

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# A MAGICAL LIFE

(Picture Courtesy: Saud Ahsan Usmani)

## **A MAGICAL LIFE**

*Do you know what you want in Life?*

*Do you know where to lead your Life?*

*My fella, Life is not what you make it,*

*Life is how you take it*

*If you want to touch the sky,*

*Try touching someone's heart,*

*And you will know its magic apart*

*If you want to capture the clouds,*

*Try capturing someone's smile in a while*

*If you want to captivate the waters,*

*Try captivating someone's thought,*

*And see what it brought*

*If you want to snag the stars,  
Try snagging someone's bewitching eyes to get the highs*

*If you want to secure the sun,  
Try securing someone's fun and future run*

*If you want to master the moon,  
Try mastering someone's mind,  
And see its different kind*

*Life has a unique meaning when its filled with love and care,  
Full of magic, fun, kindness, and prayer*

*So fella, don't live any longer in strife,  
Go ahead and Lead a magical Life*

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## **SOUL'S SECRET STORY**

*Yes, it's a Passion, Exultation and Fascination,  
Our idealistic, moralistic yet secretive Association*

*Faced by an astounding shock and Realization,  
That this association is a very deep Admiration,  
"Pure Love" that persuades to no Negotiation*

*Each second you feel the growing Adoration,  
That adds to soulful life's Beautification*

*A solemn, somber and sincere Affirmation and Declaration,  
God himself has blessed this elevated Unification,*

*Immortal love, without any Limitations,  
If only Love could be measured by Qualifications*

*Emotions and Attractions in a crazy Assimilation,  
Words can't express, cannot be defined by a Definition*

*A feeling that's only best described by Exploration,  
Then it's accepted by Acclamation and Ebullition,  
Yes Eternal Love, needs no Explanation*

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## LUCKNOW

*Lucknow, the magical city,  
Lucknow, the Capital of UP*

*Lucknow is called the city of the Nawabs,  
But, some call it the city of kebabs*

*The food being just one of the specialties of Lucknow,  
The Town is also famous for beautiful parks now  
Ambedkar Park, Buddha Park, Nimbu Park, Hathi Park, Dilkusha  
Garden, just to name a few,  
Lucknow is finally getting its due*

*The Imambaras are the magnificent architectural delights of Lucknow  
Hazratganj is the happening market place, now all so new  
Aminabad, Chowk, Sadar and Narhi are the other famous markets,  
Where shopping sprees empty heavy pockets*

*The city also has its fair share of Ganjs,  
Aliganj, Nishatganj, Hussainganj, Rakabganj, Maulviganj, Sarfarazganj  
and the newest Sahara Ganj*

*And there are also plenty of Nagars  
Surendra Nagar, Indra Nagar, Khurram Nagar, and  
the very famous Gomti Nagar*

*Lalbagh and Bandariya bagh are the only two orchids here,  
But there are no fruits in them my dear*

*The Lucknow cantonment is famous for its cleanliness,  
The city otherwise is in a mess*

*Roomi Gate, Chattar Manzil, Charbagh, Picture Gallery,  
Clock Tower, make Lucknow even more artistic,  
But the innumerable chaurahas built lately are quite pathetic*



*The British legacy has also left much impact here,  
Who can forget the residency and La Martiniere college, my dear*

*The zoo for children is absolute fun,  
Baradari is the place where most marriages are done*

*The Gomti River blesses the city with its waters,  
On the banks, Lucknowites love to loiter*

*The Chikankari work of Lucknow is oh so famous,  
There is no comparison for this art propitious*

*Five star hotels seem to hit the city every new day,  
But the Vivanta by Taj, is the best till date*

*Lucknow our city is really so beautiful,  
But we, Lucknowites now need to become more dutiful  
To keep the city clean and pollution free,  
So that its all the more magnificent to see*

## **A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP**

*Each day brings back a dream,  
A dream that says that there could exist,  
In this world of malignance and despair,  
A relationship idealized by couples who dare  
Who love without conditions and grudges,  
Who dance together on steps, stones and bridges*

*An attraction that will be there forever,  
Couples who love to grow old together  
Caring in days of sorrow and pain,  
Sharing the good and bad in vain*

*Baring it all, in a life that's transparent,  
Trusting each other without being in-tolerant  
Loyalty will then be a natural trait,  
This Honesty will make the relationship great*

*Respect given, without being asked for,  
Commitment, that centuries will last for*

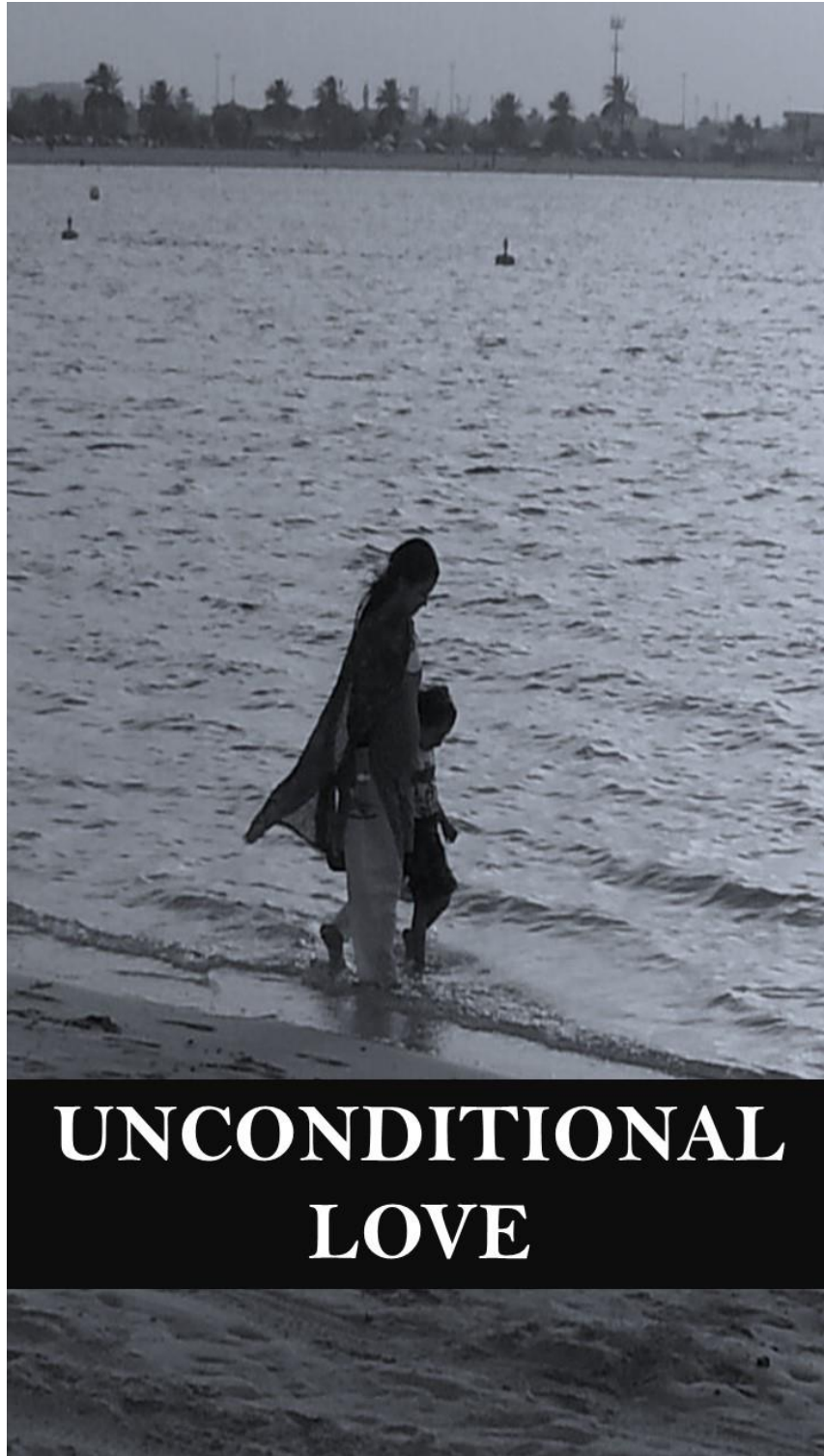
*Criticism, which will be constructive,  
Freedom, which is not destructive*

*Space to breathe and come closer,  
Realism to not over bother*

*Your love has to be practical and proper,  
Always have confidence in your partner*

*A relationship that evolves with each passing day,  
Communicating openly on matters both good and grey  
Supporting each other in the worst hours of life,  
And Being a perfect husband n wife*

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# UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

(Picture Courtesy: Subia Khan)

## UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

*Have you ever loved unconditionally?*

*Share the experience with me*

*Unconditional love is both chaste and beautiful,  
As it is a feeling that's intense and always hopeful*

*You love someone without being selfish,*

*Unconditional Love is such a bliss*

*To love someone without expecting returns,  
Sometimes the one you love not even learns*

*About your love so Obsessive,*

*Passionate, Pure and Possessive*

*There is never a fear of rejection,*

*Because Unconditional love never yearns for acceptance*

*Unconditional love keeps no regrets*

*Because there is no condition to reciprocate*

*Unconditional love, on the contrary is not depressing,*

*Because you love silently without expressing*

*What if you never get the person to love you?*

*Atleast, you experience magical love like a lucky few*

*Unconditional love, in the end to be precise*

*Is always pure, humble, gentle and nice*

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## LOVE TALKS

*I am in Love*

Who is the lucky dove?

*She has a great face*

Give a hint to trace...

*She looks ravishing in red*

Whats going on in your head?

*I Love You, I want to say*

Oh thanks, you made my day

*Really, that means you love me too,*

Yes, your guess is absolutely true

*Today I am the luckiest man on earth*

Oh, you are such a sweet flirt

*Since when do you love me?*

From the time there was water in the sea

*Do you like chocolates or flowers?*

The most valuable gift is the love of ours

*Do you remember the first time we met,*

Oh darling, that moment how can I forget

*You were standing on the road, where on a bike I showed*

*I offered you a lift but you declined to sit*

My heart skipped a beat  
But, I kept my eyes on the street  
*You are a beauty I had never seen,*  
I still remember your dress was green  
*Your earrings make my heart dwell,*  
This hairdo suits you so well  
*You inspire me in life,*  
*Please become my wife*  
Oh, I think we are made for each other,  
Life can never get any better

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## **QUESTION & REFLECTIONS**

*What is Love?*  
*An emotion natural,*  
*A feeling human,*  
*A magic infectious,*  
*An effect perfect,*



*A dream infinite,  
A hope untied,  
A silence heard,  
A heart hurt,  
A touch felt,  
A look that melts*

*When does Love happen?*

*A face appears,  
A feeling develops,  
The heart gallops,  
You become a new person,  
Because you love someone  
Life changes meaning  
You feel as if dreaming  
The world is suddenly perfect  
Because of the special someone you have met  
You want to stay together,  
It's a feeling you wish lasts forever*

*Why does Love happen?*

*No one can answer this,*

*But, true love is pure bliss*

*Your heart skips a beat*

*Your eyes long for this visual treat*

*When you see that someone*

*You just know its going to happen*

*A Pair made in heaven*

*An eternal bond, that's sealed by God's own hand*

*Where can you find Love?*

*You can find love anywhere,*

*It has no fixed sphere*

*Love you normally find,*

*When you meet a kind*

*Where all seems perfectly fit,*

*When everything instantly clicks*

*But then love is not bound by reason  
You may fall for an enemy, stranger or friend  
Love may happen at first sight  
Or may grow in a manner slight*

*How you know you are in Love?*

*Certain symptoms develop,  
Lets sum them up  
Someone has control over your feelings  
You smile and cry without a meaning  
Because you dream of sharing a future  
With that beautiful and special creature  
And you know its madness  
But there lies your happiness*

*Who do you Love?*

*Some people are lucky  
Because they find someone who loves them equally  
Some people are luckier*

*Because they are loved more than they give in return*

*Some people are not lucky*

*Because they never find that right person*

*But some people are the unluckiest of them all*

*Because they are not loved back at all*

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## **MY BEST FRIEND**

*Life is incomplete without a friend,  
Like its too boring following the normal trend*

*It was good our paths crossed,  
And together our fate tossed*

*We though have different names,  
Turned out to be so same*

*We compliment & complete each other,  
What if we have a different mother?*

*You have been my pillar of strength,  
We have stood together, without a bend*

*In hard times or crucial studies,  
Or in light moments like sweet buddies*

*People can never separate our duo,  
All enemies we can easily sue*

*All these years with each other have been good fun,  
We have shared almost everything under the sun*

*Our arguments have also been sweet  
Being together is always like a treat*

*You have been a patient listener to my long talks,  
During those lengthy yet pleasant walks*

*Movies and Music are our absolute favorites,  
Girls find it tough to match our wits*

*Hope we are never separated even in the future,  
If it ever happens, it will be the worst torture*

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## **MY PET, CHEEMU**

*Sometimes I was the mother, and he was my son,*

*Sometimes he was my brother, and I was his kin*

*At times I was myself, and then he was always a friend,*

*A friend to play with,*

*A friend to stay with*

*Our relationship was spiritual,*

*Our love was beautiful*

*His voice had a sweetness,*

*His eyes had a twinkle*

*When I was full of tension,*

*He gave me delight and affection*

*I used to talk to him all the time,*

*Cheerfully, he would respond to every line*

*Red Green, Blue, Black, all colours in conjunction,*

*He was Lords beautiful creation*

*His whistles would lift my spirit*

*On my hands, I made him sit*

*Talking was his virtue,*

*He was the native of this sky blue*

*He had learnt to imitate me,*

*And ate green chili, atleast three*

*He loved eating fruits, rice and carrot,*

*Oh, Lord I will miss my parrot*

*(Elegy for my parrot Cheemu who died in April 2001)*

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## **SUPERSTAR**

*I want to tell you something,  
Please don't utter in between*

*It was a summer evening,  
With the flowers blooming*

*The weather was pleasant,  
And I had put a lot of scent*

*I was waiting for someone near the pond,  
With an autograph book in my hand  
Humming to myself a beautiful song*

*The man I was waiting for is the most handsome guy,  
That's why I was so nervous and shy*

*The pen and pad shook in my hand,  
It seemed my feet couldn't stand on the land*

*When I heard him approaching,  
And a hundred fans behind him*

*He walked towards me crossing the lawn,*

*I held my breath for long*

*As I stepped forward to meet*

*The country's biggest star*

*Who everyone knows is the Best among all the rest so far*

*Any guesses my dear*

*On who he could be*

*I am sure you will know who he is,*

*If you know 'me' closely !*

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## **MY DEAREST BROTHER**

*Though he loves me - he doesn't want to tell me,*

*His passions are cars and has travelled far*

*Has changed five colleges in life,*

*Has always won his battles in strife*

*Is quite the perfect man,*

*The handsomest in the clan*

*Has strong tastes and likes,*

*And some big ambitions in life,*

*Cricket is his favorite sport,*

*Never forgets what experiences have taught*

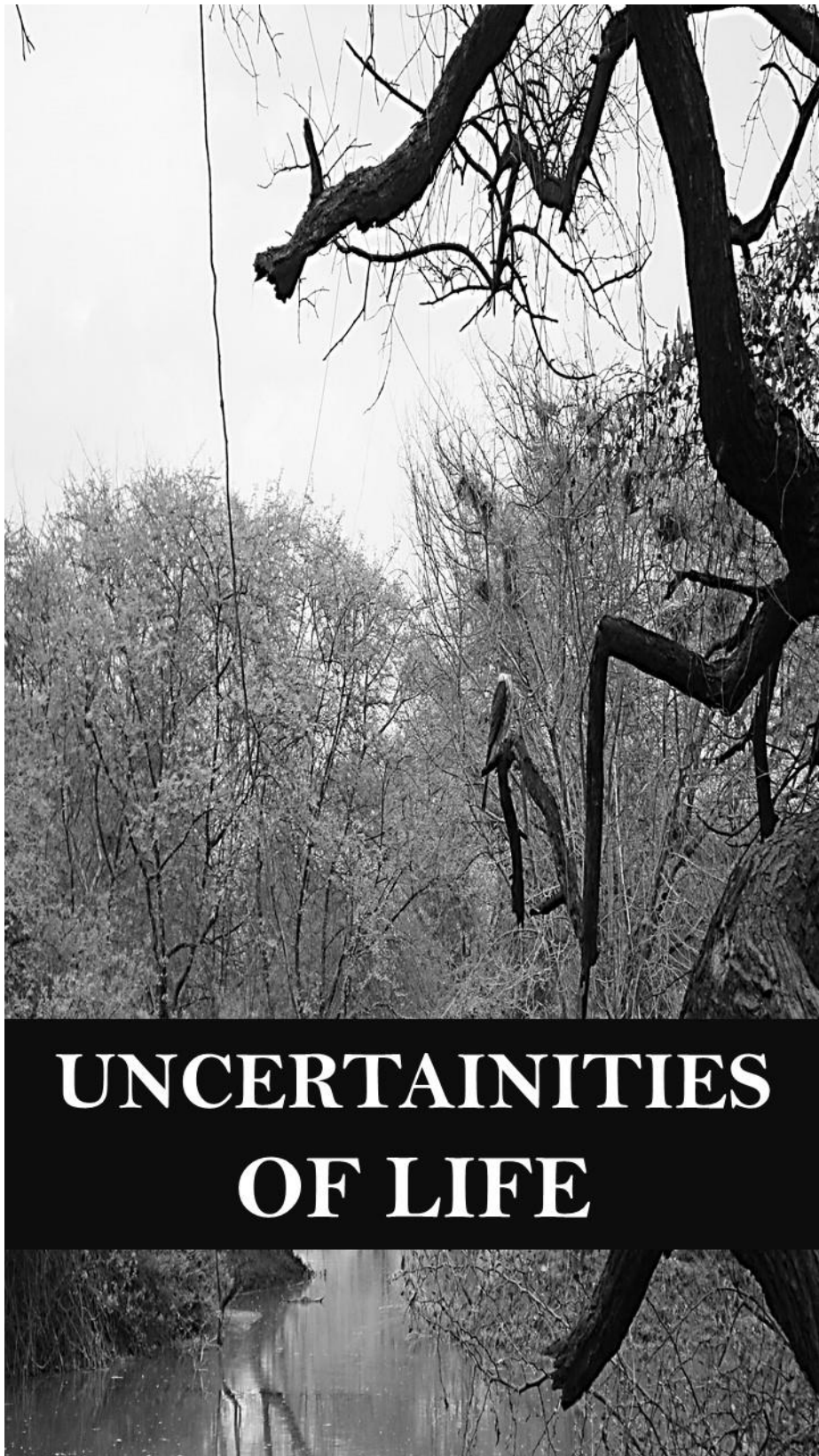
*All said and done, he is the best brother in the world*

*Someone special, unique and unheard*

*I love my brother dearly,*

*I know he too similarly*

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# UNCERTAINTIES OF LIFE

(Picture Courtesy: Asif Hussain)

## **THE UNCERTAINTIES OF LIFE**

*Life and its uncertain turns,  
The pains, hurt, heartaches and burns  
Twists in fates,  
Friends turn foes and Enemies become mates*

*Is all God's will and a track that's decided,  
Decided - even before we are born*

*The pace of life treads on this decided road  
Undisclosed, Uncertain and Unexplained*

*There is someone you Love and Lose  
Because God asks him to come home*

*Life comes to a standstill then, with nothing to look forward to*

*And then comes along Love to heal your wounds*

*Love without conditions or strings*

*A pillar of strength - a healing breath*

*Then Life comes to an ease*

*Till that person, leaves you too  
This time to be home with someone else  
Life again goes out of direction  
You question God trying to cope up with rejection  
Standing at the crossroads in dejection...  
Friendship knocks at your door  
Promising security and a love pure  
But you are too much in pain, to trust again...  
What if life cheats you, this time too?  
But what we fail to realize my friend, is that Life's uncertainties,  
Are actually unforeseen opportunities  
Accept them with open arms  
Because uncertainty is Life's real charm*

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# THE HUMAN NEST

*A Touch, a Smile, a Dream  
Hopes, Aspirations and Inspirations  
To Love, To Hate, to Meet and Part  
Life is too short, So let's make a start*

*Love someone without a reason  
Reach out to a soul, another human  
Build a nest, against the odds  
Meet, Greet, strike a chord  
Build a nest that binds one Human to another  
A Relationship, that lasts forever  
A Dream created together  
The Nest of Hope,  
The Nest of Love  
Let's build together,  
The Human Nest Of life  
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## **FEELINGS NEED WORDS**

*Dreams, like dewdrops on the eyelids*

*Dance bright, in the moonlight*

*Day and Night, at a stretch*

*Imagining, Admiring, Feeling*

*Senses alert, and aroused*

*As thoughts wander in search of Love*

*Heartfelt, Passionate Love*

*But feelings don't find words*

*They are tough to convert*

*Cannot be explained*

*And beyond thoughts in vain*

*Omnipresent, yet hidden*

*Naked yet visible*

*Like Voices of the eyes*

*Very Expressive,*

*But without words*



*The Heart Feels, but the Lips seal  
Love finds acceptance and existence in the soul,  
But feelings remains unexpressed, and regressed,  
Because Feelings need words  
As they often, remain unheard*

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## **LOVE IS BLIND**

*Love creates the unimaginable,*

*Love cures the impossible*

*Love is a happy state of mind,*

*Because Love is blind*

*Unconditional, Unreasonable*

*Yet so meaningful*

*A Phenomenon, Tough to understand*

*Different and grand*

*Something that touches the soul*

*And defines existence as a whole*

*Love is not a letter, but an expression*

*Love is God's beautiful creation*

*Love is everlasting and eternal*

*Love is difficult to find,*

*Because Love is blind*

*Love cannot be expressed,  
It is God's precious gift for the blessed*

*So magical and irresistible  
Something that's deeply felt  
And makes the heart melt*

*Love blossoms day by day,  
Like the lovely flowers in a bouquet*

*We often wonder why we Love,  
But we all know how to Love  
Love is as universal as the universe,  
Love is a feeling unexpressed in words*

*Love is a unique kind,  
Because Love is blind*

*Love is highly romantic  
It creates a spell like magic  
A Magic made of soft sentiments*

*Feelings turn to precious moments*

*Love is based on trust and understanding*

*Its presence gives hope every morning*

*Love is not a devil,*

*Its free from the eye evil*

*Love can never do any harm,*

*Love is full of absolute charm*

*Love is not a word but an expression combined,*

*Because Love is blind*

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