

Ode to the Printer's Devil

Oh! Printer's Devil
You impish scamp
That distorts my meaning
With your capers;
Plays havoc with my tenses
And leaves me frothing wild
At the mangled result.
With what puckish humour
You prance your way
Through the print.
Revelling in additions or subtractions
At some crucial point;
Substituting letters in wild delight
Turning things topsy – turvy.
You shatter my cocksureness
Making me feel a moron.
Irrepressible brat!
Teaching me acceptance
Of things I cannot change.
That words once printed cannot be retracted
That words once uttered cannot be with-
drawn
That whatever is done cannot be undone.

- Jeannette Cabraal

Colombo Lotus Tower

Performing birth of a new vision
The Colombo Lotus Tower
Bloom in the soul of Colombo
The South Asia Highest Tower
Collaboration of ours' and Chinese Engineers
No second to the Eiffel in Paris
19th taller tower in the World
Transforming Sri Lanka to be the Wonder of Asia
Beautification plan for symbol of City
For making this important
Landmark project a reality
Tower will be visible to India and Bangladesh
Emerge as one of the most popular
Tourist destinations
Aiming sky reception – entertainments
Revolving restaurants, defence signals
Telecom museum, exhibition hall with office complex
Spreading communication field for
Significant development
We proud that the CLT adding to the history as a heritage
It is sufficient 30 months for the day dream of
The Colombo Lotus Tower kissing the loving sky

- Pushpa Kalubowila

Bring peace into your mind

Peace is precious and priceless
People seek it. But they lost it.
You don't seek it on outside.
It is in your depth of mind.
Like pearl is in an oyster
Bring peace in your mind
In the very beginning, at the garden
Of Eden Adam and Eve disobeyed
The order of God and gave
Room to the great devil Satan.
From that time man has been
Seeking peace. So you also have to seek it
Bring peace in your mind.
When every man has peace
Then there will be peace
In the world. If you give up
Dreaming, temptation and jealous
The peace will appear in your mind.
Bring peace in your mind.

- B Balachandiran

Money

Across continents and nations;
Beyond colour, creed, language and races;
Throughout life chases; the poor and rich;
Arouses ego, build up competitions;
Everyone keep eyes wide open
Smells the fragrance of notes;
As money makes money.
Beggars to lords;
Every man on earth; other than God;
Urge for money...from seconds to years
It is the king of earth;
Without a throne and a crown.
No matter who agrees;
But owes everything, including nature;
Move from one to another;
Touches every hand, clean and dirty;
Beautiful and ugly; young and old;
No gender matters;
Time and place not in control;
Peeps through every door and window;
Mocking at the ones;
Sober to sad; who needs him to come
If it comes; even do not stay
If it stays; he does not let to pray;
Makes you happy, taking away your sleep;
It's like a stray dog;
Do not belong to any; comes and goes;
It's friends become fanatics, others lunatics;
Searching him day and night;
Takes away peace and happiness;
If it stays in abundance;
Nobody can live without it;
It grabs its place in everyone's life.

- M N Kaiyoom

Who is a true friend?

Have you ever found
a friend who is really true
not the ones who say
I am with you in any time
then forget when you lost your way..
How many times do you say
he/she is my best friend
would you really know what does it mean
have you ever thought about it
at least for a second
Do you gift to your friend

what he wishes from you
or did you understand what his
heart wants to do
Don't be a foe mask of friend
and it's better to be foe
and be honest to your friend
because he will be your friend
fill you hold your breath
like your shadow....

- Umesh Moramudali

Solitary Respect

It stood tall, dark and solitary.
Majestic and alone.
Free from influence,
Away from the crowd.
It stood,
Gaining respect.
The Pine Tree.

- Bhagya Senaratne

I dream of journeys repeatedly:
Of driving alone, without luggage,
out a long peninsula,

- Theodore Roethke