

Reminiscing

Linger in mind, he does
Hold him or not, I know not.
In my hand your hands entwined,
Is what I see, night after night.
I had you once and I let you go,
You're back again, I shouldn't let you go.
Give more time, my mind shouts,
Take the chance, my heart screams out.

- Bhagya Senaratne

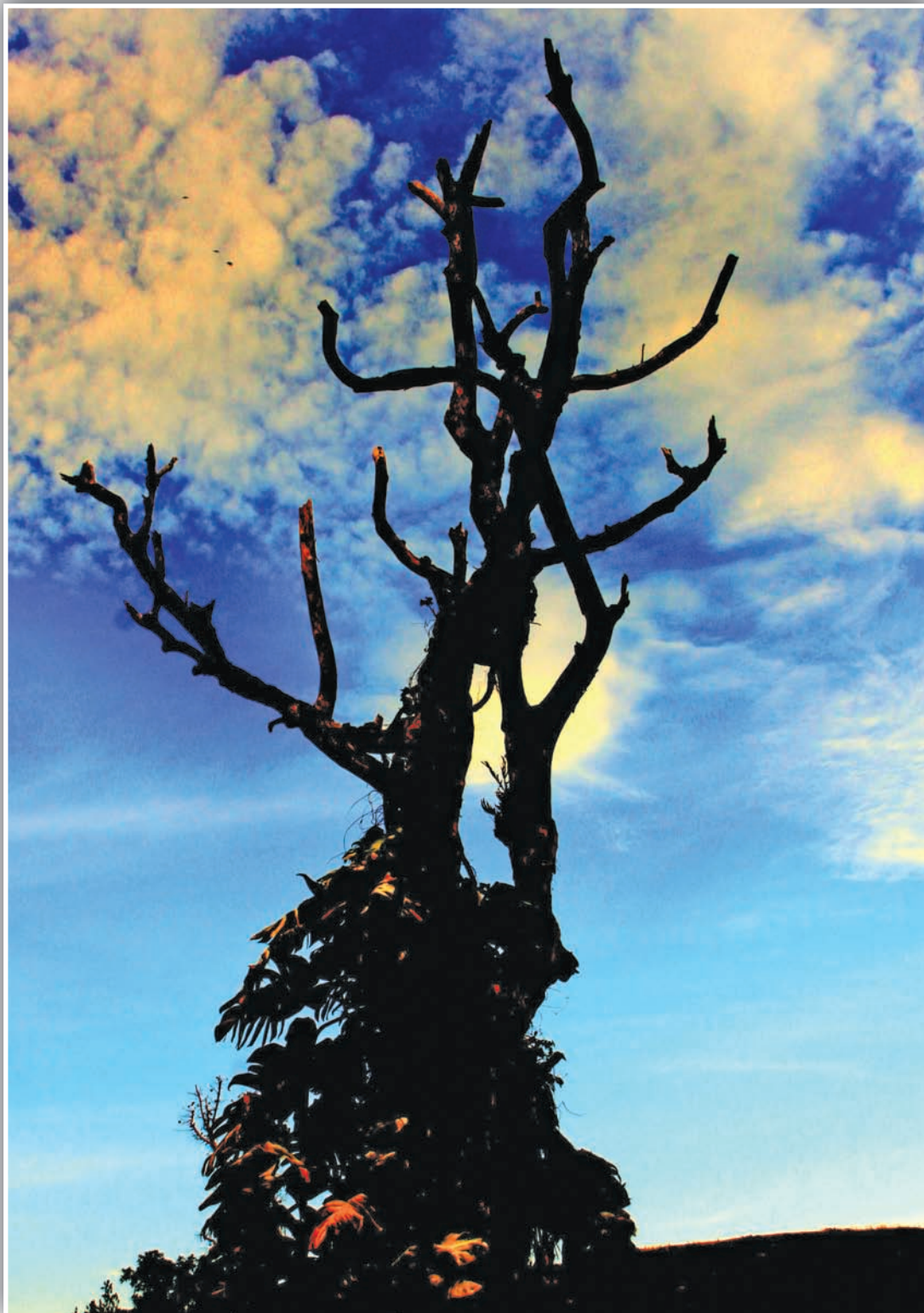
My love for you was plain to see
It was written all over me
A love so strong
Could not be wrong
It should last an eternity
Now it's just a memory
I've asked you why a thousand times
But lies filled your every line
Money took you away from me
Happiness you'll never see
My heart was filled with so much love
I tried to bring you back to me
Good-by was all you said to me

Hurt

Of life's woes that is the one
That tore my heart and drained
my soul
When the one you love will not stay
All you'll do is cry each day
Your mind is lost
There are no thoughts
The joys of life that move your heart
Are gone right at the start
Now pain was there for all to see
Even my friends abandoned me
The pain continues to this day
When will it go away?

Words were spoken to touch your heart
But boots and vacations closed that part
Lies and deceit right from the start
Cruelty came from your heart
Lies are what you said me
They hurt both you and me
Love like mine you will not fine
It's gotten stronger over time
You know you're wrong in what you do
Does life have any meaning to you?
Hurt is what you gave to me
For you we'll have to wait and see

- R Jayawardana



Ever best

Oh! Allah,
you came
too same,
and was given
sun's rays
one's face
Oh.....!..... Jesus,
you came
too same
and was given
big rain
to plain
Oh.....! Gautam,
you came
too same
and was given,
full harvest
to the lowest.

- Nalaka Dayananda
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The last goodbye

For nearly three decades,
We have shared a life,
Full of happiness and content,
And times of unhappiness and pains,
Still we managed in our own styles.
Arranging and preparing for the best.
Good days and bad simultaneously,
But we were together at all times;
In times of joy and sorrow,
Lending a hand to and another,
Crossing bridges and flyovers,
To make our life full without regrets,
Kids on our way brought us;
Much prosperity to make our home,
A wonderful place to live and share,
Days gone by still I cannot bear
When illness kept you away,
And made me carry all the burden,
Also to take you in care,
Though you were so feeble and weak
You gave me much strength
and courage that you were there.
I succeeded in trails and errors,
But couldn't succeed to keep you for ever,
The day death knocked my door,
I was surprised and in shiver,
But no choice or after was there,
So I sent you out with a guard of salute,
With your children around
praying for your bliss,
I waved my last good-bye;
Wishing you a place in heaven;
Till I meet you very soon;

- Minna N Kaiyoom

Trees are the earth's
endless effort to speak to
the listening heaven

- Rabindranath Tagore, *Fireflies*, 1928
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Beauty

Beginning of a bright sunny day is so beautiful
Spreading the sparkling wings of early sun rays
Reflecting the warmth through lustrous daylight

Until it meets darkness of warm summer nights
Colorful and delicate summer flowers are beautiful
They dance to the rhythm of morning rain showers
Upon earth they disperse a divine bloomy fragrance

During the warm summer months of fresh romance
Snow capped high mountains are a true beauty

In exposed green grassy pastures horses graze
Through luring pine woods wind slightly buzzes

Mirror reflections dazzle on glacier water lakes
Beauty is the adorable smile of a natural woman
Her sparkling eyes are an attraction to the gazer
Her cheerful appearance is a cute bewilderment

Her mild tenderness is an astonishing amazement...

- Hemakumar Nanayakkara