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Simple, yet complicated.

Childhood Memories

The sun is bright in the sky
It is time for us to play game
A game of hunting
For the lizard is the lion
And the insects we hunt them down
Polythene is the hunting bag
And catapult is the gun
While stones remain the bullets

In the bush there we go
Pa! Pa! Pa!
Tick! Tick! Tick!
The hunting game goes on and on
Perhaps till the time we are tired
We still have house to play
I am the "Daddy";
She is the "Mummy";
Dolls become our children

The insects, our meats and fishes
Leaves and broken pots for food
Sand becomes our rice
And pond water becomes our tea

Noisily and happily
We sing songs of joy
We sit under the mango tree
This serves as our home

Suddenly mama comes out and calls
"Ola, come it's time lunch";
And the play ends at that
I will surely come back tomorrow
For I'm just a little child
That knows nothing but to play

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I Speak For The Trees

I am Lorax
I speak for the trees

There was once a time
Long long time ago
When it used to be green
And everything was clean
With such a peaceful serene

There was once a time
When there was balance in the nature
Animals were abundant
And so were plants
Of different kinds
And of different types
Of beauty
and of aesthetics.
Of magnitude
And of magnificent

Perfection of excellence it was -
Of the clean water
And of fresh air
So serene it was
And so beautiful was it

With birds gliding in the air
Soaring their wings in the sky
And singing together in harmony
What a lovely and sweet melody
High above the beautiful sky

In the vast ocean and beyond
Fishes of different types and kinds
All swim in peaceful swind
Oh! What a lovely sight!

Then all of a sudden
It changed as if it was never there

And all the beauty were gone in a flash
Simply by the presence of a creature
Who (or should I say 'that') is selfish

He fell all the tress just to get wood
And caught all the fishes for food
He hunted down all the animals for game
Or probably simply for fame
Thereby setting the forest all on flame
All these he does without being ashamed
And now he's looking for what to blame
As all the beauty and serenity and peace are lame
For now, the ecosystem is suffering a loss
As it has moved from green to dust
And also from wet to dry

I am Lorax
And I speak for the trees.

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I Won't Give Up

When the road is rough and tough
When the wind is high and the waves are huge
When the sun is scorching hot
Or the rain is falling heavily
I won't give up

When the world laugh at me
And said negative things about my dreams
I won't give up

When the obstacle is huge and tall
And the challenges become such a wall
Even when I am pulled by the twigs
I will neither fall nor feel twinged
And even when I fall
I shall rise and try again
Because I won't give up

I won't give up on my dreams
Because I believe in its realms
And I will surely succeed

When the darkness grows darker
And it all seems there's no way out
I will never turn and back out
For the darkest hour
Is just before the dawn

I won't give up
Even when the sky is falling down
And the sea is rising up
On my dreams, I won't give up

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Lost Treasure

Pains in our Hearts
Sorrow in our minds
Tears in our eyes
Grief in our veins
And confusion in our blood

Our hearts are burning
Over the loss of a treasure
Which should never have been forgotten
The tears that come out of our eyes
Is burning our feelings
Making it hot and red
For the loss of a priceless treasure

We have nothing to do
Other than to accept
The will of God the exalted in might

Here is what we have to say
That you've done your best
And you left the rest
For you need to rest
So in peace you shall rest
In the love and care of our God.

Our Lord
Soothe the burning heart of ours
With coolness of faith

Our Lord
Create for him a peaceful place in your kingdom
And make us to meet
Singing the the song of joy.

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Moremi (The Symbol Of Bravery)

Moremi

A woman of a thousand men's strength
You are an inspiration to the women of our nation
Brave and vibrant is your heart
Caring and loving is your soul

Moremi

Alone in the land of no return

Where thousand men wandered without return
You ventured in and still returned
Hale and hearty, full of victory

Moremi

Your courage and heartfelt love
Saved us from being captured into slavery
And brought back to us light of hope

Moremi

You fought for dignity and peace
To keep this land as one large piece
You kept the flag with all your strength
And you went further to extra length
Just to keep us all united

Moremi

You didn't retreat
You didn't surrender
Neither did you gave up
Just for the love of our land

Moremi

See now
What you fought for with your blood
Is now engulfed in the grip of greed
And your land is now suffering in the fang of corruption
Your efforts seems now to be in vain....

My Salat

With undivided mind and utmost devotion
With much humility and admiration
With a total submission and concentration,
I stand before Him, the exalted in valor.
To communicate with Him the way He treasures
And that is through my SALAT.

My daily devotion and entreaty
Never to be taken with levity but with sincerity
Dotting all the i's and crossing all the t's
Adhering strictly to the rules guiding it
For surely that is the best way to do it
To make it acceptable by the One Who owns it.

Never to be done with the innovation of my thought,
Rather by the teachings and doings of the Prophet.
Never to be done with stupidity and filth,
But must be done with sense and care and precision
For surely my Lord will never accept any imprecision

Oh my Lord,
The greatest in might, most merciful
Accept this from me even if it is not almost full
For surely I am weak and deficient
But I follow Prophet Mohammed the efficient,
In performing my SALAT.

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Our Lord

Our Lord, Great in might
He created things aright
Up and down, left and right
Front and back, loose and tight.

He makes birds to glide in height
He makes fishes in pack and light
He created days in light
And makes that be such a night.

He created things in pairs
And makes them all flair and fair
He created sun in sky
And made it to rise and shine.

He created soil for earth
And makes it good for the plants
He created food from plants
Which makes all us to grow.

He created shell for snail
And makes it to be its house
He created skull for brain
And makes it to be its house

He created you my heart
And makes it to be my love
Mighty is He who made it like that
And I love it to be like that
For you to live in my heart
Forever you shall dwell in that.

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Separated By Space And Time

In a very far corner of the world
You are silently far away from me
Both in space and time
I looked for a way
To bridge the distance
And speed up the time
So that we can meet one day

But it is not in my capacity to do so
Because Allah is in charge
Of both space and time

In the fantasies of your love
I drift away in assumptions
Imagining how beautiful may look like
And how cool you are
Trying to draw the picture of you in my heart
But it is too complicated for me
Because beauty is beyond description

I see beyond in my heart
That in the not too distant future
We'll surely meet one day
If Allah wills

By the sound of your voice
I heard coolness and serenity
Together with humbleness and honesty
All of them embedded in you

I silently closed my eyes
And prayed to Allah alone
To make my dreams come true
I never doubt Him at all
For surely I'll meet you one day

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Sweet Mama

You're indeed to me like a manna
You're a priceless gem
Much more the just gem

When I was nothing
You made me something
When I can't do anything
The gentle rock and roll of your wall
makes me feel tall

You brought me to the world
With the greatest pain at my birth
Yet you never stop taking the pain
To take me through the pain
And yet you never let me feel the pain
For you've taken it all in my place

In the sun, in the rain
In the winter and summer
You're always there for me

On my little cradle bed
You sit there watching out
Fearing not to lose me out

In the darkness of the night
You remain sleepless all night long
Watching me to be alright
Whenever I'm not alright
You make me to feel alright

Sweet Mama
You mean a lot to me.

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The Path

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Rough and tough
Twist and dwindle
Many bends, many thorns
Full of very many ups and downs
Many trees and twigs to cut down through
And countless hurdles to jump across

Full of risks and thorny tasks
Much confusion lay with obstructions
As for help, no one to ask

The farther you go
The tougher it becomes

The Path
Only attempted by the brave
Hardworking and determined minds
That never gives up even when it winds

As it goes on
It becomes thinner
The beginning is dense
And it seems endless

Full of boils and toils
So also full of surprises and rewards

Many gave up along the path
Very little moved on all the same
Faced by the grip of fear
And the possibility of failure
Yet no retreating and no surrendering

On and on, march along
Break the thorns, cut the twigs
Fall many times only to rise again
And there it is, success attained.

Today

Today marks yet another point in space and time That shows you the journey so far.

Look back and thank God For sparing your life
And for all you've achieved so far
Today marks yet another time to reflect
Upon all the steps you've taken
And all the steps you will take.

Today is an inter-phase between yesterday and tomorrow
Where you correct the past mistakes
And focus on tomorrow's goals and targets

Today is an opportunity given to you
To prepare for tomorrow (which may never come)
And be thankful for yesterday (which has gone forever) .
Do not set argument between yesterday and today
So that you'll not forfeit tomorrow.

Yesterday is gone forever, so don't feel sad about it
Focus on today and live it well
Because tomorrow is just an illusion
Which may never come

Today marks another point of how far you've gone in life,
So be grateful for it.
And also, it marks the beginning of another journey in life,
So make the best use of it.

Today marks another day
Which reminds you that you are getting close
to the purpose of your creation.

Today, as well, denotes that you've spent some time
out of the time allotted to you by Allah (swt)
And today also serves to remind you of your duties to Allah (swt) .

Today serves as a reminder of the fact that
As you grow older, you are getting closer to your grave.
Today serves as a reminder that you live today happily and be among the

righteous

Today is another important day of your life
Therefore turn to your Lord in prayer
And seek forgiveness and guidance.
Today is a big and rare opportunity
To correct the errors of the past
And be prepared for the challenges of the future.

Today is not 'just another day'
It is an opportunity to live for what it is meant for.
And achieve the greatness for tomorrow.
Today is the right time take action
For you might not see tomorrow

Today is a golden opportunity
Which you're just among the few lucky ones
So, make the best use of today
And live happily as you can.

Smile, life is too short to be sad...

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