

Poetry Series

Tsegaye Hailesilassie
- poems -

Publication Date:

2011

Publisher:

Poemhunter.com - The World's Poetry Archive

Tsegaye Hailesilassie(November 30,1989)

A Bit Of It

So beautiful is the sky
That lies in the horizon
Appealing to the heart
And appealing to the eyes

And how great is the one who made it
Far beyond the heart's horizon
Many marvelous things Has he done
And the sky is a bit of it!

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

Faith Has No Eyes

Faith has no eyes
For it does not need to see
Faith has no ears
For it does not need to hear

Bur even without the two
What it can see and hear
Is so open and clear

February 27,2011

□ 02: 25 am
Ancho Ber, Addis Ababa□

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

Fear Fears

Though the streams dry
And the wind blows so hard
Though our neighbors die
Our birds forget to sing
And terribly cry

Though there are no clouds in the sky
And no drops of rain touch our earth
'Fear shall fail' to frighten us
'Fear shall fail' to shake our house
For fear fears our shelter
For fears our father.

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

God Is So Simple

God is in you
God is in me
God is in what you feel
And God is in what you see

Don't fret
Don't calculate
Don't get into much trouble
Because God is so clear
And God is so simple!

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

Hunger

Listen to the voice
Deep inside my soul;
Listen to this toll
Calling for another soul.

Heed my hunger for love and care
Look how I wish 'myself' to share

Look how thirsty
And still full of love I am
Full to the brim with it
And I need someone on whom to pour it.

April 1,2011

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

I Am Not A Scholar

I am not a scholar
But because you collect data
And analyze
You are! !
Huh?

I am not a scholar
But because you speculate
And calculate
But because you 'publish or perish'
You are! !

Dear scholar, I am not a scholar
But you 'Think' you are a scholar
And 'Therefore' you are! !
Huh?

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

I Chose To Be Old

I am only a little one
But I chose to be an adult
And to carry the loads
Heavy but wouldn't hurt my back!

I am only a kid
But I chose to be old
To worry and ponder thoroughly
And not to play, and not to wander
Not to laugh when I could
Not to cry when I should.

I am young but chose to be aged
Or how can I be a kid
When I have to live as 'the old'
And this a grace from Him I deem it to be
'To be' a kid and 'not to be' a kid!

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

I Walk In Faith

Without Jesus, I will really die the true death
What is life without faith;
What good is simply walking,
Dreading living and dreading dying.

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

Like Forever?

Our lips come together,
And we melt in something like forever.
I descend to the sky (I think so)
She too flies high
Together, we bade the earth good-bye
And to another globe
Lost in love
She and I
We don't really know to where
But our hearts bear no fear
We simply dissolve to somewhere
And it seems like it is forever
Such and such they tell us
This and that way they fool us
Come on there!
There is no forever in there!

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

Me And My Body

Inside my body, I live
I am not my body
I am in my body
But if I leave my body
Where would I live?
How would I live?

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

My Heart Has No Heart

My heart, don't you have a heart
That you face all these hurt
You stand all these shit
And rather than jump and march
Or explode and ignite
To be 'a lamp and a light'
All yo do is 'keep quiet! '
Oh my heart, don't you have any heart!

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

No Big Deal!

Is this mountain really high,
For a climber's son to climb?

Is this war really tough,
For a warrior's son to fight?

Is this mansion so handsome,
For a king's son to look at?

Is this piece of land so wide,
For a landlord's son to possess?

No

I don't think so!

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

The Road Taken

I a plain I knew not I was dropped
With the four ways at hand
And within the four there may be more.

I was puzzled to choose one
Knowing something about none
But there came an object in the sky
Him only I saw
And followed the only guide
Believing in it to take me there
There where all is right
Mighty peaceful and truly quiet

But the other roads I don't want to think about
For deep in my soul
I believe and know that the guide is right

Inspired by Robert Frost's 'the road not taken.'

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

What Is Beauty

What the hell is beauty
That it should exalt itself so high;
"Truth is beauty and beauty is truth"
What a 'truth' and what 'a lie'

What a misfortune and what a loss
When a beautiful thing such as 'beauty'
In this world causes such a mess

You are going to tell me
That beauty is God;
And God is beauty
But in whom is then the 'ugly'

I know my God will not give such a thing
Not such a sting;
No! He wouldn't give it
At least not the way we take it.

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

Where Are They?

What is faith
Where is love
Where is justice
Beautiful empty words
So much present in talk
But so little in practice!

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

Who Are They To Teach Me?

They make their own rules
As if impeccable in knowing what is right;
They tell me that I should learn from them
And they try to keep me tight!

This world I am living in
Has so many that try to guide;
As if they are perfect in their way
As if they never slide!

I know I can learn 'something'
From these 'flawless' teachers;
But cannot stand their dogma
That their 'something' is 'everything! '

February 21,2011
Afincho Ber
Addis Ababa

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

Will There Come A Day?

Will there come a day
When I will escape from this clay
And ask the potter for the cause
For all that is
And for all that was.

February 27,2011

02: 11 am

Ancho Ber, Addis Ababa

Tsegaye Hailesilassie

You Hope To Be Free....Huh?

You hope to be free

Huh?

And so you run and jump

You fly and climb.

You hope to be free

Huh?

So you ignore and forget

You pretend and imitate.

You hope to be free

Can't you see anything

How in vain you are striving!

Tsegaye Hailesilassie