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All Alone

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In between success and failure
The mosaic of trials and tribulations
Tastes of sweat, soiled countenance
Rebukes of opportunist fence-sitters
Self eulogy of earlier travelers
Nay Sayers or the intellectual octopuses
Around you might try to clip your wings
Of course! Won't leave you free; rather
Would love, often to sting you deep

Before Appreciation reaches through
A bloody nose is a free gift for you
With cold-shouldered responses
Or at best, with their penurious silence
Fire burns materials; and jealousy a Heart
So called Intellectuals are more insecure
In their own projected castles, might crumble

Conclusions are drawn before the beginning
One has to be ready for premature pruning
Heartburns become a blazing mid day sun
Humour and intimidation come mixed with fun
Smoky minds may darken and confuse
You become the stuff for their perilous amuse.
Time is surplus for them to find ways to defame
Reluctant to spare a minute to ardour or praise

Degrees are not determiners of quality
Premises differ from person to person
Criticism adorn the cornerstone of journey
In this world that is so unforgiving
To reach the pinnacle; you are made to bleed
No enterprise is a success at others mercy
Nothing fails; just because of their unchancy
One needs to know; mercy is God's prerogative

The world is not short of Chameleons
Agile to change colour as per season
Rats too; claim their share of the harvest
Success is set free from the orphanage of industry
Until that hour, perhaps; No one taps your shoulder.
Let it be one or in million to sabotage the exertion
Deep- dyed in determination; despite the delirium
One has to move on and on ... *All Alone*

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