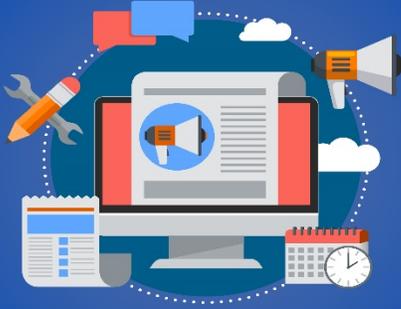


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Harbouring a Dream

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The world was always ignorant,
Ignorant of the shaping,
Of an innocent dream,
That was once born,
And forever then existed within you.
You nurtured it, with care undue.

Posing a gardener to a little sapling,
Its potion you sought,
Love and hope.
It grew up with you,
And took a beautiful shape.
Not essentially for the world,
But indeed for you.

For this world is clueless,
Of the wet seasons you survived,
Of the storms that shook you,
In those sleepless nights-
And of the scorching sun whose rays,
Bright and heating enough,
yet unable to blur the strokes
Of darkness, residing your core.

Glad, you are here today,
And your dream as well.
The familiar little dream,
Still assertive, still alive,
Though grown-up in inches two.

I hope, you must have preserved;
Showers, a few from the rains last,
The gentle breeze,
Out of the storms past,
A little warmth from the scorching sun.
And what one needs to nurture a sprout,
Who knows it better than you do?

Trust me! you are potent enough,
To carve the life, you wished for,
Even out of the incongruous past.
So go ahead and don't break off,
Until your little sapling,
Becomes a tree, and either,
Bears the most fragrant of flowers,
or the sweetest of fruits,
That you can cherish,
And the world as well.

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