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The Borrowed Dream

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They were playing on the sand

On a speck of dust called earth.

Homeless both- alien on the land

In silent tears their dreams were weaving

New sky and stars.

They sat inert- like wind before storm

Their fancy gave the shapes of homes

Where their souls

Weary worn

can be gone

when decay threatens the world

more and more.

So long before has he seen the drop

Of life's liquid gold

His dreams were but constant mould

Of blood and sand and dust.

He peopled his space with mighty wars

Where revenge holds the supreme sway

And slashed throats or sharpened swords

One must have on the way.

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He put some woman or call bodies

In the dream's sensual bed.

Food and gold and the she

That is the world that must be

Where enjoyment never fade.

Yet he sensed wastage drip

On every side dark and deep.

Darkness covered the dreaming heart

And empty rage gnawed in it.

She was giving life to hers

A world of flower and of colours

Where sapphire sky gives the rain

Of lily drop on emerald plain.

And in her singing the vision grew

And rosy fragrance constant blew

A cottage in woods

Hurricane hits

Secret under the forest's care.

When the mighty ancient king

With crashing noise goes tumbling in

And roots knots snap.

Two figures at rest- heart to heart- sharing

Even the selfsame dream.

He frowned and looked at his

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Blood had soaked the sky

And he thought blue a better dye.

He looked at his land..

Stone and sand

Cactus land

and thought a rose should be planned

he kicked at his guarded fort and went whistling to the land his muse has spun for him in her sweet motherly dream.