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Peddler

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Not expected
from a peddler
to pay attention to everything that
comes his way
he has to move
forward to his destination.

Not expected from
a peddler to behold
the breathtaking sights,
feel it, stop or sit
beneath the shade of trees
it can lead his mind to stray,
it may be delayed;
yes! Peddler can drowse
just before the fatigue is over.

Not expected from a peddler
to run at the speed of 120 by
blowing dust and smoke on the road,
and creating the situation of gambling
to reach the destination or not.

Peddler can behold
the path by keeping his pace optimum
where tree is tree
not green stains
where field is field
not nut brown lines
a peddler can hymn the songs
which illuminate to proceed rather to cease.

Peddler

Not allowed to peddler
swaying his head high
even when he is happy
to keep his attention straight,
not allowed to peddler
to keep his head down
shatter or weep
to keep his attention straight.

A peddler
not forbidden to fall in love,
but consented to –
love his destination.
Somewhere in the middle of the way
something a peddler professed
“ his love is his mere destination
but a peddler needs to understand
his destination is his mere love.”

The peddler gets stunned
many a time
before asking the address of
his destination-
“ to think of his destination.”
But when man stands on the path
stares towards the almighty
asks time
and above all
when man calms the one strayed inside,
The paths itself comes
automatically before him
and then the man called-“Peddler”.

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