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Journey

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There comes a time...!
When nothing disturbs one any more
Seasonal changes or social upheavals
Hypocrite ruler or helpless populace
If one prays in Temple, church or Mosque
If evening 'kirtan' loses its usual musk
If 'Azaan' isn't heard from a cliffy terrace
If a hall of Cross doesn't enlighten a dippy mess
If lotus doesn't bloom early in the morning
Or, if Bees do give up their sweet humming
When pleasure and pain look as well equal
You may say...!
One is on the path of self withdrawal.

This cannot be a callous act
It's no juxtaposition of fiction and fact
Not even a lazy cumbersome or indolent attitude
May not be an explicit attempt, for solitude
This is a time, when one scouts for a personal space
To keep oneself off from all material haze
Food or favor, pump or grandeur, all the spicy craze
Nothing attracts, nothing interests, besides...!
A search for an ounce of sublime grace

Life's essence lies in the salinity of Tears
It's ostensibly different, till it is tested
Its quiddities are evaluated
Through umpteen colour glasses
Till it's challenged by hard realities
When we feel the presence of absence
Ignored or ignorant,
We tend to weigh between frosty faces
Niggardly consoling about its inevitabilities
When Silence rules the roost, on folded foreheads

A space where we scrutinize times spent
Fouls or follies or some earlier dent
Revisit the grooves, once were greener though
Untangling the frills of deeper owes
Count the beads of lost opportunities

At times cautiously hiding, the whisking sighs
Grossly unmindful of, when a doleful smile
Gets smeared on dry lips
While a pair of blank eyes,
Stay glued at the sprawling oblivion.

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