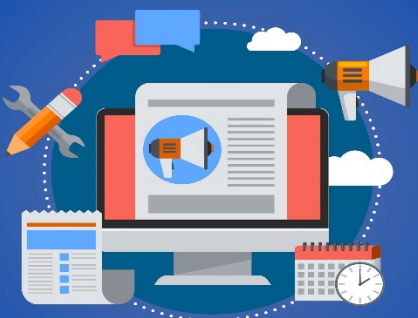


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Who are you? And how are you?

What kind are you? And where the hell are you?

Hundreds of questions battling in my head,

Against a mighty cage; that gracefully wraps up this divine mess.

But the questions,

The questions powerful to storm a jail.

Conspiring to unnerve the solitude of my face,

Plucking the strings of discord;

Flawlessly hushed beneath my concealed lips,

that forges a smile.

A smile,

As pale and as stagnant as the mire.

All the questions choking my breath,

Rattling my throat,

Me battling for life...

Is sanctity costing me peace?

Is peace an illusion?

Ain't illusion a falsity?

Ain't false a truth too?

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