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## A Cloud Walker

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After the light fell into the fathomless margin,  
I slide away this worldly curtain,  
Peep into the starry sky and the gleaming dreams.  
On a land of magic, I am stepping on,  
To collect the most precious stones,  
Hidden below the deepest of the world.

I am all alone and I am the all,  
I engage in collection,  
Recollection of the colourful glimmering stones;  
A blue, a green, a yellow, the reds and the blacks.  
Difference lay only in the colours  
But all look special as they all are mine.

Not in haste but one by one,  
I taste the stones. All sweet and salt.  
Not aware of the dawning sky,  
Turning round and round,  
I am still inside the darkest floor,  
Gliding into the far away land more and more.

I unbundle the secret caskets  
That treasured beneath the silent mountain.  
I adore the floating everlasting bubbles  
That shine with all the shades and reflect my inner eye.  
I revisit the long-left footprints  
And remember its far-off retreats.

As the eyes are closed,  
I am safe inside the sheltered land,  
Searching for the vanished bonds,  
And securing its traces to the heart.

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