

Refuge

There's always someone standing on their own outside the crowd
who looks bewildered and confused.
They try to make some sense of all the jostling and the jokes
but still they don't look that amused.

What place, what life, what did they leave behind?
What sights, what sounds, what thoughts are on their mind?

I've noticed that your accent has an unfamiliar sound;
sometimes it seems you hate us all.
In silence you retreat into a closed and private world
behind your own protective wall.

What crimes, what hurt, what wars have you survived?
What hopes, what dreams were left when you arrived?

Who'll be your refuge, your shelter, your fortress?
Who'll be your champion?
Who'll be your refuge, your pilot, your brother,
your northern star?

Who will be your second sight;
the light that guides your way at night?
Don't be down-hearted.
I'll be your refuge, I'll be your refuge.

There's nothing wrong with being shy and ev'rybody knows
that fools speak louder than the rest.

... that fools speak louder than the rest.

Let no-one tell you how to think or what is right or true:
you are not weak or second best.

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Ah, ah.

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Satya bolavu ne satya sunavu.
Satya bolavu ne satya sunavu.
Ayvi amari tek.
Ayvi amari tek.
Ame sau vala tara bal.

Premanu mandira ne premani pratima.
Premanu mandira ne premani pratima.
Puja amari nek.
Puja amari nek.
Ame sau vala tara bal.

Daya rakhi ye sau prani para.
Daya rakhi ye sau prani para.
Avo amaro vivek.
Avo amaro vivek.

Ame sau vala tara bal,
vala tara bal.

We are all your children

Ah, ah.

*We are your children; we give you love.
We are your children; we give you love.*

*Let the Truth be spoken; and let the Truth be heard:
Let the Truth be spoken; and let the Truth be heard:
That is the way we should live.
That is the way we should live.
We are your children; we give you love.*

*And may we show compassion for ev'ry living being:
And may we show compassion for ev'ry living being:
These are the gifts we bring.
These are the gifts we bring.
We are your children; we give you love.*

*And so we offer love, we offer love and mercy:
And so we offer love, we offer love and mercy:
That is the way it should be.
That is the way it should be.*

*We are your children; we give you love,
We will give you love.*

The smile behind the eyes

High, I'm flying faster than a car can take you,
higher than a bird can fly.
I'm sailing in the sky.
Sail, I'm sailing further than the sea's expanse
as I fulfil my journey;
join the angels in the sky.

Love, I'm filled with love as I fulfil my dream;
I'm free, I'm soaring over mountains.
I am soaring high.

Sing a song of love and peace;

Watch me in your dreams; I'll visit you sometime
and tell you of my journey.
For I'm in another time.

Kindness, respect; we all need.

Don't you worry, don't you cry.
I am soaring, flying high.
You will find me, in the smile behind the eyes
of those people who just daily pass you by.

If you have a moment when you think of me,
and suddenly a sadness hits you,
and you start to cry.
Just remember I am flying free, I'm happy,
for in life I did my best,
service to mankind.

Serve your neighbour, love your enemy;
He's here to teach you patience, love, respect;
the basics we all need.

Sing a song of love and peace;
Shower all of those who hurt you with some love.
Within their hearts there's lots of room
to plant some loving seeds.

Kindness, respect; we all need.

Oo-ee oo-ay oo-ee oo-ay

Here's a loving seed for you.

Sing a song for me sometime,
help someone; bless a stranger.
Ev'ry good deed, thought and kind word said,
wings you'll wear, join me in the sky.

Sing a song for me sometime,
bless a stranger as he passes by, as he passes by.
Ev'ry good deed, thought and kind word said,
join me in the sky.

A song for me sometime, a song for me sometime;
Remember me, remember me.
A song for me sometime, a song for me sometime;
join me in the sky.

Oo-ee oo-ay oo-ee oo-ay

Here's a loving seed for you.

Believe

When I look up to the stars,
there's a burning deep inside me
and I feel a power growing in my soul.
There is something I can sense,
deep within a dream to guide me,
and I know that I am reaching for my goal.

I can do anything at all,
I can climb the highest mountain,
I can feel the ocean calling wild and free.
I can be anything I want,
with this hope to drive me onward,
if I can just believe in me.

When the skies are dark and grey,
we still know the sun is shining:
though it's out of sight, its light is glowing still.
And as long as I believe,
there is nothing I can't wish for;
not a dream that I'm unable to fulfill.

Oo oo oo oo

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Ah ah ah
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And whatever it takes I'll find it somehow;
whatever it needs I'll show I'm strong.
Whatever it takes I'll make it happen:
finding out where I belong.

I'll find it somehow.
I'll show I'm strong, I'll show I'm strong.
I'll make it happen:
finding out where I belong.

While the world is spinning round,
I can sometimes lose direction
and I know how hard it is to find my way.
But with friends around to care,
there is nothing I can't handle,
and I'll face the future treasuring each day.

Oo oo oo oo

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Building

We build to make our mark.
We build to build an ark.
Shelters, bridges, temples, trust:
we build because we must.

We put something where nothing was before.
We build windows and open the door.
We bring the outside inside, turn nothing into more.
We put something where nothing was before.

Put your treasures away in a safe place.
Put your treasures away in a safe place.
So build yourself a safe place today,
and put yourself away.

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It's just one thing on top of another, and another and another and another!
It's just one thing on top of another, and another and another and another!
Ev'ry brick sits on its father and mother
and it's squeezed between its sister and its brother,
It's just one thing on top of another, and another and another and another!

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We put something where nothing was.
Prove that we were here, because there's something
where nothing was before.

Hey, Escher!

Hey, Escher! Is it day or night?
It's hard to make it out from where I'm standing!
No pressure. Is it black or white?
Where am I? The horizon's never ending!

Once inside your picture frame,
playing at your mind game,
finding nothing's quite the same
as the world outside.
Edges blur and intersect,
where do all the lines connect?
Patterns grow and shapes reflect,
and I'd like to come explore inside.

Hey, Escher! Is it day or night ...

Here's a building with a waterfall,
a stream that flows uphill.
Hooded figures trudging onwards
but they're really standing still.
Stairs shoot off in all directions,
nothing's ever what it seems.
Hey, Escher! Nightmare visions,
Snapshots taken from my wildest dreams.

Hey, Escher! Is it day or night ...

Birds are fish and fish are birds,
cities turning into words,
images that strike a chord
but they're not quite right.
Spinning lengths of orange peel,
see the faces they reveal,
ev'rything is quite surreal.
Still I'd like to come explore inside ...

It's another world.

It's another world, another world.
So take my hand and come inside, *wo-o*,
It's another world take a look inside,
It's another world, *wo-o*.

In a circle, simian creatures
turning into dancing men.
And then right before your eyes
they're changing back to apes again.
Monsters climbing out of pictures
crawl around and melt back in.
Hey, Escher! Tell me something:
where does my world end and yours begin?

It's another world.

... Birds become fish become birds become fish become ...
... hand draws a hand, draws a hand ... draws itself! A ...
... climbing out of pictures, strolling round and melting back. Creatures ...
... dark from light or right from left or black from white or day from night. I can't tell ...

Vera

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Asht zverdhun fusha e ndër grunore
po vlojn' korcat porsi zogj,
këndojn' katundarët me malsorë
pa kujtu' se dielli i dogj.
Veç në at ar por si i tretun
zi ndër petka, ter ndër f'tyrë,
po korr një cucë shoqe t'vetun.
Me hi t'vetë që mbrapa merr
tash t'tjera vera vet e treta
korrsh moj bijë me motra shend.
Si vjet unë vetun tue kor të gjeta
pa një motër pa gazmend.

Asht zwerthun fusha e nder-grunore
Po vloyn kortsat por si zoj,
Kendoyne katundaret me malsore
Pa kuytu se dyeli i doj.
Vech ne at are por si i tretun
Zi nder petka, ter nder ftoor,
Po kor nyi tsutse shoche tvetun.
Me hee twete che mbrapa mer
Tash tyera vera vet e treta
Korsh moy biye me motra shend.
Si vet un vetun too kor te jeta
Pa nyi moter pa gazmend.

Summer

*The fields of grain to gold are turning,
like the birds the farmers sing,
Come high, come low, tho' the sun is burning,
hurry with your harvesting.
Their faces blacken but the reapers only
toil until their labours end,
But one young girl works alone and lonely,
only her shadow for a friend.
The summers pass and the same girl, older,
smiling where her tears once were,
A little sister at each shoulder,
no more loneliness for her.*

OK

Oo oo

The sky feels like it's falling, the sun is overdue.
Life seems so confusing; you don't know what to do.
Put the world on your shoulders and it's bound to pull you down.
It's so much clearer when you reach for higher ground.

Gonna be all right; gonna be OK.
If you're reaching for the light, you're sure to find the way.
Gonna be all right; gonna be OK.
If you're reaching for the light, you're sure to find the way.

Oo oo

The world keeps on turning, yesterday has gone.
Look to the future, it's a place where you belong.
Like a flower growing, searching for the sun,
You can live: your dreams have only just begun.

Gonna be all right; gonna be OK.
If you're reaching for the light, you're sure to find the way.
Gonna be all right; gonna be OK.
If you're reaching for the light, you're sure to find the way.

Find your place: be the best that you can be,
take a chance and love will set you free.
The future's in your hands:
live, learn and understand.

Gonna be all right; gonna be OK.
If you're reaching for the light, you're sure to find the way.
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find your place and love will set you free.

The Tyger

Tyger Tyger,

Burning bright

In the forests

of the night.

Burning bright

What immortal hand or eye
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

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Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

Tyger Tyger,

In what distant deeps or skies
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?
On what wings dare he aspire?
What the hand dare seize the fire?

Burning, burning bright,

In the forests.

Tyger Tyger Tyger,

And what shoulder, and what art,
Could twist the sinews of thy heart?
And when thy heart began to beat,
What dread hand? And what dread feet?

Tyger Tyger,

In the forests.

What the hammer? What the chain?
In what furnace was thy brain?
What the anvil? What dread grasp?
Dare its deadly terrors clasp?

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In what furnace was thy brain?
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Tyger Tyger

In the forests.

When the stars threw down their spears,
And watered heaven with their tears.

Did he smile his work to see?
Did he who made the Lamb make thee?

Tyger Tyger Tyger,

Tyger Tyger, burning bright
In the forests of the night.

What immortal hand or eye
Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?

Tyger Tyger,

In the forests,

Tyger Tyger,
Tyger Tyger, in the forests.
Tyger Tyger.

Mo li hua

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Hao yi duo mei li de mo li hua
Hao yi duo mei li de mo li hua
Fen fang mei li man zhi ya
You xiang you bai ren ren kua
Rang wo lai jiang ni zhai xia
Song gei bie ren jia
Mo li hua, mo li hua.

Mo li hua ya mo li hua;
Mo li hua ya mo li hua;
Mo li hua mo li hua.
Rang wo lai jiang ni zhai xia
Song gei bie ren jia
Mo li hua, mo li hua.

Hao yi duo mei li de mo li hua
Fen fang mei li man zhi ya
You xiang you bai ren ren kua.
Mo li hua ... mo li hua ...

... Ya mo li hua ya ... Ya mo li hua ya

Yi ya yi ya yi er you ai ya ai zi you.

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Song gei bie ren jia
Mo li hua, mo li hua.
Rang wo lai jiang
ni zhai xia
Song gei bie ren jia
mo li hua.

Jasmine flower

*Come to my hand, little jasmine flower,
come to my hand, little jasmine flower.
Tender shining scented star,
though I love you where you are
I shall pluck you from above;
give you to my love:
jasmine flower, jasmine flower.*

*Jasmine flower, my jasmine flower;
jasmine flower, my jasmine flower;
jasmine flower, jasmine flower.
I shall pluck you from above;
give you to my love:
jasmine flower, jasmine flower.*

*Come to my hand, little jasmine flower,
tender shining scented star.
Though I love you from afar:
jasmine flower, jasmine flower.*

white jasmine flower, white jasmine flower.

Yi ya yi ya yi er you ai ya ai zi you.

*Come to my hand, little jasmine flower,
come to my hand, little jasmine flower.
Tender shining scented star,
though I love you from afar.
Though I love you from afar,
My sweet jasmine flower.*

Sweet jasmine flower.

*Come to my hand, little jasmine flower,
come to my hand, little jasmine flower.
Tender shining scented star,
though I love you where you are
I shall pluck you
from above;
give you to my love:
jasmine flower, jasmine flower.
I shall pluck you
from above;
give you to my love:
jasmine flower*

Harmony

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Harmony, we need harmony.

Siya vumelana thina.

We need harmony, we all need, need harmony.

Siya vumelana thina.

We are one family, spawned from the same waters;
each but a particle in the vast ocean of humanity.

Our hearts beat in time to the call of the [first sunrise,]
witnessed on the morning of our mother's song ...

We are one family, spawned from the same waters;
each but a particle in the vast ocean of humanity.

Our hearts beat in time to the call of the [first sunrise,]
witnessed on the morning of our mother's song ...

From the same place, we're from the same race.
Play the same games: we feel the same pains.

*And it ain't hard to see, you and me
diff'rent shades of face, but truthfully
tho' we live a world apart, you and me
and we both have a heart, so truthfully.*

Harmony. Inside you there's a part of me.
We're both kin, it ain't hard to see.
It's like the rain and the moon and the stars and the sea.
It's a ...

*It's a harmony. Inside you there's a part of me.
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It's a ...

Oo oo

No wars will stop us singing

Ugly sounds are overhead and the streets are coloured red.
Young lives lost ev'ry day, it's always been that way.
But we believe one day we'll see a world at peace, in harmony.
And that is why we say:

No wars will stop us singing;
our voices will stay strong.
Even through the darkest night
we will sing our song.

No fear will stop us dreaming;
our dreams will light the sky.
Even when all hope is gone
our dreams will not die.

We are the future;
we are tomorrow;
we are the peace that you all crave.
If our lives are taken we'll sing from beyond the grave.

We are the future;
we are tomorrow;
the peace that you all crave.
We'll sing from beyond the grave.

No wars will stop us singing;
our voices will stay strong.
Even through the darkest night
we will sing our song.

We will sing,
we will sing,
we must sing our song.