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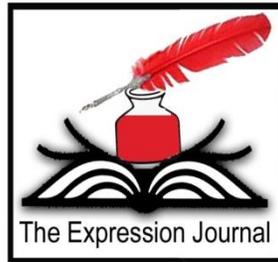
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GOOD MORNING!

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Poem

Smiling petals of fragrant flowers lisp me Good morning!
Smoothly flowing whiter falls uttered me Good morning!
Shining sunrays that erases dark night pronounced me Good morning!
Glittering green painted grasses whispered me Good morning!
Black and white cattle grazing lowed me Good morning!
Floating foams in the sky addressed me Good morning!
Bending branches to shower blessings articulated me Good morning!

Tranquil lake of cool water wished me Good morning!
Gentle breeze touching my cheek softly kissed me Good morning!
Ebb and flow of hungry waves roared me Good morning!
Glimmering soil of smelling emanated all Good morning!
Brown brother of growing mountain expressed me Good morning!
Hither and thither honey butterfly murmured me Good morning!
Colourful nature which colours my day chanted me Good morning!
All nature, pasture creature I replied Good morning!

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MY MOTHER

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Poem

Darkness, darkness, darkness everywhere
Stored this ugly caterpillar in your womb
I fluttered out as a butterfly when you pained deeply
Oh! Light giver, life-giver, and real caretaker;
A bird of blessings and smile of tender!

Thou art the angel of selflessness
And ye are an epitome of forgiveness
“Keeping together” is the only aphorism
Held me close in your bosom,
Whispers love, murmurs love, laments love, lovable to adore.

Your hands did caress me when I moan
How many glasses of tear drops you shed? – To quench my thirst
Served me with millions of satisfied dishes!
Provided food with innumerable spoons of love.

As a teacher you taught me letters
As a doctor you treated my illness
As an engineer you did construct my behaviours
As a philanthropist you offered me needed things
As a philosopher you advised me
As a policeman you safeguarded me

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As a maidservant you rendered all services
Oh stream of Love, having all hues of human kindness!

As a glass of water, you quenched my parching lips,
As a cup of tea you boosted me with instant energy
As a bee painstakingly collected and gathered honey
As a bed of roses you rocked me to sleep
As the earth you revolved around me
As a Queen you indicated me the right path
How many incarnations a day?
How many professions in this generation?
Being a worst sufferer, removed all my sufferings
Being the best worker, thou art a peerless God
Ah, You sweated to sweeten my life!
What shall be my offerings to you?
A bow at the lotus feet of My Divinely Mother.