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Preface

Hello Readers,

I feel immense pleasure to get my first book published. What inspired me most to compose poems is the deteriorating charm among the school-going students for the books. I felt the need to compose such poems not only for the students but also for the grown-ups who sometimes get disheartened due to failurities in their lives.

I would like to tell you Believe in yourself. Your future is in your hands. Your success depends on how much you can change yourself in day-to-day life. Be persistent towards your goal. Sooner or later your aims will be accomplished.

Most of my poems have been composed during Covid-19 Pandemic when most of the people were in distress and many people lost their lives during the pandemic.

Hope you will love to read my poems. I have tried to make it all the more enjoyable for every age group.

Happy learning.

Thanking you in anticipation for your support,

Forever Yours,

Monica

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I would like to dedicate this book to my brother, Late Master Ankur Malviya, who went for his heavenly abode at a very young age.....

Dear Ankur, hope you are one among us only in your new life journey.

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The Terrible Year:2020

O! my dear 2020 Year,
I had never ever thought
You would bring so much fear,
When you started your journey
We were so excited to bring you near;
But I had never ever expected you to be so severe.
We have obeyed you,
We have cherished you,
We have followed you,
We have welcomed you,
Assuming some magical instinct in you.
As your number seems to be so special
Its repetition of numbers
Appears to be so charming and congenial
Oh! You are so wonderful
You taught us how to be dutiful.
Cut,copy ,paste,
What's App, Facebook, Instagram
Is what you taught us And we learnt it too.
You brought us closer to religion
To broaden our vision.
You brought us closer to Ministers

For whom we had never bothered
But then what prompted you to be so rude?
This Corona brought by you!
This dilemma brought by you!
Earthquake..
landslide flood

eclipse...
Locusts.borders...
attacks..
Fights...
This Oblivion..
This insanity..
This strange timeless movement towards cemetery..
This malady..
This Social distancing..
This Masking..
This Staying at home...
This poisoning..
This sanitization...
Just bring an end to this...
Just make it a bliss

Don't spread the lust
Otherwise no one will have trust
Not only on you but also on the earth crust...
No words..
Let the tiresome dangerous journey
End here.

Activity time

An anagram is a word or phrase that is made by arranging the letters of another word or phrase in a different order.

Eg. Worth is an anagram of throw.

Think of some more anagrams and write below.



2.

The Last Period

Ah! Here comes the last period of the session 2020 -21
The same students, the same teacher
But what's worth.....
Mixed feelings embedded within....
A little ecstasy....
For all the students will finally get a chance
To pass with flying colours.
A little dissatisfaction..... For it was somehow fulfilled.
What's worth.....
The classes could not run
As per my satisfaction.
The lessons could not be taught
The way they would have been taught.
What's worth.....
Strange are the ways of God;
For sometimes
He doesn't let us do what we want.
What's worth.....
Strange are the ways of Men
For they themselves create
Situations which hinder the growth Of Mankind

But still there is a ray of hope....
Even if there are innumerable obstacles
To hamper your growth
You will shine one day
Like diamond.
As, diamond is formed from coal which has no shine....
As, roses spread their fragrance
Unaware of the pricks which its thorns have harmed;
Those who have to shine
Will definitely shine;
Even if thousands of obstacles are created on their path
By no one else but Man only-
A person of the same origin.
O Man! Stop playing this game
Otherwise you don't know You will only be trapped in your
own plan.
Those who have to succeed
Will succeed
And fail your plan.

Activity time

A SYLLABLE

A syllable is a part of a word that contains sounds (phonemes) of a word. It usually has a vowel in it. A syllable is also called a 'beat' and teachers often teach children to identify syllables by clapping the 'beats' in words. Another way to describe a syllable is a 'mouthful' of a word.

You can often find the syllables in a word if you notice when you open and close your mouth as you pronounce the word. Touch your chin as you say the word 'elephant'. 'e-le-phant' and your chin would have dropped three times.

Here are examples of syllables within words:

'lake' - has one syllable

'pa-per' - has two syllables

'en-er-gy - has three syllables

'cal-cu-la-tor' - has four syllables

Think of some words and find out the number of syllables in it.



3.

On Passing Examination by Students in 2020

He's Happy,

She's Happy,

Everyone is happy.

Students happy

Their parents happy

Brothers happy

Sisters happy

Uncles happy

Aunts also happy.

Stronger ones happy

Weaker ones also happy

Briliants happy

Even dull ones also happy;

All are happy.....

On having passed with flying colours, Those who took the
exam

They are happy

Those who didn't take the exam

They too are HAPPY..... BUT

Is it really a matter to be happy

What is happening is really shocking! Believe me, dear,

It's really a matter of fear;
It's not a matter to be so delighted Don't be so excited ..
Understand your responsibility
To prepare yourself completely....
Already so many obstacles are obstructing us
At least keep yourself preparing
To face any kind of Hurdles
At this juncture.
Life is an exam;
Those who can overcome
They can only become
A successful one
The Real Joy
Lies not in present success
But in fulfillment of your desires
Which is your real achievement
Your real accomplishment In the real sense.
GO AHEAD.....
CARRY ON.....

A Rhyme

A *rhyme* is when the ending sounds of two words sound alike – like "mouse" and "house" or "complain" and "sustain." If you have a knack for *rhyme*, you might have a bright future as a poet.



The Unsung Warriors"

Children!

The word itself is so pleasant!

The world of Children-

Is the blissful world of revival.

The world of Children-

Is the vigorous world of encouragement;

When you're upset, meet a child-

And the bright face of a child will enliven you.

Sweet Children!

Cute Children !

Tall Children!

Short Children !

Stout Children !

Lean Children!

Healthy Children !

Wealthy Children!

Wise Children!

Meek Children!

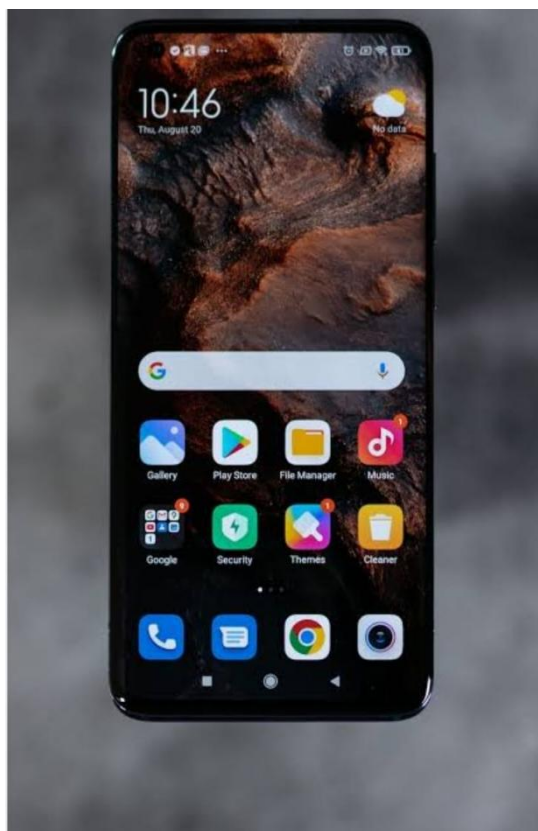
See the world of Children-

A perfect live example of Unity in diversity.

Bounteous Beauty

A perfect blend of sanctity and clarity
Dynamic Diversity
A heavenly figure of Divinity
Ethereal Entity
An embodiment of charity
Passionately pretty
An enthusiastic figure of enchanting eligibility
O Children!
You are-
Cleverly Curious;
Hilariously Humble;
Incredibly Intelligent ;
Likeably Laudable;
Decently Dynamic;
Rockingly Resplendent;
Endearingly Enthusiastic;
Nobly nice.
You are the world
You are the Children
You are the source of pleasure
For all men and women.

You are a solution
To every commotion
Your glimpse is a source of bliss
For all either young or old.
I say, 'Be Practical '
But they say, 'Be Happy '
Such are the stars of our galaxy
Our Unsung Warriors in the battlefield.
Be like this only in your life-
Then your life will become easy
for you.



The World of Mobile

O! Mobile!

What a piece of wonder you are!

Not just a mobile.

But a movable storehouse

Of all sorts of things;

Right from a pin to a parcel

From a letter to encyclopedia

From a normal chat to Wikipedia ...

Forgot your aadhar?

No worry

For here is the mobile fairy.

Lost your way?

No tension

For here's Google map location

In this stupid six lettered miraculous digital machine

the entire world of

Not getting words to complete....

Can it be 'humans'?

No!

Even more than that.

Can it be 'kingdom'?

No!

Even more than that..

Can it be 'Universe'?

No!

Even more ..

But more..

But more..

But more..

What more?

A 'blast'

To 'cast'

Introspection

Introspection is the process of looking inward to evaluate your thoughts, feelings and goals. By examining your own mental and emotional processes, you can learn a lot about yourself and your needs. Introspection is often a journey that takes commitment, time and honesty.

Introspect yourself and write the points you thought about yourself below.



Unwrap A New “You”

“You! The Word itself is charismatic
Do you know who you are?
You are your own urn
You have got the excel to be won,
Believe it or not
You can do what you want
As you have the power to haunt.
Sometimes you sit in the sun
To get the warmth of your Blood
which runs...
To feel the vigour,
the charm,
The reason for Why you are there in this nation.
Discover the new ‘You’
Who can create wonders full of hues
Just you and only ‘you’!
You can beat the heat
You can feel the zeal
You can walk miles ahead
To attain what you dread
You are the one

Who can bring the revolution
Who has got the power
To change the world
By your own undaunted sword
Which is there within you
Which is still left undiscovered by you
Search it
You will get it
Unwrap the real you
Which is hidden within you
I know you are the one
Who
After discovering yourself
can do the wonderful creation
Of bringing changes in the nation

A laureate

A laureate is a person who has been given a high official honour or prize for something important they have achieved in a particular field. Find out the names of some poet laureates and write their works.



The Mystery of Life

Life is a mystery

Which creates history

Sometimes victory for a territory

Sometimes smiles for little whiles

Sometimes tries which usually bring cries Sometimes tears due to fears

Sometimes dear for those who are near Sometimes vibrant when it's brilliant Sometimes full of hues when it gives clues Sometimes anger which brings us in danger Sometimes cross which brings morose Sometimes curious when not satisfied makes us furious

Sometimes greedy when we are needy Sometimes lustrous but at the same time disastrous

Sometimes pleasant thoughts make us vibrant lots

Sometimes a little scolding brings moulding Sometimes our cast makes us fast Sometimes here sometimes there

Sometimes care sometimes bare

Sometimes wine sometimes brine Sometimes shine when we align

Sometimes beat the heat

Sometimes kill and defeat

Sometimes obey without delay

Sometimes depth full of wrath

Sometimes shy sometimes cry

Sometimes weep when we are deep Sometimes devil when we
are evil

Sometimes heal and feel the zeal

Sometimes sow and watch it grow Sometimes honey
sometimes funny Sometimes too fast which brings a blast

Have no faith It may bring death

Begins with a hi

And Ends with a bye

Romantic period

Romanticism was a literary movement that began in the late 18th century, ending around the middle of the 19th century—although its influence continues to this day. Marked by a focus on the individual (and the unique perspective of a person, often guided by irrational, emotional impulses), a respect for nature and the primitive, and a celebration of the common man, Romanticism can be seen as a reaction to the huge changes in society that occurred during this period, including the revolutions that burned through countries like France and the United States, ushering in grand experiments in democracy.

Find the names of some Romantic poets and their works.



O Nature! Dear Nature!

Where have you been created?
 Being so beautiful and precious;
 Your creation is still suspicious;
 'The world seems to be magical;
 With all ways of achievements being critical; 'With rising sun
 and shining stars
 in physical
 And ending it up is impossible.
 The ways of nature are unpredictable; Sometimes visible
 Sometimes invisible
 The Earthquake
 The landbreak
 The Tsunami -
 The blasphemy -
 Are really everyday shocking me.
 Come, let's join hands together
 To make our mother Earth safer
 To enhance the people
 Not to grow feeble
 And to take care of mother Earth
 Like a Temple.
 Oon't challenge the creation of God Almighty

Who, apart from being The generator, operator, destroyer,
Can be the bringer of mortality on earth.
So an appeal

Victorian poetry refers to British poetic works composed during Queen Victoria's reign (1837-1901). It should be noted that Irish works are included in the category of British poetry. Literature of this era is exceptionally diverse, which in part may be accounted for by increasing industrialization and diverse technological discoveries. Therefore, Victorian poetry can't be said to represent a single artistic movement, but works of this time show a growth away from **Romanticism**, and foreshadow Modernism.

Find the names of the poets of Victorian Era and write their works



The Essence of Beauty

What is beauty?

Is it sharp nose, fair colour, big eyes and sharp features?

No dear

You are mistaken here.

Beauty is inside out.

No need to change yourself

No need to veil yourself

With any sort of artificiality

Be the same as you are

Natural, beautiful and original;

Then you will have confidence in yourself;

And you will be able

To fulfill your will,

What you had wanted to do.



Mother's Love

Mother's love!

Which is immeasurable

Which is unbreakable

Which is pleasureable

Which is unthinkable

Which cannot be described in just one word

It's incredible

When we cry

Whom do we remember?

Mother

When we are in love

Whom do we remember?

Mother

When we are happy

Whom do we remember?

Mother

When we are panicky

Whom do we remember?

Of course

Mother

God is really great

To have created mothers
Otherwise how could we survive
A world without Mother
Is like a blank world
A big Thank you to God
A big Thank you to Mother

A sonnet

English poets borrowed the sonnet form from the Italian poet Francesco Petrarch. Traditionally, it has **fourteen lines of iambic pentameter linked by an intricate rhyme scheme**. Iambic pentameter refers to its rhythm; basically, each line of the poem has ten syllables, and every other syllable is stressed. Search some sonnets and know about sonnet writers.



Shadows and Reflections

Shadows and Reflections
Both are formed in light
No lights
No shadows
No light
No reflections
Our shadows and Reflections go hand in hand
They're required to make or Mar a person
Love your shadow
Follow evilness
Love your reflection
Follow goodness
Shadows are there to teach us new lessons
Reflections are there to overcast our shadows
Both impart their own roles
Both can prove swindlers
It is up to us which one to choose
Or not to choose either
Believe in your own self
Don't believe in either



Leadership and Unity

Leadership in Animals is exemplary for humans
A cockroach been killed
And see
Thousands of insects feeding on it
A piece of bread is found somewhere
And see numerous birds feeding upon it.
An animal died
Thousands of eagles pounce on it
What a leadership in them!
How does this happen?
Is it due to their strong instinct?
Or because of their leadership qualities?
Or because of their unity ?
Strange are the ways of God
Less brain more leadership
More brain less leadership
Less brain more love
Less brain more power
Less brain more unity
Less brain more obedience
Thank God !

He has not given equal brains to all
Otherwise the place would have been a hell!
A place with
No leaders
No unity
No prosperity
No balance
No peace
You call yourself humans !
You call yourself most intelligent ones!
This is your foolishness to think so
If we could learn something even from the tiniest creature
The place would become a heaven!
Each one will learn to feed themselves
To safeguard themselves
To succeed
To win
And most importantly
To be leaders

Difference between prose and verse

Prose is the term for any sustained wodge of text that doesn't have a consistent rhythm. Poetry or verse is different: verse has a set rhythm (or meter), and it looks distinctive on the page as the lines are usually shorter than prose.

Write any paragraph on any topic then convert it into a poem.



An Address to Fear

O fear!
Stop terrifying me;
I am not that sort
Who will get afraid of you.
Go and find some other place
There's no place for you
Near me.
Neither to those places where I go.
So, go to hell.
Let the place be a heaven;
A heavenly abode;
Where one finds peace
And comfort.



Ego

Ego! Is it just three letter words?

Is it not so powerful that it can 'change'? Change.. what?

Attitude?

Nature?

Relationship?

Humanity?

Which in return can effect...

mind...

Physique...

Health..

Society...

Environment.....

And then..... Culture...

Colony.....

Custom....

Mentality.....

How good it would be If this word ..

Could have no existence in us!

Then the place would be sweeter..... happier.....

more enjoying.....

more peaceful.....

more progressive....

more colourful.....

And all the more.....

A better place to live

Where humanity Would flourish.

Ballad

A ballad is a narrative poem written in a series of quatrains. Usually in a ballad the second and the fourth line rhyme with each other. There is frequent use of repetition and refrain. Written in a straight-forward manner with graphic simplicity and force, ballads are lyrical and convey a wide range of subjects frequently associated with folklore or popular legends.



A Recipe For Being Happy

Here's a recipe
For being happy.
Eat some crispy
With some fry.
Drink some fluffy coffee
With some slurpy.
Think of Allepey
Forget your worry.
Don't go for money
For it's the cause of worry.
Do your work with honesty
Prefer your priority.
Try for a Wry
Don't feel shy.
Don't cry
To What you apply.
This is what I mean to
Reply.



The Message of Flowers

Flowers bloom to spread the message of love;

Love symbolises life;

Life is a journey;

A journey where people might come and go

A journey where people meet and separate

A journey in which buds

(in the midst of childhood) blossom

And youth appears.

Youth: Enhancing the beauty of nature

Youth: The dancing flowers

Youth: With infatuations and attractions

Youth: To fill the life with love and emotions

Filling the earth with thy beauty and spreading love

Unknown to their destiny

Unknown to the misfortune

That might befall upon them

Unknown to the faith where life would carry them

The night of droopiness falls upon them

Filling the night with the withering flowers

Then! A deep cry.....

And then | A long sigh.....

Pulling the flowers across its last journey.....

The Last Journey with the white shroud....

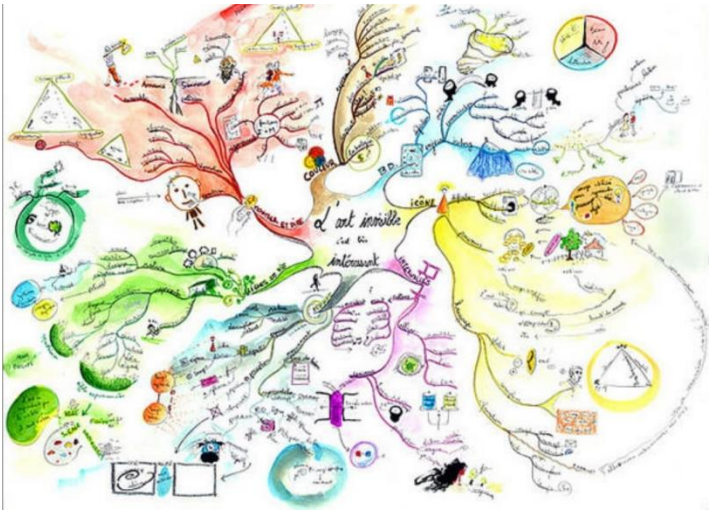
Our life is a journey

With DEATH as its last

DESTINATION.

Epic

An epic is a long narrative poem recounting the deeds of a legendary or historical hero. the Iliad and the Odyssey are epics. It's a work of art (such as a novel or drama) that resembles or suggests an epic. The Ramayana and the Mahabharata are religious books which are epics only.



The Speed of Mind

O Mind!

You are swifter than Light

Swifter than Sight

Sight produces thoughts

Thought produces feelings

Feeling produces action

Action brings innovation

O Mind!

If you're not there

There would have been no action

Your speed is immeasurable

But it is pleasurable

And produces results immeasurable

Very difficult to control you

But You are after all

The Winner You



Competition

It's good to have Competition.

Competition?

But with whom?

Your friends?

Your neighbours?

Your family members?

Your colleagues?

One Competition leads to multiple feelings

On one hand it brings happiness to one

On the other brings grief to another

Competition means Happiness gone

This feeling can't fulfill the dealing

Which one Human has

For another Human.



Your Own Nature

Your own nature

Decides your own future

Wonderstruck!!

Don't awe

For I am not speaking raw.

Your nature will make you what you want

Your nature only will leave you without a scar.

Your own nature will shape your personality

And mould your intellectuality.

If you want to develop your personality,

You will have to bring changes in your morality,

And change your physicality

To develop your personality.



Save Nature! Save Earth!

O Planet! My Planet!

My beautiful Earth!

Full of beauty, gleam and precious creatures!

With greenery all around

To enliven and beautify everything it surrounds.

O Man! What are you doing?

Building huge buildings,

Cutting down the trees,

Killing the animals,

Destroying the fields,

Just tell me one reason

Why are you behaving devilish

By being selfish?

Where and for what are you running around?

Can you really get what you are searching in abound?

The rat race - the feeling to face -

To leave behind the grace -

The charm - The beauty

The pretty face -The smell

The breeze -The feel

Oh, where is the zeal?

“Grow - Grow - Grow” Is what we sow;
In the growing feeling,
We have really done the killing;
Killing of sentiments, killing of emotions,
Killing of beauty, killing of humanity.
Let the rains fill the streams
Let the Nature fulfill our dreams
Let the flowers bloom
- With freshness of mind.
Let the green forest -
Awake the soul divine.
Don't challenge the creation of God Almighty
Who, apart from being the Generator, Operator and
Destroyer.
Can be the bringer of Mortality
So, Don't be cruel - live peacefully
And let others live peacefully too.
Come, let's join hands together
To make our mother Earth safer
To enhance the people
Not to grow feeble
And to take care of Mother Earth
Like a temple.

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Your suggestions and complaints are most welcome.

Thank you.