

Judgment

Bereft of my vision
The remedy of which
I know not
I feel consoled
I still have my faculty of
Judgment
To shine my way through
The darkness of life.

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Truth

Its abode
In the mysteries
Of nature and life
Truth has its own
Dance form and gait

It is as slippery
As a live fish
In your hands
When you are sure
You have found it
It has already made
An unannounced exit

It leaves you with a faint memory
Or a feeling of scintillating effect
Only the curious mind actively seeks further

It is like the head of a tortoise
You see briefly
Before retreating into its shell
A shell with many treacherous layers
Only an able person
With an indefatigable spirit
Can excavate through

In a lifetime's work
To the very bottom

Yet truth
Inexhaustible
Is a vast reservoir of secrets
For future thinkers and builders
To unravel more.

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Night

The day long ago retreated in haste
Not so much in fright
As a defeated army but in deference to her brother
A pitch-black night

Looking down from my window
I am struck by the sight of the flow
Of darkness which seems to be cuddling the city
With the fervor of a first-time mother
The lights flickering out of the houses yonder
Amusingly mirror the stars
Gazing down from the heavens
A mere backdrop to the deeply serene night
Soon to lull the city to sleep
And give its hardworking dwellers
A much deserved rest

Dreams often conceived at night
Are born during the day.
Diabolical tyrants
Too dangerous to tame in broad daylight
Are ingeniously trapped
Under the cover of night

As day and night work in tandem
What would be gained
By vilifying night at random?

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My Wish

My wish for this new year is the same one
I had for last year
I will also keep it for next year
Overzealous or not
I have set for myself a formidable goal
To be good and just
I have no inkling how I will fare
In this lifelong journey one must
Exercise the utmost care
It seems to be a mighty steep wall
To climb without a fall
But nothing in life is achieved without a stumble
Nor can one hold on
To its attainments without a fumble
I will strive to do my best
Hoping to pass in some measure
Life's ultimate test
And still stay humble.

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