## Soul without its Music

There is no music that I can find,
Sky looks forlorn,
And air feels stationary,
Emptiness has pitched a camp.

Maybe sorrow is the reality,

Joys only a punctuation mark,

In the long narrative of life

Illusions become more powerful than the truth.

Running as fast I can,

Days turn into weeks,

And weeks into months -

But what is the race for?

It is true that empty stomach aches,

But humans have other hungers:

Search for God, love, beauty,

And music of the soul.

But today's soulless world

Has pushed these sublime strivings aside,

And substituted materialism -

As an ultimate prize.

I feel a leaf tossed in economics,

Caged in narcissistic existence,

Earlier cultures respected the unknown,

Strived for integration with nature.

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