

***FAITH BLOOMS WITHIN AND OTHER POEM***

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Faith is something born within  
We struggle to consummate with reason  
No real action in the world begins without faith  
Blooming across our heart's length, breadth and depth  
In the journey along the high ways of life  
There lurks somewhere in front  
A faint ray of hope projecting a light  
That helps us to see, that guides.  
Faith is the quintessential breathe of life  
A bud which blooms in time;  
It's not the immediate result that matters  
Not in the least, however colorful it is.  
Look deeper within  
View the glowing light unseen  
See what your entire being is crying for  
That you must attain with rigor.  
A spiritual Guru desires that all his disciples  
Should have the ultimate faith in their success  
In spite of all strain and stress;  
It is the way to test the truth of his faith.

***MUSIC OF LIFE***

Sublime, monotonous and romantic  
Riotous, sensuous, joyous and erotic

Harmonic or discordant, the world is full of music;  
Once sung or played it moves round the earth  
Sky is full of music in its vast ether  
Music galore in the womb of creation cries for birth  
Music Unheard, waiting for its true hearer;  
Music of varied taste and rhythm attracts or repels us  
Our lives are tuned to the music we cling  
Life depends on the music we choose to sing.

**Bio**

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