

WE SHALL SIT TOGETHER

By Pramila Khadun

Today, we shall sit together
Today, we shall sit together
And say a prayer.
Prayers have power and group prayers
Take one to those heights
Where angels are not afraid to tread.
Let us pray for the vulnerable first,
That ritualistic child abuse will disappear,
Child labour will be inexistent
And all children will have equal opportunities
For food, shelter, clothing, love and education.
Let the muslin saree flutter
Freely in the air,
Let the dress get the respect they deserve
And the salwar kameez worn with pride
By girls and women without whom
No one can exist.
Like vapour, let sex trafficking evaporate,
Like snow, may rape melt
And may no woman be battered.
May men get respect without discrimination,
Whether they are Ministers or food growers,
Single or married, gay or differently able.
With enlightening radiance, may they build
A world where nature is treated as a goddess
And animals protected so that they

Walk by us, fearless
And head held high.

WOMAN, THE PATHFINDER

The role being played by women
Across the world provides a liberating image
Of her indomitable spirit and versatility.

Endowed with a wealth of ideas and artistic power,
She has collaborated closely with man until
Goals are achieved and nations shine.

Hurt sometimes, insulted at other times,
Humiliated most of the time, depressed,
Deserted, battered and feelings shattered,
She rises and stands tall in any circumstance.

Her labors on the world stage
May sometimes not be recognized
And yet, she moves on, focused on the larger picture.
Her commitment to global security
Will never waver, for she believes in oneness.

For her, running a home is not a marathon task,
She has mastered the art of braving the storms,
Sailing in seas rough and finding paths for all.
She has revolutionized society, savvy that she is,
She resonates with universalism of human identity,
Giving free access to truth and reality.

Bio

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