

***HOW GREAT AND HOW MISERABLE IS THE WORD!***

**By Adolf Shvedchikov**

How great and how miserable is the word!

Sometimes the armies follow him,

Sometimes it is cold like ice

Or speechless like a stone!

How great and how miserable is the word!

At times it calls you in the endless sky,

Sometimes it initiates inside of you

A critical wave of mistrust.

How great and how miserable is the word!

When I am lucky,

I'm drinking a divine wine with you,

When I'm in trouble,

I'm sharing the last piece of bread with you.

And every time I return to you

Like a prodigal son,

Oh, my great and miserable word!

***RIDDLE OF TIME SO HURTS ALL OF US***

Riddle of time so hurts all of us,

What future can prepare for breakfast,

And will come this "tomorrow",

Where you lead us, compass of time?

What is our life, captured image of movie,

Or storeroom covered by mold

Where the old regiments still gather dust,

Toys for children forgotten long ago?  
Everything mixed in our consciousness,  
The bitter years dulled the pain,  
There is no longer a trace from the past,  
And it seems to us that we still plow and plow...

***HOW DIVINE IS THE DANCE OF JOY!***

How divine is a dance of joy!  
It seems as a perpetual cascade  
Which never stops and never fades,  
Have sensual pleasure and enjoy!  
Feel the pulsation of thirsty lips,  
Your heart beats quickly to and fro,  
Oh you are happy with what's in store,  
How alluring is the nectar's sips!

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Poet was born on May 11, 1937 in Shakhty, Russia. In 1960 he graduated from Moscow State University, Department of Chemistry. Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1967. Senior researcher at the Institute of Chemical Physics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow. Since 1997 - the chief chemist of the company Pulsatron Technology Corporation, Los Angeles, California, USA. Doctor of Literature World Academy of Arts and Letters. He published more than 150 scientific papers and about 600 of his poems indifferent International Magazines of poetry in Russia, USA, Brazil, India, China, Korea, Japan, Italy, Malta, Spain, France, Greece, England and Australia. He published also 16 books of poetry. His poems have been translated into Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, Chinese, Japanese, and Hindi languags.

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