

***GAME OF LIFE AND OTHER POEMS***

**By Rashmi Jain**

Life has become a game  
A treacherous politics to win,  
Unable to assimilate the defeat.  
Victory is the ultimate aim.  
None wants to learn through the process  
And enjoy the fair game.  
The sense of morality is lost, but  
Who cares for right or wrong?  
The delicacy of life has no value  
Allurement is victory at any cost  
Relations, friendship has become a business deal,  
A ladder to reach on the top,  
Life is transformed to a game of chess and snake and ladder.  
No spare time for the loved one's  
With a greed to earn as much as one can.  
The pomp and show, with fake and artificial personalities  
Wearing masks upon mask  
But life is not a game after all  
Do not transform it into a game of run and chase  
Even if one considers it a game

Then play it with the spirit of the game, so  
When it ends, one moves out with head held high.

***FLOODS***

Floods engulf numerous lives  
What's left behind is human misery  
Nature in its rage,  
Shows the 'tandava' of lord of grave  
Submersed in water with no way out  
The eyes too shed water of pain aloud.  
Teardrops lost significance in hour of struggle  
God have mercy!  
Have mercy on poor souls,  
O Murugan!  
Guide with your vision.  
Humans are image of You.  
Protect and help them in hour of danger.  
Its aftermath exhibits  
Loss of life, property and labor.  
Layers of debris and rotten smell is left behind,  
Pain in eyes and heart filled with sorrow.  
O savior! Extend a helping hand.  
O savior! Extend a helping hand.

**Bio**

**Ms.Rashmi Jain** is a Research Scholar in the Department of English and Modern European Languages, University of Allahabad where she is presently working as a Guest Faculty. Rashmi is a bilingual poet, she writes in English and Hindi. Her collection of poems entitled Kaleidoscopic Visions has been published by Authors press in 2015. Her Poems are published in reputed journals and magazines like The Criterion; International Journal of Research, Innovate-e-magazine, Campus newsletter of Centre for Women Studies (University of Allahabad) and others. Her email id is- [rashmii.jain23@gmail.com](mailto:rashmii.jain23@gmail.com)