

***MY HEART SANG AS BEFORE AND OTHER POEMS***

**By Adolf P. Shvedchikov**

My heart sang as before.  
Sinking in a semi forgotten dream  
I had fallen in love as in my youth.  
My old body was young again.  
I drank the sweet fraud of illusion.  
The sun had dropped,  
But the sunset glowed yet,  
And I was glad to feel  
That I was still alive!

***I AM A FLUTTERING BIRD SOARING IN THE SKY***

I'm a fluttering bird soaring in the sky  
Bringing to you, an unknown soul,  
The emerald ring and a priceless bowl  
Filled with my love which is constant and shy.  
To be honest, I don't know why  
I send to you my yearning song,  
I never was an idol of an insatiable throng,  
And I never have reached an Olympic High.  
I don't want to seduce you or to lie.  
I came to you to share honestly my creed,  
But I don't know, perhaps, you don't need  
To hear my song with a delicate sigh.  
You are busy, of course, as everyone is.  
We have no more time to hear each other.  
You don't want to be my admirable brother...  
How quickly you grow, misunderstanding's abyss!

***PORTRAIT***

You are the sculptor, the artist and the poet!  
Remember how genius is simplicity!  
When you feel that your canvas is ready  
For eternity than you may paint your portrait.  
Take off everything which is too much.  
Let your portrait's face become heavenly  
Caring the essence of eternal Harmony!

***THIS MOMENT, A TERRESTRIAL RUSTLING***

It is everywhere and here,  
It is inside of you and me, this moment,  
A terrestrial rustling: on the earth,  
In the water, in the evening star,  
This moment will stay with us forever.  
A trembling of leaves, a drop of the rain,  
An early spring coming...  
You embraced me, you ardently kissed me,  
You whispered: I am yours!

***I DON'T KNOW MY FUTURE***

I don't know my future,  
But I am not going to return to my past.  
It's impossible to cross again  
The abyss of my hard years  
By use of this rickety footbridge.  
I don't want to promise more a prosperity  
And smoothed angles.  
I know for sure that free cheese  
You may find only in mousetrap!  
Don't tell me anything else!

***SUNSET***

Sunset is burning... The tired poplars whisper.  
Another day disappeared with all its troubles.  
As in biblical times  
A herd of sheep moves blowing clouds of dust  
Near the foot of an ancient blue mountains.  
I see the same shepherd  
Covered by the same sheepskin  
And hear the same barking of dogs.  
The herd has disappeared in the distance,  
I cannot hear the bleating of sheep anymore.  
Will we ever understand the reason  
Of this eternal movement?  
Sunset is burning...

***GENIUS TRANSFORMS HIS ABSURDITY INTO A BRILLIANT IDEA***

Ordinary people divide the world  
Into the natural and artificial categories.  
If someone tries to find his own solution  
Of generally-accepted problems,  
He will be in trouble very soon,  
And everyone will refuse to understand him.  
Only a genius has enough power  
To alter this situation and transform  
His absurdity into a brilliant idea  
Usable later by other generations!

**Bio**

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