POETRY

A dark, dark world

Enveloped in my own dark world
I hear you exclaim at wondrous sights
I don't visualize.
Thundering noise and shouts around
Propel me along
Blessed with vision
You'll never understand my world of darkness
As much as I don't understand your world of light'
Groping along, fumbling, stumbling
My day, my night, and my night my day
Whose kind hand on my shoulder prays?
Steering me from the roaring traffic's way
Kind soul; "God Bless you" I pray.

-JEANNETTE CABRAAL

The world is yours, Little Angels

Green forests and Blue Mountains Silvery waters and wild creatures Have made the world rich, Dear Sons, Dear Daughters, The world belongs to you Embrace it with love and kindness. Let us together narrate sweet stories Let us together sing melodious songs To entertain the world Dear sons, Dear Daughters, The world belongs to you. Embrace it with love and kindness. You are blessed with warm love You are enriched with ethics and morals Share them with the world Dear sons, Dear daughters, The world belongs to you Embrace it with love and kindness. Make the world a heaven Our dear little angels.

-KUMARI WEERASOORIYA

Seasonal Greetings

When green days embraced autumn Rest of variant seasons will depart Blossoms just blossomed yesterday Sobbing about her torn petals today Timbers you've collected along eras Emaciated due to tempered sun But stored sticks Catching no coldness When it absorbs a single ray Newest dawns may lay Separated vivid previous days Dawning with uninvited reasons and gaze When it was autumn No everlasting blossom I define Liquid drops just graved deep down Surface when finale cage arrives Although hidden seasons Embark to bloom And greets with seasonal adore

- SAMALA RODRIGO

The Rosary

October's dedication
To the Holy Rosary
That prayerful chaplet
Embodying Mother Mary
Her sorrows, her joys, her glorious hours
All affiliated to her son
A mother's griefs, a mother's joys
In that circle of prayer is found.
Contemplative thought on the mysteries
An efficacious prayer in any need
Mother Mary favours this channel of prayer
A fitting offering for her maternal love and care.

-JC