# Montage



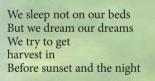
# Swift

If I were a swift I would fly to you in grey mists Lift your heart that drifts And heal this sad rift Far away in a freezing clime Oh! Where are you lover-of-mine? Am I to pass the seven seas? With a heart dying within me That summer you were mine Sweet dreams were waiting in the line With the moon's pass and go My soul is fainting Oh! My words hurt you so Still they haunt you true But to head away a thousand mile Tell me if this is my fine? Thousands of 'forgive me's And tear streaked 'I'm sorry's I just threw in the air Did the wind find you there? Ashen hazes blur my way Black black clouds go away! With no sun even in the day The swift has lost her way

Punya Samanthapali

### Dream in dreams





We sleep not on our beds

We think it will happen

But it will not happen

It rains in our dreams

Rose petals will drop

Love and agony

will meet beauty Cow will feed her cubs

We will allow them

Many dreams in our

But we sleep on one bed.

Indika Thushara Gamage

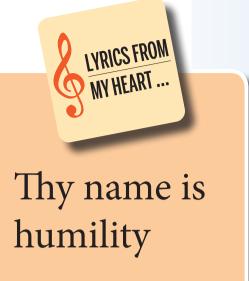
They will flow in the water

But we dream

ours

We will wet in the rain

life



He gave thee wisdom and the strength He made thee perfect in body and spirit He picked the best amongst His flock And made thee the Shepherd of the lost. That thou will shield them with love and care In humility...

As flowing water from a crystal fall Like the gentle grazing deer at dawn; With purity of the lamb in yonder field And soft roll of the ebbing wave. His wondrous love He spread on thee With humility...

I felt anew, awesome when I saw thee first As tho' I was in the presence of the Lord; And beli'ved what I saw from out, Locked within thy heart and spirit Is it true or mirage, I shall know one day As thy name is Humility... **Princess** 



### Tell me

Now I know, it's the time to go, To say goodbye and close the door. Years of memories stuffed in a trunk, To switch the lanes in the race I run. "Change-that word I dread at times, Though I am headed to a home that is mine. Never to return as the person I am, But a mere memory of a golden time. When did I make such a solid strong bond, With a land and people that were new found? I started so well...said "No more bonds!" Knowing I'd end up with tears to fill ponds. But had to jump headless without a clue, And drown in the deep dark waters new. Drenched in a heavy rain of tears, I plucked those water Lillies of love. In case I take them out and above, I fear that they would wilt and crouch. Now the time has come, with the rain and sun.... But the lillies? Should I just leave them in the pond?

G.C.Priyangwada Perera



### Ramzan

Ramzan, in the month of Ramazan, Was fasting and feasting at night, He was praying and reciting the Quran, In gathering merits in greater height. Ramzan, thought the month of Ramazan, Would renew his life longer His wealth and health Would be with him forever Ramzan, forgot the month of Ramazan, Is mainly to help the needy. The poor and the beggers, To his house had no entry Ramzan, in the month of Ramazan, Did not realise the least, That it is a holy month, That makes us feel what hunger is Ramzan, one day in the month of Ramazan,



### This is my home

Surrounded by books Lost in my own world I read ,Rain makes music on the roof This is my home **Nisansala Dharmasena Bertholamuze** 

# The soft red petal

A soft red petal, a rose petal. With a sweet evoking fragrance. A soft red petal resting on my palm, With a sweet sensation. A soft red petal held in my fingertips, Knowing or unknowingly, I rip it in middle, half way down. With tenderness being my mentor. A soft red petal now turns into a heart, Resting on my palm. Increasingly softer, Softer like a newlywed bride. Increasingly softer, Like the breath of my lover. A soft red petal a rose petal, Rests on my palm closer to my flesh, Another heart beating with my rhythm. Udayangani Mawalagedera



Watching the stars change course

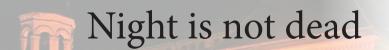
Along the midnight skies Watching you grow Under my very eyes Times have changed Days have slipped Now you're a man But sitting back at home Seeing you win the world I can't help Wishing My little boy Back again...

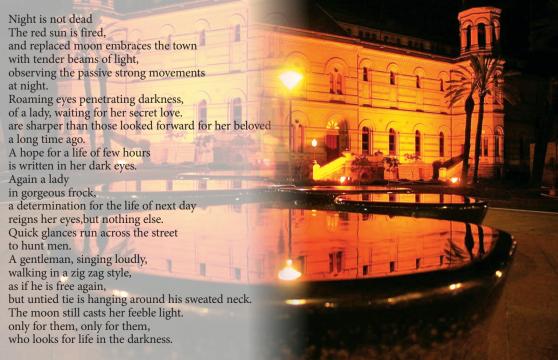
**F.Farwin Rahuman** 

Fell ill and knew his last days. He requested his wife and children, To feed the needy in possible ways. Ramzan, in that month of Ramazan, Wanted to influence God, To save him from death. But seven days after Ramazan, He bid goodbye to all, To answering the Almighty's call

#### Nazly Cassim







Vidyani Wijethunga