#### **Ode to Mother Nature**

Whose pastures were these I wished I knew,
Nature appareled in a cloak of deep green hue,
Sounding cataracts, rills and twinkling drops of dew,
Today unravished lands are only a few!
O Mother Nature,
I enjoy looking at you,
And now that you're far,
I wanna be with you!

There were Brooks nearby where the grass grew high,
Their music made me sing and made me sigh,
You know I'm never gonna tell you a lie,
It wasn't easy to part with them and say good bye!
O Heavenly rivers,
I truly adore you,
Now that you're far,
I wanna be with you!

Serene, Calm and Motionless was she,
Mother Nature was as tranquil as she could be,
Her mountains and plateaus encircled me,
O Enchantress, I can only be energised in your jocund company!
O Pristine Air,
I wish to embrace you,
And now that you're far,
I wanna be with you!

The rocky terrains and boulders covered with moss,
Slippery paths we trod and waded through waters to cross,
Investing in Nature can never be a loss,
It's truly wonderful to have Mother as your Boss!
O Fertile Lands,
May Lord Almighty bless you,
And now that you're far,
I wanna be with you!

Camera can never capture the Nature's charm, Only poetry can celebrate her in a poignant psalm, I wish I could sketch her on my palm, She heals me in distress and serves as a balm!
O Picturesque Landscapes,
I deeply cherish you,
Now that you're far,
I wanna be with you!

My Partner took me to a Colossal height,
Clouds engulfed me with their breathtaking sight,
I knew not where to look left or right,
It was Tata's estate I wish to highlight!
O Vantage points,
I need to reminisce you,
And now that you're far,
I wanna be with you!

Driving in Nature's proximity is such an immense pleasure,
Winding roads and smokeless surroundings are indeed a treasure,
When I am overworked and need some leisure,
Mother Nature finds me peace and joy beyond measure!
O Nature's Bounty,
I awfully miss you,
And now that you're far,
I wanna be with you!

I had Enrique Iglesias playing in the Car,
My precious family too travelled that far,
Today God's infinite blessings filled my jar,
My favourite rhythms complemented Nature my Star!
O God's Splendour and Wonder,
I love loving you,
And now that you're far,
I wanna be with you!
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### If you love Someone

If you love someone,

Fill that person's eyes with velvetty dreams and not with unstoppable tears!

If you love someone,

Fill that person's ears with symphonies and not with harsh words.

If you love someone

Fill that person's hands with limitless strength and not with a heavy baggage.

If you love someone,

Fill that person's olfactory organ with unmatched fragrance and not with cigarettes and alcohol.

If you love someone,

Fill that person's mind with utmost care and not with distress and confusion.

If you love someone,

Fill that person's time with actual meetings and not with whatsapp images.

If you love Someone,

Fill that person's mouth with salt and not sugar as without salt food becomes tasteless.

If you love someone,

Fill that person's body with petal soft kisses and not with scars and bruises.

If you love someone,

Fill that person's arms with your fleecy folds and not just with casual teddy bear hugs.

If you love someone,

Fill that person's heart with emotions and expressions and not with wounds and flint.

If you love someone,

Fill that person's soul with unimaginable peace and not with sheer restlessness.

If you love someone,

Fill that person's garden with resplendent Roses and not with briers and thorns!

Love someone for love's sake!

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#### Life is a Gift

If you smoke cigarettes or chew tobacco you are bound to get ARDS and Cancer. If you consume alcohol excessively, you will succumb to Liver Cirrhosis right in your Audi or Lancer!

If you fail to follow a healthy diet, you are likely to die eating, And lack of exercise shall give you heart attacks and you know life would hold no meaning!

If you are sent to the gallows you will die at once for sure and life imprisonment shall kill you slowly with life's reprimand and censure!

If you drown in shipwreck the turbulent waters will sing a requiem in upsurge, If you are a victim of a terrorist attack or war, the entire country would sing a dirge!

If you happen to fall in love, unrequited one will carry you to the grave, Oppression, Repression, Suppression and then Depression will not save!

If you drive recklessly, accident will lead to a Catastrophe, Life's Grammar isn't simple, you don't always get a chance to correct the Apostrophe!

"Cowards die many times before their death" said Mr. William Shakespeare, "Live life to the lees" said Ulysses who lost his friend Achilles so dear!

Treasure your life Friends, it's God's most precious gift, Climb life's staircase courageously and don't you ever use a Lift!

If I look skinny...they say I look anorexic,

If I look plumpy....they say I look obese,

If I look traditional...they find it so typical,

If I look modern....they say I am an Anglicized girl!

If I say I am a Gujrati, they say I don't look like one,

If I say I am a Maharashtrian, they feel I am poking fun!

If I am staightforward....they all find it rude,

If I keep my mouth shut....they say its being political and shrewd!

If I am lively and perky...they feel I am childish,

If I am sad and dejected...they say I'm so boring n girlish!

If I save money....they say I'm miserly,

If I spend lavishly....they say I'm prodigal n silly!

If I say I have only male friends....they say I lack morals,

If I say I have only female friends, they say I have a gender bias!

If I am hypersensitive...they say I am a crybaby,

If I am deadly practical....they say I am thick skinned baby!

If I am a working woman...they say I have no time,

If I am a home maker...they label me as a housewife!

If I say I believe in God...they say I am such a prude,

If I say I am a non believer...they say "you are such a sinner dude"!

If I say I believe in technology....they say I am a machine or a gadget gizmo,

If I say I still write letters, they say "you are not technosavvy dumbo"!

If I say I truly care....they say I am fit to be a nurse,

If I say I am a teacher...they say my salary is such a curse!

So friends....society is all set to label you all the time!

But as Rumi rightly says "If every rub irritates you, when will you be polished"?

Stay cool, calm and collected and continue to be the way you are!

Always be yourself and believe in yourself!

### I can never feel lonely....

I can never feel lonely as I have the gift of words, I have the company of immortal verses, Twittering with skylarks and cuckoo birds!

I can never feel lonely under this azure sky, I am forever surrounded with oceans, O yes... In my inward eye!

I can never feel lonely as I gaze at Orchids and Periwinkles, I often meet the scintillating stars,
With their dazzles, glitters and twinkles!

I can never feel lonely When I visualize the lustrous streams, The sounding cataract haunts me like passion, When Mr.Wordsworth comes in my dreams!

I can never feel lonely when I listen to the rhythm of rain, Verdancy is my best companion, Let the whole world call me insane!

I can never feel lonely when I join the nature's choir, I gather strength from the Queen moon and of course the ball of fire!

I can never feel lonely when the lambs cure my woe, I take delight in their fleecy fold, See how much to them I owe!

I can never feel lonely amidst the snow capped mountains, How my heart transforms into a garden, With hundreds of musical Fountains!

I can never feel lonely when I walk through the Xerophytes, They call it a parched desert folks, Where the cactus grows and the caravan sights!

I can never feel lonely while frolicking with a butterfly, Childhood days now cease to exist, I just don't understand why? I can never feel lonely as long as the poet in me is alive, Stanzas overflowing with emotions, Have kept me effortlessly naive!

#### - Dr. Purnima Trivedi Kulkarni

### **Money**

Money can buy Shelter, But not Home. Money can buy Entertainment, But not Happiness. Money can buy Coir Beds, But not Sleep. Money can buy Medicines, But not Health. Money can buy Bisleri, But not Rain. Money can buy a Degree, But not knowledge. Money can buy Power, But not Strength. Money can buy Comfort, But not Peace. Money can buy Security, But not Freedom. Money can buy a Nursery, But not Nature.

Know thy Dreams. Coz Money can buy Dreamlands, But not your Dreams!

Live life to the lees!

#### Maa

Maa Banna nahi asaan,
Maa Banna Bada Mushkil,
Maa Kehna bada asaan,
Mamta nibhana bada mushkil,
Iske bina Bacchon ko
Kabhi Milti nahi Manzil!
"Maa" cheez hai kya, iss cheez ko koi samajh na Paaya!
"Maa" kehte hi mera kaise mann bhar aaya!
Uski bechainiyan dil seh nahi Paaya!

Uske aasuon ko kamzori nahi kehna, Uske naraazgi se kabhi doori nahi rakhna, Beti ke intezaar mein dekho rasta uska takna, Maa rab hai kya ya uska karishma koi nahi batlaya! Maa kehte hi mera kaise mann bhar aaya, Uske bechainiyan dil seh nahi Paaya!

Maa ke bina jeevan banta nahi bismil, Maa ke bina ek pal kuch hota nahi haasil..... Aur uske bina bachhe kabhi hote nahi kaabil.... Mere dil ki har dhadkan mein ye shabd samaya!! "Maa" kehte hi mera kaise mann bhar aaya! Uski bechainiyan dil seh nahi Paaya!

### If you have a dream...

If you have a dream, write it somewhere to meet the deadline.

If you have a dream, take it in the fleecy fold of your arms.

If you have a dream realize it, internalise it!

If you have a dream, visualize it in your inward eye!

If you have a dream, nurture it and keep it under your tender care.

If you have a dream, let it be your dominant passion and madness too.

If you have a dream, be determined to achieve it on your own!

If you have a dream, strike a conversation with it everyday!

If you have a dream, don't keep it hibernating in your heart.

If you have a dream, you have every right to make it come true!

### By Dr. Purnima Trivedi Kulkarni

# Be proud of yourself!

Be proud of the scars you have today...

They would actually symbolize your true strength that lies within you.

Be proud of the vicissitudes in your life....

They would prompt you to keep your equilibrium in vitally serious situations....

Be proud of the lessons you learnt in your life....

They would convert into your blessings for future!

Be proud of the tears you shed in solitude....

They would cheer you up and pep up your mood by erasing the past and starting afresh!

Be proud of the sleepless nights you spent in thinking and contemplating.... Those nights would help you realize your dreams and put them into practice.

Be proud of the people who stood by you in your trials and tribulations, They form an integral part of your life....

Rest of them could be eliminated for their fake display of affections.

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### If you don't

If you do not pursue your dreams, you will have to work for somebody else's dream all your life!

If you do not work towards your goals, you will have to strike a goal for somebody else all your life!

If you do not learn to dance on your own, you will have to dance to somebody else's tunes all your life!

If you do not identify your strengths and merits, you will have to succumb to your weaknesses all your life!

If you easily give in to the forces of oppression, you will not learn to be a defiant all your life!

If you do not fall upon the thorns of life, you will never ever blossom to be a Rose!

If you fail to be an employer in life, you will continue to be an employee...cos that's what you chose!

If you do not realize the significance of linguistic competence in English, you will have to compromise in your career and bring it to a close!

#### Never

Never bother about people who criticize you...backbite or say unpleasant things behind your back.

Never bother about caustic, malignant and waspish comments heaped upon you! Never bother about cynics who fail to notice the good in you!

Never bother about those who refrain from boosting your morale and feel jealous of your achievements.

Never bother about devils who want to destroy you!

Never bother about snobs who feel you will never be able to master anything.

File a Divorce against negativity and move on in life.

Believe in yourself....

Believe in your dreams....

Believe in God....

And

Believe in the power of positive thinking.

#### Dr. Purnima Trivedi Kulkarni

### **Discourses: My Temple of Learning**

"Discourses" is not just my new venture or change of job.....It is a lot more!

"Discourses" is my vision....not just a business plan,

My dream....not just a chimera....

My goal....not just a finish point,

My aspiration....not just an urge,

My brain child.....not just an idea,

My challenge....not just a demand,

My initiative! Not just a flashy advertisement!

And

I will stop not till the underprivileged have learnt English....

Till the students and professionals are cured of linguistic deficiencies....

Till the homemakers become domestic engineers and give a bantering reply to English snobbery....

Till the students get placed in prestigious universities abroad!

Till the time children overcome Xenoglossophobia!

Till the time the regional mediums accept English as their first language!