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## *I Dedicate*

*My poetry to the  
Miraculous vista of the  
Rising sun*

*Farzana Aqib*

***Kathy Adams***  
***(Critic from USA)***

In a world, so full of sorrow and turmoil today,  
Farzana Aqib's poetry is indeed, a blessing.

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## ***Introduction***

*Recipient of innumerable national and international awards, Farzana Aqib is an accomplished and widely recognized novelist, multi-lingual poetess, philanthropist and champion activist for human rights.*

*She read English Literature in Punjab University Pakistan and media studies/ mass communication in university of Toronto, Canada leading to Master's degree in both disciplines.*

*After dabbling in media for a short while, she answered to divine calling and anchored in her permanent port of call i.s. poetry.*

*Although her poetry cannot be categorized in different genre of English/ Urdu poetic literature but she is internationally known and loved as a leading romantic/ mystic poetess with huge fan following. She has written 50 books so far and its just the beginning. She is a world record holder for most books in English poetry written by a single poet in modern times.*

*She lately lent her services to the Federal Ministry of communication, Govt of Pakistan as chairperson for literary revival. As per established habit, she excelled in that role also and had been lauded by the Govt of Pakistan at multiple levels.*

*Her poetry snares your soul out and sends it on an ascending spiritual journey with a burning yearning to unite and assimilate with your beloved. Her poetry has been competitively and favourably compared with the masters of romantic / mystic poetry ala Blake, woodsworth, Shelly, Rumi. Shah Tabrez etc.*

*Many of her books have been best sellers nationally and internationally. Her books are stocked in hundreds of libraries in Pakistan and many other countries.*

*Farzana is an embodiment of down to earth humility and that coupled with her most delectable persona, She is a pure treat to meet and convers.*

***Dr. M.Khalid***

## Reviews

### **Tom Clearly** (Critic from UK)

*Farzana Aqib's poetry, directly deals with human emotions just as we enjoy turns of sweet, salty, tart, sour, bitter and umami, we need to realize that each flavor of emotion- elation, curiosity, contentment, depression, apathy, boredom, disinterest, anger, bitterness, jealousy, generosity, cruelty and empathy are essential aspects of who we are but none of them should dominate our lives or we find ourselves out of balance.*

*Farzana Aqib gives us flavours of different emotions and make us realize the diversity of human love.*

### **Ann Campbell** (Author from UK)

*I have read some of Farzana's English language poetry. She has a gift for encapsulating such major human conditions as love and grief, abandonment and a soul's yearning for love, in a few potent words.*

*Farzana feels her poetry in the depths of her being, and has mastered the art of conveying her emotion and commitment to this art-form.*

**Doris A, Smith**  
**(Writer, Poet Critic)**

*Farzana Aqib's poetry is a wonderfully lucid, compoassionate, intelligent explanation of our present human emotions in the matters of love, she explaints the amazing possibilities open to each one of us, the power of love for the growth and success of Mankind, the sufferings of hearts, I love her novels, her poetry her style of presentation and her caring spirit.*

**Kathy Adam**  
**(Critic from USA)**

*The poetry of Farzana Aqib has touched my Soul and focused my vision beyond all limits of reality, and in so doing, her words of deduction have made me a slave to the madness of her magnificently beautiful poetry, a voluptuous madness, that has seduced my soul to a vibrant state of erotic intoxication.*

*I have sought neither freedom nor reprove from this madness but merely the sanctified scent of the poetess's passionate euphoric poetry... a*

*spicey raprture, drowning my soul in her  
libidinously delicious words of love.*

**Kathy Adams**  
**(Critic from USA)**

When a poetess, such as Farzana Aqib, creates beauty with her poetic words, she might then know, for at least one brief moment, beyond a doubt, that God is really there, within her Heart, “innocently drawing life,” in the form of Farzana Aqib’s poetic words, from us with his “unbilical universe.. infinite existence.”

Thus, the present poem, is really an atypical prayer, with its use of “wish” and “hope” directed inwardly to God in Farzana Aqib’s Heart, in contrast to prayers which are frequently directed outwardly to God.

**Nikki Aini**  
**(Critic from Malaysia)**

The poetess is indeed a queen of hearts where love resides. Love is in all her arteries that gives life to her. Immense feeling of love that defies time. It will permanently stay that in all corners of her heart.



***Barrister Askara Latif***

The echoes of Farzana Aqib's painful poetry will not go unheard. She is the voice of the millions who are wallowing in their misery and pain with no hope of redemption. Dreams are like a preamble to the realization of bigger goals and one can feel the anguish and pain in every word of her poems:

Barrister Askara Latif

***Buck Edwards***  
***(Critic from Australia)***

Farzana Aqib's poetry has a lyrical quality, rich in imagery that makes it a must read for those who seek to find genuine emotion in the written word.

***“A blurred picture”***

*Once the intoxication of love strikes ...*

*The whole universe blurs*

*out of sight ...*

*only one face get affixed*

*On the canvas of your eyes*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Hanging effigy”***

*Evil lethargy*

*Or syncing energy*

*You radiate*

*The light of your*

*Good or bad synergy*

*Your inner partner*

*Reflects from your eyes*

*Your flesh and skin is only a*

*hanging effigy*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Angel”***

*All dark and pastel  
The One who wears me well  
Me and my shadow  
Walk parallel  
It stretches so long  
And Never fell  
am i the real one  
Or the other  
Who inside me dwells*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Masterpiece”***

*Like the wet leaves' smoke  
When a love worn heart broke  
a torrent from the past evokes  
Every crack on the soul  
Fills the scars with gold strokes  
From head to toe  
in every part  
It becomes a kintsugi art  
Like a melted lava  
Erupts from the ancient rocks*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Who are you”***

*When no one's watching  
And no eyes judging  
When earth is seraphic  
Before Adam and eve's advent  
When there are no races  
And no human voices  
Think who are you talking  
And stand there for gawking  
When only stars are alive  
And moon is smiling  
Trees are swirling  
And Birds are sinning*

*When no human's demons  
Persistently judging  
Face thy mirror  
Eye to eye  
Ask about a lurking lie  
Think who are you  
Underneath the vivid sky  
All white and blue  
When earth is the witness  
seasons are the chaperone  
And Guts are the guardians  
No inner demons are  
Persistent on corruption  
Every breath is reality  
And truth is the only redemption  
Face thy mirror  
Eye to eye*

*Ask about a lurking lie  
Think who are you  
And what phenomenal journey  
You are going through  
Where Between God and you  
No air stirs too  
Think who are you  
When there is Nothing to prove  
There is Nothing to boost  
There's only one disciple  
There's only one guru  
Every thing is silent but  
Allah Hu Allah Hu*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Let go”***

*In letting go*

*I desilt my flow*

*I filtered my soul*

*I emerged as pure*

*A chain which shackled*

*My feathery light wings*

*Halt my flight*

*Made me slow*

*I broke that link*

*In one blow.*

*Now look at my strive*

*Look at my triumphant show.*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“A serenade for beloved”***

*What I always struggled to say,  
My silence fortuitously conveyed  
A roaring quest made me taciturn,  
Thee heard my soulful serenade*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Goodbye”***

*Your role ended  
Where new story began  
People come across others  
For some reason  
But at the next crisscross  
They leave at once  
Deed is done,  
So are the enactments*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“My Heaven”***

*Back to home*

*After a long*

*self finding journey*

*No furthermore,*

*It began from the home sill*

*And ended at the home door*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“After you”***

*Your loss surpassed all others  
After you I haven't fazed anything  
You were the last teacher  
The last lesson  
And the last nonplussed*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Same old castle of hearts”***

*Change your facade  
If needed,  
But not the inner ramparts  
Be the same from inside  
And paint the outside walls  
The old castles  
Treasure the past  
And the lineage of hearts*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“End of friendship”***

*Let's be clear  
The wall I built in between  
Is never gonna be erased  
Deceit will never be given  
a chance to reface  
And gulp my leftover dreams  
In its demoniac chase*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“My enemy”***

*Your friendship  
Was fiendish  
You sunk my soul  
Like a gigantic wrecking ship  
I'm left as helpless  
as wrestled wriggled  
hooked fish.  
As my devil could have wished*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“A biography”***

*Love will not happen again  
After a decennary mayhem  
It will re- emerged  
as a reminiscing pain  
Pen will write its tale  
Under some old fashioned name  
It will change the identity  
The class the clan  
But unrequited hearts' rundown  
will remain the same*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“One in hand”***

*A tiny candle in the dark*

*Has more worth*

*Than the glinting*

*North star*

*Distantly afar*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“False or true”***

*Real never changed the shade  
Fake can't always stays the same  
Leave it in the open seasons  
Under the vivid sky blue  
Let the water flow through  
Rest of the testing nature will do  
Sun will snatch away its colours  
Rain will wash away its glue  
Iron will catch rust and grime  
Gold will wear a brilliant hue*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Filled eyes”***

*Fill the empty eyes,  
Dream high  
With the truth upside  
Grow your wings  
wondrous wide  
Stay at the earth  
Look at the sky  
Hit the bulwark  
As a bullet fly*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Surprise gift”***

*My grief was not my grief  
It was my surprise gift  
All my hidden ripened fruit  
This way I had to reap*

*Farzana Aqib*

## اِقرآ "Iqra"

*Like some Arabic calligraphy  
Written on the sands of Sahara  
Thee whispered Iqra  
And I entered into  
A golden era  
Thee susurrated all  
the ideas  
I bought my ink and sheets extra  
A miracle happened  
A dream turned revera*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Say thanks”***

*Feel what is created for you  
Like an empty craving  
And of thirst yearning  
Like a pinning  
of the warming sun  
In the wintery subfreezing  
While using All the gifting  
Render an incessant Praying  
A ceaseless praising  
A tribute befitting.*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Beholden”***

*I sip ...*

*A thank I beseech*

*I eat*

*I pray to solicit*

*Five time I call on*

*A gratitude I persist*

*While praying*

*I became an embodiment*

*of my prayers*

*I'm a paragon of my credits*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Bargain”***

*To find myself*

*I up the ante in the trade*

*I gave up my body*

*I bought my soul*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Always be in love”***

*Open your arms*

*Embrace the beloved tight*

*Don't wear a darkness*

*Be drenched*

*in the milky moonlight*

*Farzana Aqib*

*Naked is your soul*

*Naked is your lust*

*Then why to hide your love*

*Dance like a whirling insane*

*Tear apart your clothes*

## ***“Secrecy”***

*Go alone to meet the beloved*

*Leave yourself behind*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Forever”***

*Once find*

*Never lost*

*His spell could never be unlocked*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Palimpsest”***

*Don't read books  
Read your inner divine text  
The Bestest manuscript  
is still wrapped  
inside the clothes  
In the cage of bones and flesh  
In thine box of heart  
You haven't opened yet  
Thy bestest palimpsest*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Be Genuine”***

*Don't follow the rules*

*Ask the way you want to ask*

*Beloved loves the original art*

*Don't copy the methods*

*of the others' heart*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Verbal”***

*Under cover desire*

*Or opened hurl*

*God knows the unsaid verbal*

*Farzana Aqib*



***“Without illusion”***

*Born with the grafting of soil*

*Eat from the roots of soil*

*Ending up beneath the soil*

*So Shun your pride*

*Journey is only a few mile*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Explored”***

*He looks just like me  
As a mirror reflection  
I’m part of him  
He is within*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Don’t act clever”***

*On the straight path  
There dwells God  
Before every crisscross  
He will lead you  
Make you cross  
Never leave the straight line  
You will never be lost*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Little trick”***

*Give love*

*You will be happiest ever*

*Experience the peace*

*Which you had never*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Hint”***

*A peaceful joy*

*Tells...*

*This moment is rarer*

*He is just nearer .*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***Brew a restless crave***

*Soul leaves you hollow  
Every next moment  
Every other day  
Then return home again  
It abandons your cage  
To find its real place  
It's inner deep calling  
Brews a restless crave*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Creator”***

*I'm the master of my own*

*fire and brimstone*

*My heaven and hell*

*Both parallel*

*Inside.. Dwell*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Mega prize”***

*I’m fallen in love*

*With the unseen*

*It’s a soul’ mystery of mien*

*It has a gift to redeem*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Coup d'œil”***

*Is there any way out  
To this prison  
If not then pay visit often  
I'm all burnt  
like a last candle  
Let me espy  
A little pulse of thy  
For a final coup d'œil  
Enflame my vision  
Sprinkle my ash in soil  
To let me peacefully die.*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Kings”***

*Among us more are  
Beggars  
Fews are emperors  
You can judge  
By the comportment  
of their palms  
If up towards the sky  
Or down towards the soil.*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***Saints***

*Sit among those  
Who turned their eyes  
From acquisitiveness  
To the emptiness*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“I seek forgiveness”***

*Pardon me with your generosity*

*For I was little aware before*

*Now when I know*

*I couldn't sleep anymore*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Apollo”***

*When God becomes  
the prime focus  
This world appears  
more dark and hollow  
Your inner light becomes  
your own Apollo  
Poetry, music, and more healing  
A sine qua nons  
must come to follow  
The little Lilly pond  
Erupts like seas  
The mighty oceans  
Shrink much shallow*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Loaded”***

*Silence is never empty  
It roars with profundity  
Only the heart of the listener  
Is filled with rapacity  
It perceives it empty*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Pious Platitudes”***

*A True pious platitude  
is always-stained  
Behind notoriety  
Is profundity  
All the holier-than-thou  
comes with muddy soles  
Not with white clothes*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Purity of soul”***

*Try to lighten up some  
defused lamp*

*You will find the same flame*

*Light never changes its colours*

*Only container is pretentious*

*Heart is born to love*

*Skin becomes a manipulator*

*Farzana Aqib*



***“True love”***

*Thorn fights the predators  
Insects and the weathers,  
Not the roses,  
Goodness often comes  
Hefty with ugly poses*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Never give up”***

*Like a moon*

*Wait till the arrival of the sun*

*Not every storm*

*Gulps up the dawn*

*Not every cloud*

*Melt in rain*

*Neither a thunder*

*Forever roar*

*Never quit a journey*

*In the wee hours*

*Day is not that far*

*It will soon disembark*

*Despite being creeping*

*on all fours”*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Believe you me”***

*I saw you*

*With my eyes*

*Yes It was vividly seen*

*Was it a dream ?*

*Or my insanity being redeemed*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“End this suspense”***

*There is a veil unseen  
Between the two extremes  
At one end I am tied  
On the other end you grip  
Pull this string my beloved  
With the slightest move of thy tip  
Raze this fence  
End this suspense...*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“He is God”***

*There is someone  
Behind the stage  
Who pulls the curtain  
who doth raise  
Who changes the act  
Who direct  
Who listens to the roars  
Who eavesdrops  
Who makes peace  
Who wage wars  
He is the Lord  
He is God*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Where to go”***

*Don't carve him in stones*

*Don't worship his avatar*

*Don't pray to moon*

*Never prostrate to sun and stars*

*He is inside you*

*He is actually you*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Feel it”***

*Don't try to attain  
What's achieved without pain  
If it's a passage to heart  
Scratch your scars  
For more deep pain  
Malign thy unblemished skin  
With more stains  
Broken are the saints  
Lovers mien insane*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Let it ooze”***

*Love is a silent wound*

*It heals with intense pain*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Master of the Art”***

*Be a disciple of thy heart*

*It will teach you*

*the secrets of divine*

*It will lead you*

*to the saintly doctrine*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Kiss the gravel”***

*My path is all gravel  
Filled with stones and thorns  
Could you come that far  
Could you bear  
the burden of the travel  
If yes then you are a soldier  
of my salvation army  
You are a Rawal  
Destined to unearth a treasure  
A mystery that has to be unraveled*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“No Blue in”***

*Without you*

*My heart is fallen in ruin*

*I'm all wrapped in gloom*

*Don't know what I'm doing*

*There is grief bubbling inside*

*There is pain intensely brewing*

*Pop up from the earth*

*Emerge from the sky*

*As there is no much blue in*

*I am waiting*

*O' my beloved I am waiting*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Learn to love”***

*Without love*

*All gifts are junk*

*All cuddling is teasing*

*Useless is the time*

*In pretence which is spent*

*Share the gifts of divine*

*Celebrate with flowers and wine*

*Be a true blue*

*Whatever is inside you*

*Be genuine*

*Feel the warmth*

*Taste the flavours  
Be it a curse or a prayer  
A scent of flower  
or the heat of the sun  
Be a true one*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Virulent”***

*I'm free  
from good and bad  
I am not censorious and derogate  
Way far away  
from being a discriminatory  
self righteous idiot  
I freed my tongue  
From the pharisaic fire  
I washed my words  
From the dust of judgment  
I am shining like crystals  
I am all clear from the  
Humanoid virulent*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Waiting list”***

*Even if he closes all the doors  
And raise the walls  
Still Stay and halt  
wait for the moment  
When he ajar  
Even one smallest windows  
To let the light pass  
Follow your whims  
Out loud call  
He must know  
You never abandoned his heart*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Between the two”***

*What heart thinks*

*Soul will never understand*

*What soul desires*

*Isn't the heart's domain*

*They both follow their respective*

*One goes for unseen*

*Other tread for seen*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Initial”***

*Leave your mark  
Wherever you tread  
Even on the sand  
Dune may erase the streak  
Sun May vanish the fleck  
Yet every speck  
will Cary your warmth  
The silent air will remain in debt*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Unstoppable desire”***

*If your steps freeze  
On the shores  
Before you immersed and fell  
Ocean will ineluctably  
discard you as a dead shell*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Recce”***

*When you are not being watched  
And left free to your will  
There then your test starts  
The moment of thy birth  
Gives you that free entry card  
And makes you feel un perceived  
Whereas topsy turvy is the path  
you are surveilled...  
every second of the hour*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Nothing is permanent”***

*Pleasure ends*

*Joy dies*

*Raptures Suspend*

*Only heart must learn*

*The Art of contentment*

*From pain to relief*

*And from centre of attention*

*To unlimited abandonment*

*For nothing is designed permanent*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Hot and cold”***

*You must feel hot and cold*

*Sweet and sour*

*All the taste Random*

*See my darkest first*

*Claim your love then*

*The streaks of light is easy to follow*

*The un moon nights are*

*difficult To spend*

*Farzana Aqib*

### ***“Stages of love”***

*He gives soul a tiny corner to stand*

*Later a place to sit*

*Then the whole house..*

*At the end ..*

*a complete possession*

*Thy soul emerges from recession*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“A promise of the a ultimate”***

*In his love*

*thine heart is filled with  
abundance ...*

*From a bite to repast*

*From a bait to full plate*

*His believer never sleeps*

*In empty state*

*Neither he stands in the queue*

*Nor he's ever made to wait*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Please Accept”***

*Accept my gratitude  
Before sending more gifts  
I am already affluent  
With your abundant mercy  
How would I return  
On my turn  
Only few attributes  
I have written  
My legacy is a simple pen*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Trap”***

*Rotating all around  
Inside or outside  
Inwardly or outward  
This world is just about love  
Take it or discard it  
But You can't go beyond  
You can't cross the line*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“A promise of hearts”***

*So you think you forgot  
Asked my haunting ghost  
No .. I dare not  
So tighten is the knot  
He spliced it with his hands  
And so reverend are those fingers  
If i touch .. I will burn  
He said one day he will come  
To untie the knot  
And merge me into one*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Dare to say”***

*Ok tell him*

*You love him*

*Why to sulk*

*Take a chance*

*Life either way has no worth*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“It’s now or never”***

*Pride makes you halt*

*Innocence pinches to ask*

*Purity wears no mask*

*Why to hide the pang of heart*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“A performers’ street”***

*It was enough to jolt you  
His deceit displayed  
An earthly gross conceit  
This is a city of theatres  
And you are passing through  
a performers’ street  
Beware o’ simpleton heart  
Every one is wearing a mask  
You meet ...*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Don’t hate me”***

*Don't hate me  
Even if we parted  
Don't forget that first rain  
We drenched together  
That wooden log bench  
Beneath the banyan Tree  
Many a winter mornings  
We set together  
Only you and me  
That smudge...  
of my lipstick  
On your coffee mug*

*Don't forget  
Even if we parted  
If you are still deserted  
I too is broken hearted  
I'm still searching for that  
One lost dream We started ..*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Reward”***

*You can't claim the fruits  
If you didn't water the roots*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Anchored”***

*Why all the rotten you bought  
You are hunched  
with the over thoughts  
Relief yourself from the anchors  
Float in the Sea  
Live in the moment  
Whatever it is*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“One Love”***

*You think you are different*

*You are rightful claimant*

*Others are ignorant*

*O' innocent ..*

*When beloved is one*

*When destiny is same*

*Why to divide in different clans*

*Why to call With different names*

*Our one love has a hundred facets*

*So be acceptant*

*Never act belligerent*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“No comparison”***

*King amongst the kings  
That's what thee  
Slave amongst the slaves  
That's what me  
To love him  
Is my selfish whim  
Odds are high  
Chances are slim  
How could I claim him*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Soul imprisonment”***

*Until the last breath is heaved  
And the harbinger herald the  
Last call.*

*Self sustained inner hostage  
Couldn't open the cage lock  
it will remain confined  
Inside the prison wall  
Despite being the only guard  
Besides having the keys  
Placed in the open slot*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Disclaimer”***

*They foreground the theory  
An idea they emphasised  
A claim they accentuate  
That light can't be imprisoned  
And air can't be hold confined  
Yet in a cage of flesh and bones  
Soul is made subjugate  
retained until the last breath  
is drained ...  
A metaphysical entity  
Is heavily chained*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“I am the creator of my desire”***

*What are you taking about*

*What is heaven...*

*What is hell ...*

*What is purgatory*

*What is fire..*

*what is Adam's ale*

*Every thing is inside me*

*Placed on higher scale*

*I am the possessor*

*I may pass, I may fail*

*I may settle in my hell*

*Or jump out of purgatory  
I may live in the nirvana  
I may spurt fuel to my fire  
I am the independent creator  
of my desire*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“No treachery”***

*Going through  
the backasswards crisis  
Standing un decisive  
On the last turning of the road  
If I cross from here  
I will cross the last bridge  
My Last town and the last ridge  
reaching to the border  
to the other side,  
Which divides and confines*



*My both stranded worlds  
Here on this side  
I have my heaven  
My moon's my stars  
There that far  
The whole army of hatred drenched  
facades  
Yet you are standing amidst  
My enemy's enchanting roars  
Shall I cross the line of heart  
And be martyred in thy love  
Or stay here with my clan  
Leaving instantly  
the game of war  
Abandoning you right there  
Where you are  
Or burn my heavenly abode*

*To raise my another victory bar  
I think you must dawdle  
You must lollygag and filibuster  
To bring a peace  
Defuse the flames  
And I must stay here  
to protect my People my clan  
Wining or losing  
Shouldn't be the same  
End of story shouldn't be  
in blood stains  
No treachery in disguise  
in the love name*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Du jour”***

*That one amour  
One decision of a weak moment  
That pain so du jour  
A yearning of a lonely heart  
Left me abrupt and aghast  
behind the closed door  
trapped me in a burning cage  
A Repentance so intensely engraved...  
I surrendered like a bonded slave*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Love battle”***

*In the battle of red roses  
And bleeding hearts  
Despite losing the war  
Still I carry the title of a brave  
I followed all soldierly order  
I didn't leave my enemy alone  
Until he crossed the border*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Chase of Night”***

*My halfway dreams  
don't lull me to sleep  
A pain of heart  
pinches me so deep  
When I smile  
It looks at me  
With a gaze so mean  
When I cry it says  
No more weep  
This drift of life  
Day and night*

*Drag me up on a ridge so steep  
The shadows of the past journey  
Follows the path  
Chase my heart  
Horridly creep*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Get set go”***

*Life is too short  
There is so much  
Left to do  
There are debris's to ruffle  
Abundant to shuffle through  
Clutches of past  
Are hooked on the wall  
With a pair of running shoes  
Set free your wings  
from the entangled past  
Don't feel blue*

*No one is going  
To share your journey  
You are alone this is true  
O' dear heart  
Good luck to you  
Make a young man woo  
Get set go  
Like Zero. one . two..  
Fly until you  
Capture a line of horizon  
Where thy own flock just flew*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Game of love”***

*Be it a humanly  
thinking of,  
Or a heavenly  
penchant From above  
Every thing ends  
around the love  
Divinity reiterates  
To receive love  
Angels are sent  
To redeem love  
Birds are asked*

*To sing sonnets of love  
Adam and Eve  
were made for love  
God and messengers  
Had a bind of love  
Heavenly manuscripts  
taught the love  
Ibrahim built  
Kaaba with love  
Zulakha and Joseph's  
Story was woven in love  
Muhammad's meditation  
in the cave isolation  
Was a journey of love  
God is a title of love  
Earth created*

*in the name of love*

*Me is love...*

*Thee is love..*

*Now doth you understand*

*This unending extent of love*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Delirium”***

*I started looking strange  
My face is loosing all its seraphic  
I have lost my purpose  
And My demographic*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***"Guidelines"***

*What our pens ooze  
Is the inner protest  
What our canvas projects  
Is our thoughts reflect  
Our ink and paints are the maps  
Which our souls draw  
For the future prospects  
So what we have lived through  
The future generations mustn't do*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“The way you look at it”***

*Nothing is right or wrong  
It's all preordination  
An awkward blend of  
whimsical moralisation  
A concurring occurrence  
Somewhere sunshines slowly  
And somewhere night  
descends fast  
A same time phenomenon  
Happening twenty four hours  
Somewhere earth is white  
With fervid snowfall*

*Somewhere it's raining  
nonstop  
You need fire  
I need water  
You face scarcity  
I have abundant  
Your sole is smaller  
My shoes is bigger  
Neither you fit into my perception  
Nor I am precisely as your expectation*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“In your love”***

*My beloved*

*Smiles at my insanity*

*How much jeering*

*How much fun*

*Does my saviour more intend*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Show me your love”***

*Show me where is your love*

*You said you just whispered*

*Why didn't it herald*

*Love is not a taboo*

*It should be adorned*

*It should be felt*

*It should be written on the walls of the  
city ...*

*It should righteously be owned*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Dolour”***

*Everyone is suffering  
In the confinement of body  
In the prison of their mind  
Dear heart be kind  
See their miseries  
Don't turn blind  
Tearless though you May appear  
Thy soul must be lurking behind  
For those who are dolour  
In their silent confines*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Beyond the reach”***

*My silent heart*

*When talks*

*It makes me float away*

*Above the seraphic territories*

*Beyond the planetary enclave*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Rewarded”***

*I can't hide my scent*

*My colour*

*My glistening glare*

*After rinsed out of my pain*

*My blossom ends nowhere*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“After a war with pain”***

*Path to salvation*

*Only attained*

*Through the suffering of heart*

*After a war with pain*

*There is no middle ground*

*No shortcut in this worldly assay*

*If you think you may*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Bend”***

*The way you bent*

*The way you ascend*

*Like a long feathers bow*

*The more you pull it back*

*The fastest it reaches the target*

*A humble hearts desires*

*Reach by second*

*Where it aims to be sent*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Dominant”***

*You gave me what I wish  
Thy name drifts from my lips  
When I hiss ...*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“One demand”***

*Just Tell everyone*

*You are mine...*

*I don't desire nothing*

*With rest of the scarcity*

*I am fine.*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Welcome”***

*When you will arrive  
How should I act  
Please suggest  
Should I Be  
Scattered in the dust  
Or stay intact  
Should I rise in the north  
Or be descent in the west  
Thy welcome should be  
more than substantial*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“My heart”***

*With you a hundred years of journey*

*Seems of few days*

*Without you*

*A day appears*

*Of a million decades*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Superior level of love”***

*A mind thinks  
A soul doesn't  
A disciple follows  
A teacher not  
A domain of soul is  
Of its own kind  
It's way too different  
From the mind*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Exposed”***

*You are a light of thousand suns  
I can't hide you in my heart.*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“With all hidden insanity”***

*I will be defamed in your love  
Thy reminiscence is meant  
to be forever  
Your scent drifts up to the skies  
When you whisper in the wind  
It tramples within  
With all the hidden insanity  
it begins  
It dances and dances  
Until it jumps out of my skin*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Done”***

*Just merge into that one  
And deed is done*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Rightfully claimed”***

*When a love is so levitating  
A storm of emotions  
Is outbursting in you  
Then you are waiting for whom  
Don't you see a lost treasure is  
Emerged from the ruins  
Go grab what is yours  
Possibly as earliest as soon*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Behove everything”***

*Become nothing  
And behove everything  
Be a a particle of dust  
A well befitting in the universe  
You will be scattered  
from sky to earth  
Instead of attaining the one  
A lonely moon worth  
You will be emerged  
in a thousand glimmering suns*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Messenger”***

*My words are metaphors*

*You draw your own meaning*

*I have given a hint*

*You draw your own conclusion*

*I am a road sign ...*

*For a journey you commence*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“A message must be sent”***

*From where to start  
How to drop-ship my treasure  
A mount of words  
A stack of messages  
A must deliver gift  
I am the one  
And the task in abundance  
I am the thought  
I am the pen  
I am the teacher  
I am the paper  
I have to precisely apprehend  
It has to be done..*

*I have to kneel down reverently thence  
A silent message is intense  
Let me start  
by telling my poetic art  
Thine true love will recompense*

*Farzana Aqib*

## **“Call”**

*I woke up  
To the faintest whisper  
And a distant call  
Some divinely umbra  
Reflected on the wall  
My tears rolled down my cheeks  
My chest heavily breathe  
My voice choked in my throat  
I was all shattered  
and wreaked  
As if someone I venerate  
I have lost,  
I was being loved  
By my beloved*

*While I was asleep,  
But then Thee left,  
with the first drifting word  
From minaret,  
Alas.. I couldn't have slept  
Alas.. I could have clung  
To that heavenly embracement  
To that longing touch  
I prostrated on the earth  
Waiting For another dawn  
for another fajir,  
If I be given  
A second chance  
To jump out of my soul  
And dance.*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Sword of my pen”***

*In the cover of my inkling disguise*

*I live many a lives*

*Just précis*

*The way I write*

*I lick my blue inky fingers*

*I Adorn my sheets with pride*

*I sketch your face*

*With my words*

*To the beloved of my life*

*In a befitting poetic manners*

*I describe  
I live many a lives  
I give new attires  
To my tattered  
reminiscing allies  
I have power of the pen  
With the abundant ink supplies*

*Farzana Aqib*

## **Search**

*I still look for you  
In the full moonlit nights  
Beneath every falling star  
in the gloomy milky hue  
I still look for you  
On all the sunken shores  
With my wrecking raft  
with my broken oars  
I still never lock my door*

*Farzana Aqib*



### ***“One sided love”***

*When not reciprocated  
Power of one sided love  
Becomes inferno of hell  
It scare the bejesus  
out of devil  
And if extinguished by a Heavenly spell  
It moisten the earth,  
Giving birth  
to abundant rainbows  
Painting many barren fields  
With glistening stars*

*And bursting many flowers  
It's an unsatiated power of divine  
Like the crux of the earth  
Brewing with the melting lava  
Unrequited love relentlessly burns  
Like a flaming unceasing sun  
It's actually the kinetic power  
of divine*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Mixologist”***

*Although you have every  
Tinge of additive  
in your vase  
Yet Can I taste...  
What you kept in your eyes  
O' my tapster  
My ever publican  
Hold me thine appraisal sight  
Bind me in your spell  
Never let my thirst die.  
Never let me satiate.*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“My love will never leave”***

*This is the firm believe*

*My love will never leave*

*The more you will will burn me*

*The more my ash drift*

*The more you will*

*extinguish my fire*

*The heavier the wet leaves smoke*

*The more you will push me*

*The tighter I will hold on*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Don’t you know me”***

*With broken vow,  
Have I thrived not  
A silver lining with dusky dot  
My fingers are tied  
Still in knots  
Half in action  
Half in thought  
You tested me a lot  
You left me alone  
on the crisscross  
With all your  
Silent sneer and scoff  
You made me thirsty  
Tired and weak*

*You left my boat sink to wreck  
Yet You held me up  
When I fell  
You gave me breath  
When I slept  
You sent the rain  
When I draught  
You covered my body  
In a desert hot  
You healed my wounds  
When I rot  
You tested me a lot  
Often off guard I was caught  
Tell my beloved  
Am I victorious or not.*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Predilection”***

*Tears are prerequisite for love*

*Without pain*

*You will not be judged*

*When desert needs a rain*

*Clouds have to hover*

*On the vivid sky*

*When call is made*

*You have to arrive*

*Beloved demands*

*display Of impulse*

*Give your burning*

*A wafting thrive*

*You have to dance*

*until you die*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Divine feast”***

*How unfair is the hospitality  
Although Feast is infinite  
Variety is inordinate  
Served In Ivory plates  
Rugs are largely appropriate  
Fountains twisting is great  
Musicians are playing  
ethereal notes  
Air is filled with mystic sound  
Petals have covered  
The turfs of ground  
But; the party giver  
Is no where around  
Still indistinct  
Still in shroud*

*Farzana Aqib*



## ***“Lesson of life”***

*I Learned the lesson  
of monarchy,  
From a poverty ridden nonentity  
What actually is majesty.  
My teacher said authoritatively  
Despite being filled with heirlooms  
deriding as a man of straw"  
Having all the pockets empty  
Embracing all the mediocrity  
Leaving behind the worldly treasures*

*And asking for nothing,  
the highest Ranking of regality  
Is adoration of self worshipping  
Being tall in one's own eyes,  
Listen My tutee  
My Novice  
Nothing could be more soliciting  
than a dervish's regency*

*Farzana Aqib*

***“Leave place un sprout”***

*Be so assiduous*

*So deeply meticulous*

*Up To the last extent laborious*

*While being invisibly engaged*

*Leave no place un sprout*

*Until seeds of your dreams*

*Erupts from the walls*

*burgeon on the water pipes*

*pullulate From the dry deserts*

*vegetate the salty barren*

*Be the ebullience verve  
be so illustrious, like sun  
With your unmatched ardour  
With the power of your vehemence  
From no one until every one*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Carry a torch”***

*You think  
only you love him,  
But he is unrequited too.  
You think,  
only you are thirsty,  
Ocean is thirsty too.  
It's not always about you,  
It's about the numen too  
Earth is not always seeking rain  
Sky is yearning too  
It's not about the devotees  
It's about the demiurge too*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Mutual quest”***

*Silent yet soul full.*

*Beyond gossip.*

*I love friendship*

*A fervent heart*

*I could rave*

*who adds to my spiritual thirst.*

*Who ask questions I want to ask,*

*who seek answers I don't have.*

*Farzana Aqib*

## ***“Gift of pain”***

*When a dream ends*

*A new thought borns*

*When a star falls*

*A moon shines*

*Every tragedy*

*Carries a miracle*

*A Big bang abstract*

*created universe*

*And Thine worsened curse*

*will give birth to a*

*Jupiter kinda herse*

*You will turn immortal  
With thy pain miracle  
Every impossible will happen  
Mystical, poetical, musical  
You will find a cure  
A spectrum of diverse empirical*

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