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A Tiny Niggle

There's a niggle in my heart
A little desirous, a little resentful.
There's a moistness in my eyes
A little joyful, a little painful.
There's something missing in the
prayers
A little of mine , a little of yours -
Because,
When I first came to senses, the
world tried to assess me,
But, when I assessed the world, I was
left with lost senses.

'Never give up hope' was always
taught even to me,
But, when hope finally obliged me, my
own 'self' was hopeless to me.

Success and fame kissed those who
laid traps of voluble words,
But, when I released my silent dreams,
humiliation engulfed me.

Once I set out on a quest seeking
company of a soulmate,
But, when I found one, the quest of
my soul was left alone.
When there were smiles on my lips,
every audience sought me out,
But, the moment tears touched my
cheeks, I was left to seek all and
none.

Sole intent ever was to escape the
fateful dark trench,
But, as soon as I emerged from it, I
lost my path in the glare around.

My heart was ever choked with throes
of woe,
But, when before an audience, I was
just left with a smile.

Every moment sleepy agony resided
so comfortably in me,
That, finally when joy glanced at me, I
was left in too deep a slumber.

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