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The Quitter

So distressing, so depressing
despite Geeta's detachment loudly ringing
to see a luminous star
a passionate fighter
a bright, beaming aspirer
a marvellous achiever
one who should put them on fire
the whole world inspire
become a quitter...
Some inherent flaw in the Creation—
Imperfect man
pestering for perfection...

Noblest souls

tallest stars

super sparks

adored leaders

revered sages

limp with limitations

face funky failures

some of them reduced to zeros

only yesterday they were heroes...

Every moment, a subtle subjugation

every day, a provocation

test of your inner strength, your conviction...

Every fulfilment faces a hundred hiccups...

Nature's gift, onerous responsibility

rage of the image, great absurdity

easy escape, tempting possibility...

in the DNA

incomprehensible complexity

baffling mystery

crazy mind craving to dream big

restless soul evolving to make a new dig

suddenly feels lost in the tangled maze
personal, social, psychological haze
stresses and strains overwhelm, daze...
Cynicism, a flashy burn, turns him into a quitter...
But who is not a victim of these chimes bitter?

Maybe
he thinks, it's all over—
he has given to the world
whatever he could...
Nothing more...
Despises to drag on
an insipid, inane existence...
Well, Questionable Questions...
But no need, elevation or denigration
celebration or denunciation...
An exceptional person
an exceptional perception...
Who are we to question an evolved soul
Geniuses have their own connection with the Oversoul...



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