

Sunday Poetry

Alive

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I'm breathing, breathing life of you;  
I'm living, living a soul's life of you;  
All I care's, you gave me life of you,  
A life to live in surrounding, a life to live for causes;  
And a life to stay alive for a purpose, aloof of you;  
You make me happy, apart  
And you make me to dance of life, back end;  
I'm breathing faster, faster as I could;  
Oh! Yeah, I'm you and 'm yours;  
You give me strength, solid  
Running after my own, conquering self;  
Letting me dissolve, stand by my own,  
You're a healer, you're a creature;  
All I know is 'you're a sire', a father.

I'm securing and I'm guarding, tight;  
I'm floating, alive and stronger,  
I'm hiding, believing and waiting to be live;  
All you care's safety existence of me alive;  
All you feel's soft and fragile alive;  
Still, you hang around living alive difficulties;  
You carry me sheathing, warm and energetically;  
You breathe life for me and you drink quietly;  
Ah! All I know not and I kick you harder,  
All I do is making you athirst and thirsty;  
How courageous you to be with me alive?  
You're beautiful and you're a painter;  
You paint me alive, living alive evolving;  
You touch me with emotions, you're sweeter;  
You're a bearer, you're a creature,  
And all I know is 'you're a giver,' a mother.

I know not, how you feel, afraid?  
I know not, what I am to you, gentle?  
Still, you bring me alive, heavy and courageously;  
You neither bade throwing me out clear;  
Instead, you console me myself tighter and lighter;  
You cried for me in pains, you struggled for me not in vain;  
Still you smiles brighter, living alive for me;  
You're my living and you're my feeder;  
Oh! How manageable I am to you?  
You carried me on your back and on your side,  
Alive and happily I dance through your arm;  
Holding tighter and clutching your hair, swaging;  
All I sense you, is a miracle, a model;  
You're a protector, you're my parents.

I see you, and I see you still opening my eyes;  
First time since, you're my whole;  
You're my God, you're my king;  
You gave me 'high' and I tried stretching;  
Hope and inspirations, dreams and desires;  
Trying catching all and about, living alive;  
Recline and unfold! My little wings,  
Higher I do fly; you give me love, a love of life;  
The more you loved me, the more I become, Woman!  
I'm a bearer and I'm a creature,  
I'm a giver and I'm a mother;  
Give me wings, O! Holy  
I am alive and I living alive.

Natl. & Intl News

6 Dead In Kabul Hotel  
Attack, Over 150 Hostages  
Released: Officials

**NDTV**  
**Kabul, Jan. 21:** Gunmen stormed a luxury hotel in Kabul killing at least six people, including a foreigner, sparking a twelve hour fight with security forces that left terrified guests scrambling to escape and parts of the building ablaze. Afghan security forces killed four attackers during the night-time siege, interior ministry spokesman Najib Danish told Tolo News, during which people trapped inside the landmark hotel were seen climbing over balconies to escape. "The attack is over," he said. "Five Afghans and one foreigner have been killed," interior ministry deputy spokesman Nasrat Rahimi told AFP, adding around 150 people were rescued, including more than 40 foreigners. "The body of the foreigner, a woman, was recovered from the sixth floor as the last attacker was being killed," he added. But an official with Afghanistan's spy agency told AFP the attack was "not over yet" with attackers "still shooting on security forces". Dramatic images broadcast on Afghanistan's Tolo News showed thick black smoke and flames billowing from the top of the six-floor hilltop Intercontinental hotel — which is not part of the global InterContinental chain. Several people could be seen climbing over a top-floor balcony using bedsheets to escape, with one losing his grip and plunging to the ground. Officials said four gunmen burst into the hotel on Saturday night, opening fire on guests and staff and taking dozens of people hostage. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the latest assault in the war-torn Afghan capital, which followed a series of security warnings in recent days to avoid hotels and other locations frequented by foreigners. It was not clear how many people had been inside the hotel, which was attacked by Taliban militants in 2011. During the night special forces were lowered by helicopters onto the roof of the landmark building, Rahimi told AFP. A guest hiding in a room said he could hear gunfire inside the 1960s hotel where dozens of people attending an information technology conference on Sunday were staying. "I don't know if the attackers are inside the hotel but I can hear gunfire from somewhere near the first floor," the man, who did not want to be named, told AFP by telephone. "We are hiding in our rooms. I beg the security forces to rescue us as soon as possible before they reach and kill us." His phone was switched off when AFP tried to contact him again. **\*Fleeing like crazy\***

Afghan Telecom regional director Aziz Tayeb, who was attending the IT conference, said he saw the attackers enter the hotel as he was walking towards the exit. "Everything became chaotic in a moment. I hid behind a pillar and I saw people who were enjoying themselves a second ago screaming and fleeing like crazy, and some of them falling down, hit by bullets," Tayeb told AFP. Local resident Abdul Sattar said he had spoken by phone to some of his friends who are chefs and waiters at the hotel and had been trapped inside. "Suddenly they attacked the dinner gathering... (then) they broke into the rooms, took some people hostage and they opened fire on some of them," he told AFP. Rahimi said the attackers were armed with small weapons and rocket-propelled grenades when they stormed the hotel, which is a popular venue for weddings, conferences and political gatherings. The last major attack on a high-end hotel in Kabul was in March 2014 when four teenage gunmen raided the Serena, killing nine people including AFP journalist Sardar Ahmad. The Intercontinental was previously targeted in June 2011 when a suicide attack claimed by the Taliban killed 21 people, including 10 civilians. Security at the Intercontinental is relatively lax compared with other luxury hotels in Kabul. Even before the attack was over, authorities were questioning how the assailants got past the hotel's security, which was taken over by a private company three weeks ago, Danish said. "We will investigate it," he said. A hotel employee told AFP that as he fled the staff living quarters located in a building next to the hotel he saw the new security guards running for their lives. "They didn't do anything, they didn't attack. They had no experience," the man said on the condition of anonymity.

89-yr-old man  
gets SC relief in  
1988 case

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, Jan 21:** Coming to a rescue of an 89-year-old man from West Bengal, the Supreme Court has set aside the three months jail awarded to him for possessing 187 litres of kerosene oil in excess at his ration shop in 1988. The top court said that it is not interfering with the conviction of Madan Mohan Kabiraj but looking at his age, he can be accorded benefit of provisions of Probation of Offenders Act.

Regional News

CM calls for building a  
new Manipur

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Jan. 21:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has urged the people of the State to extend support to the new Government in building a new Manipur, where there is no community and class difference. He was speaking at the opening function of the Golden Jubilee celebration and 31<sup>st</sup> General Conference cum Sports Meet, 2018 of Tangkhul Aze Katamnao Long (Southern Tangkhul Students' Union) at S. Laho (Leingangching) village, near Litan in Ukhrul District yesterday. The Chief Minister said that the BJP-led new Government is putting in serious effort to build a new Manipur, where people may enjoy equal facilities, opportunities and privileges. The Chief Minister began his speech seeking apology from the crowd for arriving late. He pleaded, "Huina kahai wuivang pheomilo" (Forgive me for coming late). The mammoth crowd applauded in unison showing their forgiveness to the Chief Minister. Praising the talents of Tangkhul people in the field of sports, Shri N. Biren then took the names of great footballers like late Oja Aleng, goalkeeper Athui, Livingstone, Somatai Shaiza and current coach of NEROCA-FC Gift Raikhan. Amidst loud applause, the Chief Minister also announced that the necessary funds for the construction of a permanent RCC pavilion at the function venue would be earmarked in the State Budget. He also said that the Government would also allocate funds in Khelo India programme for laying natural grass turf at the newly constructed village playground, where the function was being held. For the convenience of the public and travellers, N. Biren also assured to construct a public toilet cum waiting shed at Litan Bazaar and construct the office building of SDC Thawai at the earliest.

Asking the people not to worry about their livelihood and uncertain job opportunities now, the Chief Minister said that the Government had already begun providing loans under Government's StartUp Project and other welfare schemes. He said that the Government is ever ready to provide financial assistance to those who are hard working and willing to be self employed. Stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is focussing on providing employment to the youths through skill development, the Chief Minister said that the State Government had already started giving loans to skilled and educated youths. N. Biren said that he had provided a loan of about Rs. 10 lakh to Nungbi potters. Regarding Government jobs, the Chief Minister urged the people not to offer money to anybody to earn a Government employment, while cautioning that he is now keeping close eyes on Government recruitments to catch/penalise the corrupt people/officials. With regard to road connectivity, the Chief Minister said that the Government of India had earmarked Rs. 25 thousand crore for the development of roads in the State. As such, Imphal-Jessami road would also be automatically widened and revamped in course of time, he said while adding that at least a few selected important IVRs of Leingangching would also be backtapped soon. CAF & PD Minister Karam Shyam, Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Letpao Haokip, Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar, Phungyar AC MLA K. Leishiyoi, ADC Ukhrul Chairman Dickson Kumrah, ADC Members, Media Advisor to CM Irengbam Arun, Ukhrul DC Dr. Harmit Singh Pahuja, Kamjong DC Kengoo Zurlingla and other top civil and police officers also attended the function.

OPD clinic concludes at press club

**IT News**  
**Guwahati, Jan. 21:** The city based Sun Valley Hospital conducted an evening OPD clinic on 20 January 2018 at Guwahati Press Club, where Dr Tapan Sarma offered free consultations to the participants. They also got their blood pressure and sugar checked by nurses Limosha Sumi & Hasina Khatun and technician Basu Dev Das in the camp. The 13 January camp was conducted by practicing physicians Dr Madhab Rajbongshi and Dr Hiten Chakrabarty. The weekly camps

have been organized under the series of 'Evening with a Doctor' programs for the benefit of press club members along with their dependants. Till date, physicians from Apollo Chennai Hospital, SIMS Hospital Chennai, Manipal Bangalore Hospital, Fortis Hospital Bangalore, Medanta the Medicity Hospital, GNRC Hospitals, Down Town Hospital, Dispur Hospital, Nemcare Hospital, Hayat Hospital, Ayursundra Hospital, Wintrobe Hospital, Narayana Hospital etc have attended the health camps.

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