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Dr. A. Peer Mohamed

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I believe that creativity is essential and important in education as many of the challenges and problems we face will not be solved by applying the same way of thinking and the same types of solutions that we have. I am pleased to see the creativity of our B.A. English (Hons.) students through this literary magazine. My best wishes to the entire magazine team and its contributors



Dr. A. Azad

Registrar

Creativity and imagination reside together. Anyone thinking about writing must be ready to stretch their imagination to the limit. I am greatly happy and proud to see the B.A. English (Hons.) students' creative writings through this debut issue of the literary magazine. It talks eloquently about the students' talents, techniques crafts, and skills. I wish them good luck and continued success



Dr. Ayub Khan Dawood

Professor and Dean
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A person is talented only when he has the talent to express his talent.

As the saying goes, I am extremely happy that the Department of English has come out with a literary magazine to bring out the multiple talents of the students of B.A. English (Hons.) This exposure given to the students will help them build up a strong personality and motivate them to pursue their dreams and make their parents and society proud by achieving them.

I congratulate the faculty and the students for taking this initiative and I wish them success in their future endeavors.

FOREWORD



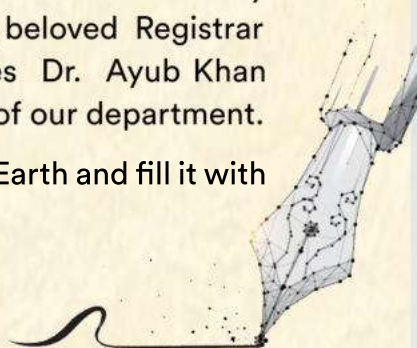
From the HoD's Desk

I am very delighted to bring out the creative talent of our students of B.A. English (Hons.) through this first edition of the half-yearly Literary Magazine “English Mind”. I am ecstatic to mention that this is the first time the Department of English has come out with a literary magazine exclusively for the students of English Major. It is wonderful to see our students transform as writers in their amazing journey since 2019.

Each and every student is unique and has abilities and talents that they themselves may not be aware of. Though they may shy away most of the time to display their capabilities even when the situation demands, a positive approach and instilling confidence in the young minds to use their talents productively instead of hiding will enable them to express their potential. Today in this competitive world, as teachers we have the responsibility to prepare our students to face the real challenges to be meted out in demanding situations. They have to be groomed for a particular career or job. There are myriads of opportunities for students who have chosen English as their major. If they are able to use their creativity and generate new ideas into reality, they stand a chance to become a technical writer, a Content writer, a Lawyer, a Social Media Manager, and so on. It's my fervent belief that the English Mind will provide a platform for our students to hone their creative and literary skills. Moreover, the projection of their participation in multifarious literary activities through this magazine will help them grow personally and professionally.

I express my gratitude to the faculty, students, and the Executive members for their joint effort in collecting and contributing articles to the “**ENGLISH MIND**”. I place on record my sincere thanks to our honourable Vice Chancellor Dr. A. Peer Mohamed, beloved Registrar Dr. A. Azad, and our Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities Dr. Ayub Khan Dawood for their unconditional support and guidance in all the activities of our department.

I hope an abundance of blessings will be bestowed by the Almighty on the Earth and fill it with love, compassion, mercy, and sympathy in the years to come.



Dr. H. Sofia
Professor & HoD

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My Life at Crescent



College Life is one of the most remarkable and lovable times of an individual's life. I love my college a lot because it possesses all the qualities of an ideal college. We have excellent course curriculum and faculty members. Our lecturers hold a respectable place in the society. The most happiest thing is being a **B.A. ENGLISH (Hons.)** student at **B.S. ABDUR RAHMAN CRESCENT INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY** and the most hilarious thing would be being a hostel student and enjoying with the friends like jumping from sky to earth. In my college life, I had lots of memories like spending time in learning new things and I met different kinds of people and I came to know how to behave with the people and talk with them to know more about their culture and routine. My college is like a Santa Claus which gives opportunities as a gift to the students and make the students expose their real time talents to the world and especially when it comes to events and art festival then our college will be on fire and each and everyone in the college will be counting the days for the event. Our college makes it a great show off just to entertain and encourage the talents in students. The events look more interesting when other college students also participate in our events, so rather than saying it as an event it would be like a festival. When it comes to the atmosphere every nook and corner of the college, I could find a peaceful spot full of natural surroundings, whose value will only be realized once I graduate from my campus. I always remember the early morning fog, our hostel's adorable "puppy" or even our grumpy canteen shopkeeper. When I talk about our college then definitely I have to say about our college canteens because each and every canteen has a special thing to be mentioned, for example, to eat variety of food then I should go for main canteen , to eat tasty momos then it would be banyan tree canteen, to sit and relax for refreshing our mind then it would be banyan tree canteen, to chill ourselves then have a walk towards Amul canteen like this we have variety of canteens in our college. There will be moments that carry a lot of sentimental value and I would miss those things a year later. Not only in college but surely I will miss my hostel days too. It's like six forks in one cup of Maggie, the late night talks, the monkeys who are always special guests, twelve O clock birthday celebration, funs and a lot. In the beginning, all these idiots were strangers but now they have turned into a wonderful family. The friendship I made in my college life is the most important aspect. Those people gave me lots of strength and they have been a great support in all circumstances. The time I spent with my friends, playing, doing reels or arguing about any random topic, our regular lecture "bunking" to watch a new release of our favorite star, will always stay in my heart. Finally, I would say

Six months to go after which:

No college, No classes.

No half an hour break, No funny comments in class hour.

No sleeping in class hour, No sitting in back benches.

No bunking, No seminar.

No assignment, No teasing.

No fear of results, No unplanned trips

No internals, No university exams.

And No waiting for friends.

I'm sure I wouldn't get these beautiful moments ever in my life again. Life goes on but always memories will be cherished forever. At last, we are the small branches of big tree of Crescent and it gave me lots of happiness, lessons, learnings and many more important things in life and I would never forget these memories until my last breath .



With lots of love and memories.

S. Harini

B.A. English (Hons.)

III year

Life is a Story with Various Genres

Life should never be too serious,
It's all exciting and mysterious.
We don't choose how we look,
From our parents, those genes we took.

Journey of life, an interesting book,
Don't be shy, go take a look.
Each book contains, stories unique,
Listen to others, they'll reveal as they speak.

Life as teenager, may certainly be cool,
Share your thoughts, with others at school.
Similar minds you will definitely find,
Be yourself, generous and kind.



BY
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III Year



GREY

Loved to be around large groups
But every vibe made me droop.
None felt like a place where I belong
Not in my house, or even with my spouse.
Every piece found its place to fit
But every steady land I assumed was a pit.
I never felt my body and soul co-work,
Something seemed missing all the time
And that's when I knew it was my soul.
It didn't belong here, not in this era.
Failed every time I tried to solve
The puzzle between black and white.
I'm now 80, in the final stage of my life
The new generation calls it "GREY"
That's when I realised I was one of the Grey's.
I always was one of a kind.
Only if I had known this, I would not have cursed
My existence or maybe that is why I'm now
In my dead bed.



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A DAY WITHOUT ELECTRICITY

Life seems to have come to a standstill without electricity. One of the basic necessities of life is electricity. We cannot survive in this world without current. So, here are some answers to the question, what if there is no electricity for an entire day? I'm writing this essay on a day without electricity on behalf of everybody's life and not only mine.

The first thing we do everyday morning is taking shower and making ourselves clean and fresh for an entire day. Electricity plays a major role . The first electricity we use for the day is geyser or water heaters. The youngsters or teens can bath in cold water with the chillness without using any water heaters, but it is necessary to talk about the old couples who cannot take shower without the warmer because, some people cannot bear the chillness of water in the morning. We can even add infants in the aspects of using water heaters which convert cold water to hot water. If someone is unable to bear the chillness of water, they can go with steaming of water rather than using geysers. I will definitely go with hot or luke warm water, because I'm also the one who cannot bear the chillness of water either during the summer or winter. I suggest to use luke warm water for taking shower because bathing in cold water can sometimes cause stroke.

The next one we use are the fans (ceiling fans) where in some foreign countries , they use hair dryers to dry their hair, but most of the Indians use fans to dry the hair. It is noted that hair dryers and fans work with electricity. Considering me, I swear I cannot live with no fans and AC's too.

And next, consider someone is back home after playing under the hot afternoon time and he/she is full of sweat and needs an air conditioner . When switching on, they have come to know that there is no electricity for the whole day . It will definitely feel like hell.

Refrigerators are very much helpful for us in storing foods, fruits etc... by keeping it fresh all the time and it is necessary to use it. The major resource that we use for the whole day is water. It is a must to use water but with sufficient quantity. When there is no electricity, the motors do not work for a day too.

The proverb "**Necessity is the mother of invention**" states that we can definitely use electricity when there is a need by knowing its importance.

We cannot even use television, when bored or use no mails, and other social media, if the mobiles or any other devices are connected to WiFi/ Fiber rather than the mobile data which mobile phones usually have, it will be of total breakage in our life.



Without Electricity



If we used mobile phones for playing games, like offline games, there should be a charging devices such as power banks which charge the mobiles using the stored batteries. To be honest, it won't be logical anymore, and cannot last until the power comes.

I conclude my essay by saying if we are in the situation without any electricity, remember how our ancestors lived during their period since they used only lamps for light, and hand fan for breeze, and they did not use any heaters for taking showers etc... It will be difficult for us to follow them but we can definitely give it a try.



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The Special Soul



Love beyond words
Who fence me with her swords
By you I came to know
That angels are true
Through the sun is hot
Her love makes me cold
God's Prophet
Who made my life perfect
A beautiful soul
Whose prayer makes me whole
Pampers me with her palm
To save me from any harm
Even if the sun fails to rise
She holds me in her eyes.



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II Year

MY UNFORGETTABLE TRIP

My unforgettable trip is when my family and I visited Shirdi, a town in the state of Maharashtra. The trip was in the month of May, for which we had booked our train tickets in very much in advance and had even packed our luggage at least a week before.

On reaching Pune, we freshened up in a hotel. Then we visited the Sai Baba Temple and enjoyed the Dharshan. Food was good, but I remembered “everything tastes good when you are hungry”. We visited many places such as the zoo, Pune lake, etc.

What made this trip unforgettable was we lost our father in the crowd in the temple. We looked for him everywhere, but could not find him. We could not even call him, as the phones were collected at the entrance itself. I started crying.

Luckily we met a Tamil policeman who helped us in searching for him. We showed my father’s photo to him which he circulated to other policemen. Within half an hour we got information that my father was standing near a shop in the next street looking for us.

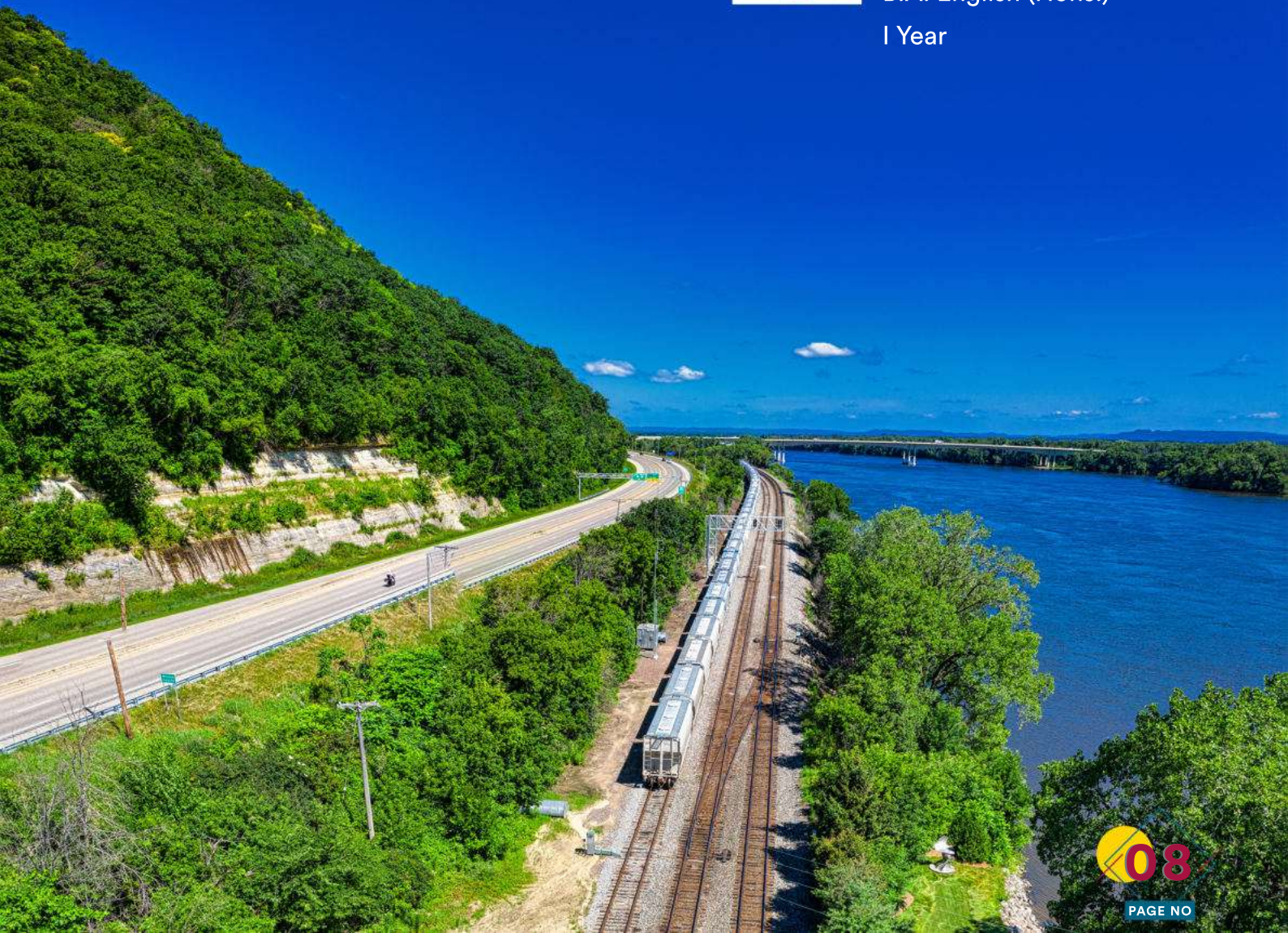
That was the unforgettable moment in my life and that is why this trip will always be memorable to me and my family.



By:
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I Year



Anarchy

Away from the only land I've known
To the seven seas, something I own
The chirping birds and the cold breeze,
With my inhibitions and my hair let down
This time alone, it's not my knees
Or me having to drown
In a pool of rules
Imposed by self-proclaimed cruels
With pride
And God knows, how we lied
As we praised and obeyed.

Away from the only system, I've lived
To the blue shores all alone I dived
No one to accompany me,
For a life that's for all you to be
Making me wonder
Where these herds of people fall
Under? Isn't it aspiring freedom
That gives us the ability to be some
Of the bravest
That wards off evils committed by sadists
In the name of what they call, Discipline.



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IF I GET A MILLION DOLLAR



People all over the world have different ideas and dreams. Yet, there is always a limitation to make such dreams or ideas turn into reality. Often, that idea or dream is financial. Hence, i asked myself a Question "what would i do if I had a million dollar".

- First I'll invest a part of it in share market. A more interesting use of our money is to invest it to improve our life in the long term.
- On the other hand, buying bonds-so that if the bank goes bust, i still have some secure money.
- And also,the best investment is in real estate. I will buy a few houses and rent them out. I will receive some amount monthly without doing anything.
- I think this is what really everyone needs!

HELPING HAND FOR POOR PEOPLE

- The world is full of poor people who suffer from hunger and some of them even have no place to live. From my childhood my mother always says, "when you grow up and earn on your own, you should take a part of amount from which you earn and help the needy people".
- Thus if I get a million dollar, I will do some charity and will feed the poor people as much i can. Atleast, i will make their life a Better one.
- Travelling opens a big door for us to explore the world Beyond our imagination.
- If I get a million dollar, I will have all chances to travel all over the world. I will hangout with my friends to travel to all the places and enjoy thoroughly.
- I think this is definitely worth the money that I'll spend.



SUPPORT MY FAMILY FINANCIALLY

- I think it doesn't need any explanation at all. A good family is one of the greatest gifts God has given to all living beings on earth.
- I will satisfy all my family needs and their wishes with money. I will be a great support system to my family.
- As a girl, there are many things which I wish to buy.
- If I get a million dollar, I will buy myself different collection of dresses, cosmetics, perfumes and footwear - all that are hyped as branded.
- I love making myself unique. Thus, i will spend some money for myself and enjoy my life.

"It's not how much money you have, it's how you save it"

**According to this quote, I think everyone should save money for the
Future and everyone should try to become a better person
If you become a millionaire. You can fulfill all your dreams.**



BY:

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I Year



I me myself,
The world at its own pace,
Running with none beside, in a disguised 'SELF'.
Looking at myself, to know my race;
I me myself .

I'm being a Pearl for some,
Not a big deal to many.
A few enjoy being with me,
More than few are tired of me.
I know I am difficult to be handled!
How do some make it with ease?

Then, were the memories,
Now, being blurred.
Many are happy with how we have been;
Waiting for more days to come.
Few resides in a flat full of hurt;
Wishing not to be ever seen.
I know I'm highly esteemed!

Moments of cherishing,
Being every minute with me,
Laughter and tears,
Silence, snoring big,
Watching series,
Wondering all the more,
A lot more of imaginations,
Day dreaming,
And very few make a move as fast as I do.
I know I'm phenomenal!

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Upside down some do stand,
Some away from food;
Shedding pounds in want of me.
I know I'm in great demand!

"Wowwww", for few,
'Oh Nooo' for many.
I know I'm complicated!

Some says I am Gold,
Well, I know my worth;
Through it all, I'm precious,
And I know " I'm in Creator's hand".

I have been for you for a reason,
We are entwined for a season:
If only you know it, You shall be at your best,
I'll be taken care a lot better!



By:
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III Year



Cheers to Life

**Here's to life
That wild ride
That twists and turns
And climbs and dives
I have said many
Jeered at life,
Feared for life.
But now it's just here's to life!
Because here it is,
Right here and now
Is all there is.
No was
No will
Just the mind with all its frills
And only the observer unseen
Seeing a ride unfold in dream
I used to look
But now I see,
There is just life
Looking out through a "Me"!**



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Not So Orphan

They say I don't have your blood,

But still you bleed for me.

They say we are not related,

But still you relate with me.

They are mean to me

But still you are kind.

I ask you 'why?'.

You say, "I carry you in my heart,

Instead of my womb".



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Oscar Wilde

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde was an Irish poet and playwright.

Born : 16th October 1854

Died : 30th November 1900



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Art Corner



Photo Booth



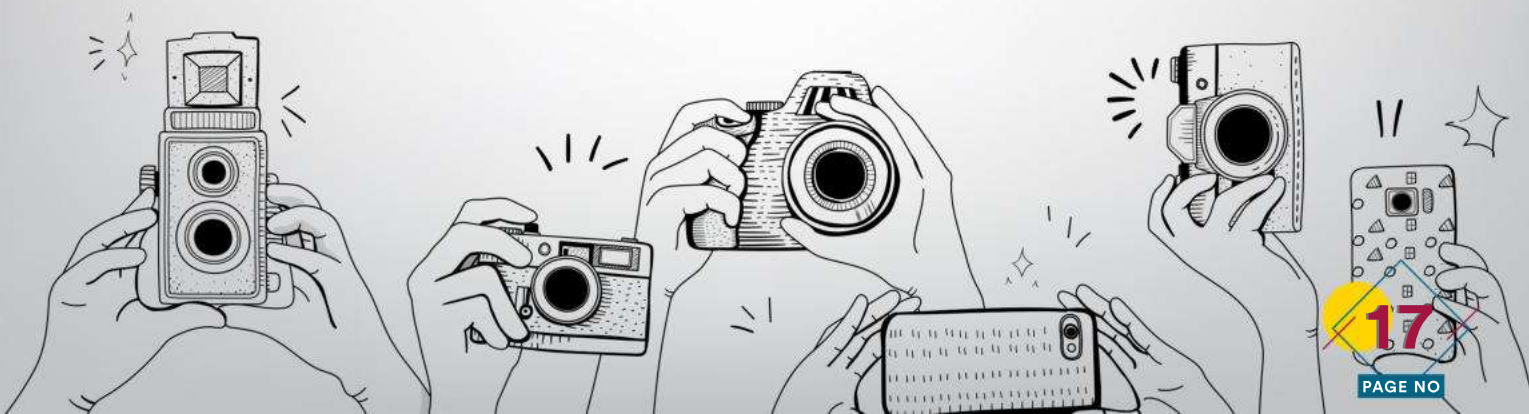
The Talking WINGS



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Lockdown DAYS

When it all started, it was just a distant fear.
In my hearts of heart, there was joy.
For without vacation and family time for years,
My heart leapt at the chance of staying together
Even if it was for only a week.
Yes, only a week; that's how it started.

The days rolled by, following strictly the norms.
Eat what we have; step out only if necessary.
The busy life suddenly came to a halt, though temporarily.
Calls came in, flew out,
Enquiring whether all were safe;
Advising and ordering to prioritize life.

And then it dawned, it's not going to end -
Neither the pandemic, nor the lockdown.
So back came the work that was put on hold.
They said, "World isn't going to stop.
So better get on with your job.
For by the month's end, your salary should be paid."

There were many with no more work.
No work, so no money.
Thus began the exodus, back to their native.
"If I die, I'd rather on my soil", they cried.
Oh, they died... for want of food and water.
As we only looked on helpless!

Lockdown DAYS

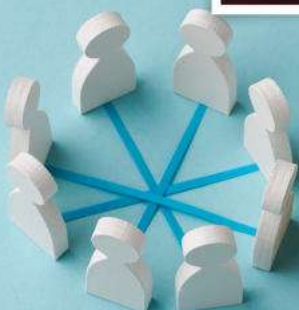
And yet, this pandemic
Did teach us all that life will go on,
No matter what.
There is something more powerful
Than us all - reminding us that
The universe returns only what is given.

It also reiterated that
One may die sooner or later.
All we could do is only make someone happier.
For what is this life if we don't care
Not only for our kith and kin
But in some way for everyone.



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