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The Twilight Zone...

.... is about the final scene of a life's drama. At the threshold to the palace of death some vivid dreams and a few Night-mares disturb the traveller moving on the time-line. When the thread of life is cut short by the three Fates or Moirai sisters, Death appears in one of its innumerable ways and forms. For some, whole life unfolds before them in the memory lanes. In that stupefying slumber all the past merges, coalesces and converges in to a frozen dream.

"But some of the dreamers of the day are dangerous people, for they dream their dreams with open eyes and make them come true."

- T.E. Lawrence

- and for some others life is a beautiful dream and an enchanting song of music.

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1. SITA AND RAMA (END OF TRETHA YUGA)

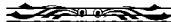
More patient than the earth goddess
She is so silent but he is resilient
For two different bodies with one breath of life
When separated by a dark demon
And found each other again
Is there any need for words?

But his words are sharp swords!
She is like a deer shivering in sheer bewilderment
The long wait and the endless sufferings all gone unnoticed
How can her man, lord and god abandon her on any pretext?
In the name of Dharma has he forgotten his dharma!

The test of fire was over! Or is it over?
When a lowly drunken man was loquacious
He again abandoned her
Exiled a pregnant woman to a predacious forest.

The burden of his obsession with Dharma wilted them both alike!
And in the final confrontation
In front of her grownup children
She walked into her mother's fold
This time not to return!

Frozen in her memories
Like a lonely god he stood there for a while
And when his turn came
Silently he entered the waters of river Sarayu.



2. SRI KRISHNA

(END OF DWAPARA YUGA= 3228-3102 BC)

How much darkness can suppress the glorious spark of light?
 Pitch dark inside and outside
 In a prison cell of Mathura city
 On the eighth day of the moon
 An eighth child was born to the parents in prison.

Seven kids before him were slain by the king Kansa
 Worried parents shifted him stealthily to Vrepally
 Who grew up among the cowherd boys and milkmaids.
 River Yamuna revered his footsteps on its banks
 Resisting umpteen number of attempts on his life
 He killed the wicked king and freed his parents

Studied under the sage Sandipani
 Brought back his son from the palace of death.
 Saved Madhura seventeen times from the onslaught of Jarasandha
 Built a fortified city in the island of Dwaraka to thwart that Magadha king
 Married a beautiful damsel Rukmini in an unprecedented love affair
 Seven more spouses enriched his house.

The friendship and proximity to Pandavas
 It is the emergence of a statesman and a king maker
 Later in that great Bharatha battle
 A charioteer dictated the results of that internecine war
 And like a teacher he guided his remorseful disciple
 Who stepped backward in the face of imminent destruction

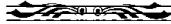
The emergence of the celestial song of Bhagavad-Gita
 Unfolding the secrets of the universe, the immortality of the soul
 The rewards and punishments of thoughts and actions
 The doctrine of Karma, the religion of love and devotion
 The teacher of the universe taught the humanity the real meaning of life.

The battle of Kurukshetra was over
 Gandhari, the mother of Kauravas was in tears
 She cursed Sri Krishna-
 ‘Thirty six years hence you shall perish
 Like me you shall see before your own eyes
 The death of your kinsmen and friends’
 Sri Krishna accepted it for that is the purpose of his incarnation.

And on that fateful day
 A pilgrimage turned into a perilous orgy
 An orgy became a battle and decimation of all Yadavas.
 Balarama entered the ocean
 All knowing Krishna retired to a forest and taking rest under a tree.

Mistaking his great toe for a deer’s ear
 A hunter shot a fierce arrow
 The arrow fitted with the last piece of a cursed pestle or musala
 The curse of Gandhari and Doorvasa took its toll.
 The savior of the world left one and all.

**Foolish men conceive Me, the Unmanifest
 As the Manifest and in many forms.
 They do not realize My higher nature,
 The everlasting and the Supreme.**



3. KING SOLOMON (971-931 BC)

The third king of Israel, son of David and Bathsheba
 Named by Nathan the prophet as Jedidiah- beloved of the Lord
 King David in his last days called him Solomon
 Shalomo or the child of peace had no time for peace on his board

Serial murders he committed to gain the throne
 Brother Adonijah, general Joab, priest Abiathar paid their price
*'The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion
 But his favor is as dew upon the grass'* - said Solomon the Wise

When God appeared in his vision he chose 'an understanding heart'
 In the morning he found a sapphire ring of Adam upon his royal cot
 The language of birds and beasts, the whisperings of trees and flowers
 The mysteries of the earth, the air and the sea encoded and decoded
 The ring helped the king, to hear and solve the disputes of harlots and others

Thirty thousand forced labor, seventy thousand burden bearers
 Eighty thousand hewers of stone, thirty-three hundred overseers
 Adoniram as in charge, after four hundred and eightieth year of exodus
 A great temple of ninety feet long, thirty feet wide and forty-five feet high
 After seven years of hard work, in the completed great temple
 King Solomon offered his prayers to the Lord of Lords.

He put to test his theories, and proverbs followed
*'One faithful man among a thousand have I found
 But one faithful woman I have not found among ten thousand'*
 Married many women just for political reasons
 Pharaoh's daughter, Arabian, Jewish, Ethiopian princesses
 All brought their gods along with their retinue
 Impressed by his wealth and wisdom Queen Sheba offered herself
 The Ethiopian offspring Menelik I was the forefather of the Lions of Judah
 Debauchery, drinking, extravagancies, and excessive taxes on his people
 His heart groaned but he was deaf
'Even in laughter the heart acheth, and the end of mirth is heaviness'

The distance from the Lord has grown
 The priests of Moloch, of Ishtar, of Osiris and of Baal
 The licentiousness, the superstition, the human sacrifices
 The foreign wives and their invasion reached the sanctum sanctorum

Discontentment and rebellion sprouted everywhere

'Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise'- preached he.
To pay the loans he bequeathed twenty cities to Hiram, the king of Phoenicians.

Asmodeus, the king of demons, his alter ego played the game of deceit
King Solomon lost his ring and was tossed into a distant desert
In that wilderness he recalled his earlier life, framed to imprisonment
*"Happy are they that are dead, more than they that are living
But happier than all are they that have never been born, lamented he-
For they have not beheld the evil work that is done under the sky."*
Freed from the prison by the Lord's grace, he repented and repented
Experienced the sufferings of populace, understood the meaning of God's ways

Vanity of vanities vanished from him
The greatest song 'the song of songs' emerged
Now once more he could understand the language of birds and flowers
From the wilderness he reached the king's palace as a gourmet cook
In the cookhouse while preparing a fish dish he found the ring of Adam
The magic ring, which he lost in the struggle with Asmodeus, is regained
Solomon apprehended the demon that fled into the depths of earth
By displaying his cloven hoof and sulfur smell.

But Lord God was angry at his wayward ways
Old Solomon fell to the wishes of his vivacious wives
He built altars and temples for foreign gods
So Lord raised up an adversary against Solomon, Jeroboam, the son of Nebat
When Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam, he fled to Shishak, the king of Egypt.
Forty years after this incident king Solomon breathed his last
And was buried at the city of David.

King Solomon what a contradiction!
A dispenser of justice, a builder of splendor, Solomon the Wise!
A despoiler of his people, a blasphemer of his God, Solomon the Foolish!
The immortal writer of the Song of Songs, Solomon the king Poet!



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