

The Raindrops and the Sun

In the garden of a certain life,
Right after an inglorious fall,
Chaos crept in undetected,
In a moment of fleeting vulnerability.

The Raindrops were furious,
Raging raindrops,
Raving raindrops.


Sun's brief neglect drove them mad.
Shining sun,
Stately sun.

Raindrops decided to unleash ruinous fury,
Annoyed raindrops,
Antagonized raindrops.

Lashing out on Sun's beloved Earth,
Fecund earth,
Flawless earth.

And puddle pools were the blisters
formed on earth's tender bosom...
Devious puddle pools,
Desolate puddle pools.

Innocence was thus led astray,
Drowned in order to pass over,
Till experience spurted out,
Soothing, pushing the Blisters lower,
In full bloom beneath a resplendent Sun,
The Lotus Sutra paved the way,
To a dearly earned redemption.

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Remunerations

it refuses to leave me alone.
simply forgetting how happy i was,
always.
forcing me to think otherwise.
driving me to ride on tides.
i forget that this is not what i desired.
i forget that i am not ready,
not yet.
not ready to face the impending reality.
not ready to pay the imposed price.
thus,
comparison doomed contentment
(however unreal that was).
but not so soon,
awoke and quoth the reason,
history shall not repeat itself.
not henceforth
peace dawns.

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