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### **Three Poems**

#### **Twilight Terrain**

Yellow leaves fall from the palsied tree  
The murmuring river carries them to a deep gorge.  
The shepherd boy pipes a pensive number  
Echoing of some strangulated days.

Seeds of faith sown on arid land  
Fruits of deception garnered ...

Tears trickle down the pages of the Bible  
Tattered are the pages as if pricked.  
Blood oozes out from the Holy Grail  
The Grail slips from sinned hands.

Heart of faith stabbed with infidel dagger  
Shattered relationship cries in cloister...

Vanished presence of some stars befools our eyes  
They are buried in deep dark cosmic night.  
One magnum marriage followed by a fated funeral  
An ignorant encounter in our twilight terrain.

Unholy desires trespass the holy shrine  
Barbed-wire existence pricks half-life...

## **Fearful Symmetry**

Rapid eye movements in dream

Waking on cold terror...

On forehead salty sweat doth appear

Hands mop away the beads of sin

As a murderer wipes his fingerprints

On a bloody dagger.

Again broad daylight beckons...

I leaf through gospels for garnering grace

Flow of feelings...ebb of emotions

Cooings of doves and white pigeons.

Predatory instinct penetrates the ear

Dark dead night in barbaric fury.

Wild pig prowls in dark frenzy

Cain rides on it with a dagger.

The anti-Christ preaches people

Near the banal mountains.

The kingdom of God getting replaced by

That of anarchic anti-God.

Sanity and lunacy...a dire dilemma surges

Creating an impasse of fearful symmetry...

### **Holy Profanity**

Piercing through the skin of ritual  
The intoxicated bodies dance.  
The frenzied onlookers yell...  
Dark Age revisited in a barbaric ritual.

Dark delight engulfs the dark terrain  
Tipsy skin desires to whip and be self-flogged.  
A sado-masochistic interplay sears our souls.  
Deep scary scars...numb pain ritualized.

Getting nailed...way of all addiction  
Thanatogenic ritual performed...  
Naked figures trapped in primordial passions  
Nobody reinscribes them in the land of the sun.

Dark deities dance in devilish desires  
The holy profanity unfathomed...