

### **When I Speak the Final Word (Poem)**

When I speak ... I speak  
About the things that belong  
To us, yes to us.  
About he – my ruler, my oppressor  
Ha! Wonderful he is!

When I speak ...  
About the ills of my oppressor,  
About the hills he leaves  
Between us we disagree  
And he says: ‘you are my oppressor’.

My oppressor, my ruler ignores our affairs  
And settles his problems.  
Ha, his cars: heaven –  
The gold steering, the feather seat, A.C-filled -  
But when I speak, I am his oppressor.

Then he arrested my mouth  
Because when I speak like the Parrot  
I uncover the hills he has left untouched,  
And the ills of his undoings,  
I become his oppressor.  
But who is the oppressor?

Ha-ha-ha-ha,

My mouth will rise again.

Monday, oh Monday!

Stagnant impregnable Monday

That stands two thousand kilometers afar

For a lurch traveler.

Minutes and hours pass by

But my Monday remains an enigma

Like a mirage in the Northern highways

See: my stomach shouts “Allelu-Alleluia”

The worms are sad, and angrier,

Ready for not just a war.

Inside my duodenum feel I

The pinch of their venomous secretions,

Which spasmodically remind me

Of my duty.

“Poor petulant thing,

Heroes of apathy,

Could you not wait

Till my Monday comes?”

“Allelu-Alleluia” was the nebulous reply.

A sixteen-letter arrant warning.

My duty: to feed ungrateful sons of nature  
Who reap where they did sow not  
And remain proud to torment their masters?

“Those who sow do not always reap”  
A voice as audience as a bell did bear to my ears.  
The root of my sufferings is now glaring  
For I have sown where empty promises reign:  
A venial error though.  
No wonder my Monday remains elusive!

Amidst my flagging spirit  
I began marching like the hermit  
To meet my Monday.  
Then the warring worms warn again:  
Hunger deadened my quick steps  
Then the thunder, the wind, the rain,  
It was the final word.

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