

## A Stitch In Time

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The dilapidated heart, still undeterred,

Oysters the pearl of humanity- the biggest bedrock  
And the raison d'etre of being biped.

Craves it still to survive, rather to thrive...

Though dented, seeks salve for writhing Mother Earth under rampage;  
And outpours the tears of blood  
Over the distorted and imploring face of the Family.

When shall we call it a day  
To our inhuman exercises for petty gains  
And chasten ourselves?

The million dollar question is  
Who will embark on shedding selfish, envious,  
Credulous and thoughtless whims of mind  
To promote universal fraternity?

Inevitably we- I and You.  
Should we still wait  
To perform the filial and repay the debt?

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