

The Wretched of the Earth

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“Ah, the poverty

But how long?

I will dig hard

Day and night; I

Have patience and

Will to live. I know

This earth will save

Me from poverty; I am

From this earth.” I

Listened all this and came

Back to my home. Next

Morning news came:

One who was from earth

Had become earth.....!!!

While these wretched

Of the earth die
Some continue inventing
Poverty, some are busy
Making 'wants' and
Manufacturing 'lies'.
But a poor old thing
Comes from the earth
And becomes One
With it.....silently!!!

Search of an island

So you resign
And leave the task
Unaccomplished; I doubt.
Why? Don't ask, I know
How? Your face is a mirror
Reflects your tender heart
That glows and swells to youth
When it accompanies feelings
Full of love or being nearby
That it idolizes and dotes on.

All past rhetoric and so obsolete
Ah! How you hide but inadequately?
But this all I accept is of no use
The decree came and smashed all
You and I now float independently
Search of an island continues.....

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