

POEMS OF THE MONTH

അങ്ങാടിയിലെ ആടു

-സൈമൺ സഹായ

അങ്ങാടിയിലുണ്ടോരാട്
അയവ്വിറക്കുന്നോരു ആട്
സ്വന്തമായതിന്നില്ലോരു വീട്
പോകുന്നിടമെല്ലാമതിൻ നാട്.

മാനം നോക്കി കിടക്കും രാവിൽ
സൂര്യനുദിച്ചാൽ മെല്ലെ നടക്കും
ചന്തയിൽ ഒടുവിൽ ചെന്നെത്തും
ചവയ്ക്കുവാനായ് നോക്കി നടക്കും

ചീരക്കടയിൽ അൽപ്പനേരം,
വാഴയിലക്കടയിൽ ഏറെ നേരം,
ഹോട്ടലിൻ പിന്നിൽ ഒട്ടു നേരം
ഇറച്ചിക്കട കണ്ടാൽ പിന്നെ ഓട്ടം!

“അങ്ങാടി നിലവാരമെന്തു ഇന്നു?”
ആരോ ചോദിച്ചു ആടിനോടു.
തലയാട്ടി ഓടി മുട്ടൻ ആടു
“ആർക്കറിയാം!” ചൊല്ലി ആട്

“അയൽക്കാരനാരാണു നിന്റെ?”
ആരോ ചോദിച്ചു എന്നോടിന്നു.
അങ്ങാടിയിലെ ആടല്ലല്ലോ ഞാൻ!
കരുതൽ വേണമല്ലോ അവരോടു!

Some One!

-Simon Zachariah

Who is at the door? I asked.
Someone- they said.
When I opened the door.
That someone was my brother!
Another time I opened the door,
That someone was my neighbor!
All ‘Someone’, will be changed,
When we know them close enough.
You can be a ‘someone’ to some one!

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Earthly Home.

“In my Father's house are many mansions.....
I go to prepare a place for you.”-

-Aandh Jayaprakash.



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Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah**

Every now and then we meet people who want to see a change in others, in families, in cultures, in civilizations, and the whole world! In their opinion, everything has to be changed according to their wish. To me it looks like we are suggesting to move a piece of puzzle from one place to the other. To remove anything from its existing place is easy, but to replace with another is impossible. Many people have certain visions and dreams. To build it up, they need lots of persistence and God's grace. When we look at the lives of great people, they had their vision even when they were very young. But they are not fully ready to establish their vision. When we see children, we sometimes ask, "When you grow up who do you want to become?" We should not neglect these humble wishes and

dreams as long as they are noble ideas. We have to strengthen them with prayers and best wishes to pursue their dreams. We may think that they are so small and do not understand the risk involved in their vision. But the God who put such a vision in their heart is capable to strengthen them with all His heavenly blessings. Remember our children are going to live in a different period in the history.

We should examine our childhood visions and dreams. Perhaps that little flame may be still there. Find out what is working against your dream. You may have enough resources except courage. Ask God to strengthen you to fulfill your dream. Use every opportunity to show the power of God who is with you. All the great people of God, never wasted even a small opportunity to do the will of God. They knew that the same God who have asked you to work for Him will strengthen you. Next time you will have more faith and confidence in the name of God. David practiced this presence of God even when he was a young boy. He challenged the wild beasts in the name of Almighty and saved his sheep. Later he exercised the same faith against Goliath and saved God's people. In one of the Malayalam hymns it asks: "How were God's faithful people able to do the good things for God? Because they always kept God's words (strengthening, comforting, assuring) in their hearts".

Just like infants learn to trust their mother, we should develop an acquaintance with God by proximity, and drinking the milk (Word of God). Then you will experience the caring and attention of God.

We should witness this to others and they will know you belong to the Almighty God.

Many of us think we are very old and useless to God. But the fact is that some of us are still on His potter's wheel. God is still working on you. It is time to examine our childhood dream and start to do something little in a small way.

God will bless all your efforts and honor your small acts of faith. Every great institution, great invention, great organization all started as a small childhood dream in some small hearts. They all grew bigger not by not making any mistakes; but learning from mistakes. The important thing is to start doing something small, and grow bigger learning from mistakes. But remember we need lots of courage even to do a small act for God. Jesus didn't tell his disciples to start preaching immediately. He said: "But you will receive power **when the Holy Spirit comes on you**; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8). God's spirit is the one who will always be with us to encourage, correct, strengthen, and comfort in the times of need. Always go close to Him and get renewed to live for God. He will bless you to be blessings for many others. The relatives and friends will wonder at the things you are doing for God. We are just a pair of latex gloves in the hands of God. We can totally submit ourselves in His mighty hands. Then you will not only do miracles but you yourself will become a miracle of God. So lift your hearts and dust off all your childhood dreams and start doing what God wants you to do.