

Selfish Child Selfless Parent

I stayed illiterate
So you can be literate
I stayed a food hawker
So you can have more job options

Now that you are learned
You avoid me the unlearned
You have become an excuse giver
But I still love you without options

I loved you and still love you because of Jesus
For He was with me, plus
When I thought I could not be a care giver
For you any longer, I had faith I had no options

Beyond the earthly physical nourishment
Beyond my need of your acknowledgment
I bless you with this as an adviser:
Do the will of God; you have no other lasting options

So I consider my efforts as a sacrifice
With no return on my investments: a sacrifice
My portion I shall receive from Him my Giver
Without God Almighty I have no options

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