12 May IRIE IMRAN FIRST WALK ALONE



ONCE UPON A TIME

First Walk Alone

In choosing between which poems I include in my compilation volumes, two related considerations have largely preoccupied me. The first being, which of my poems do I feel are my strongest and, the second, which of my poems do I want to represent my whole body of work. The first in fact tends to involve very little thought. My opinions regarding my own poetry is almost always solidly formed on my own initial reads; once I've completed a piece of writing there's an immediate sense of how good it is in general. I'd say my abilities tend to be largely consistent but the work that I regard as my strongest is always viewed as such because it distinguishes itself in some way thematically, stylistically, etc that expresses something original in a sufficiently well-crafted manner. The poems I'm less enthusiastic about then are the ones that either don't have anything sufficiently unique about them and or the ones that suffer from some degree of inelegance in articulation. As for the question of what poems I want to represent me as a writer; this is slightly trickier. But only because in my poetry collections there are invariably several equally competent poems that I can't distinguish all that much in terms of quality. And yet I'll want to include some of these more than others because some convey facets of myself as a person or artist that I think adds more to the appreciation of my work. In short, they contribute to a more panoramic perspective.

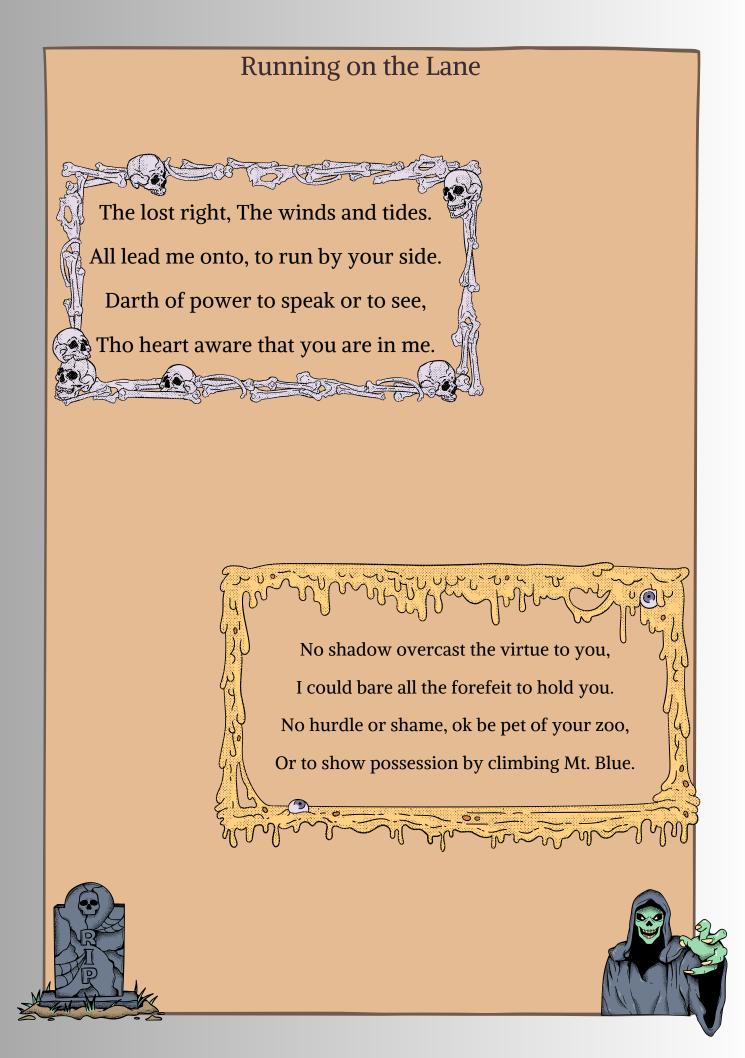
Poetry is probably my favorite form of writing to engage in because it offers the most freedom. In all other literary endeavors there are definitely more obligations to grapple with but, in poetry, a writer can exercise their complete liberty with words; it's like a private gymnasium for the pen. Or keyboard as the case may be. The point is, in poetry we have no limitations except those we impose on ourselves. And, as a near-equally voracious reader of poetry, this is one of the things I most respond to when I'm the one holding someone else's book. Because it's a truly wonderful pleasure to engage with a piece of creative writing where the author is clearing new ground: personally or culturally. It has vitality. And so naturally my hope is that these poems will provide something similar for others. Whether or not that's possible in individual cases isn't up to me but this compilation of my work over the past years of my Life or I can say Phase of life, I think, a most favorable means to that end.

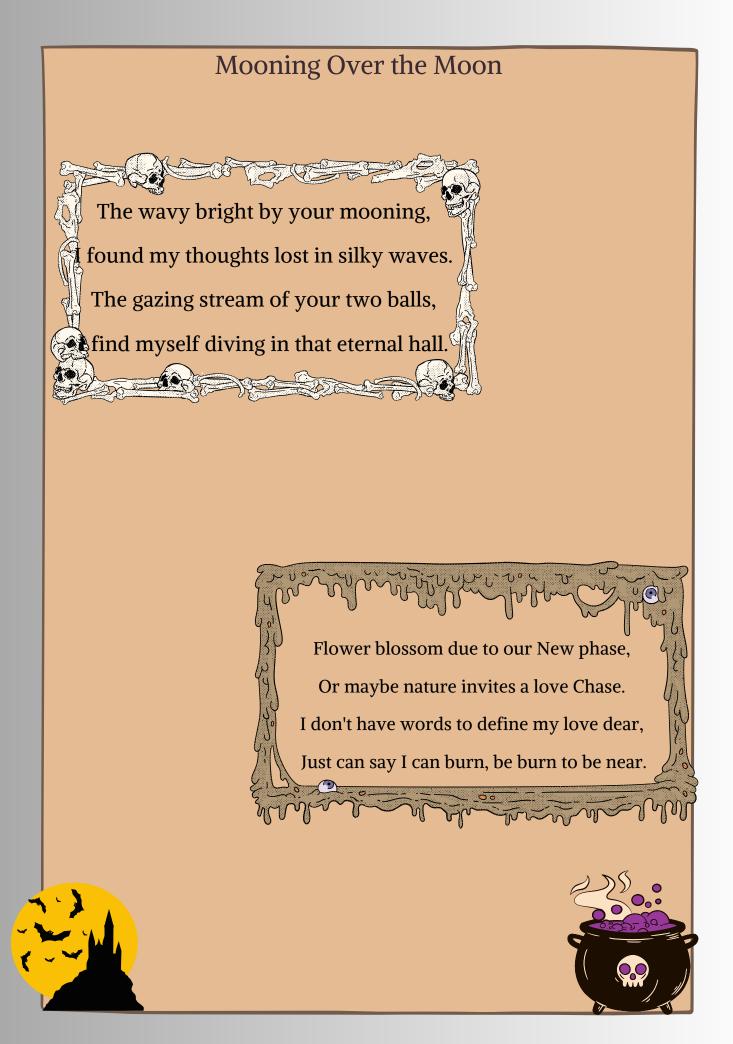
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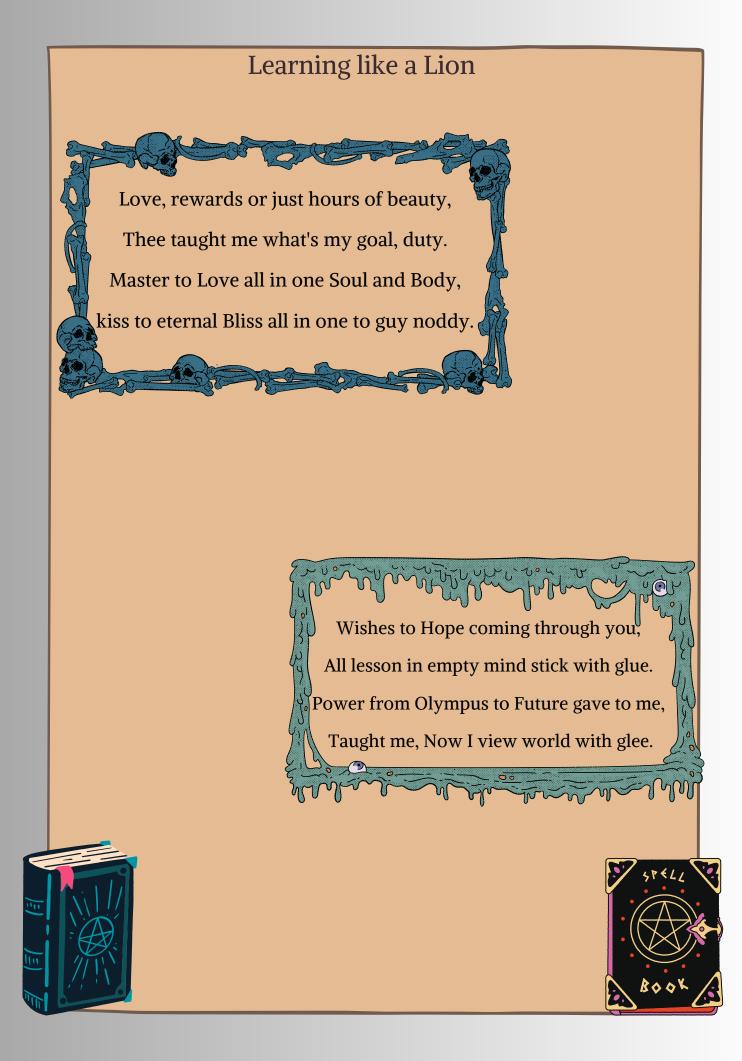
First Walk Alone

This is me, I am the author I am the chef and I am the halibut I present myself to you Scales glistening with ocean brine, a heavy flank Of tough flesh underneath, muscle From swimming my entire life And my dull eyes, unaccustomed to anything Lucid or bright, but the knives Speak my language As I carve up my body to offer you this Fresh sushi, exorbitantly priced; My dismembered self, ornately presented On a public table A bloodless fishman, made from leftover scraps Smiling with impeccable practice And you, tenured professors at your core Examining what's on offer Before just feeding it to any stray cat.

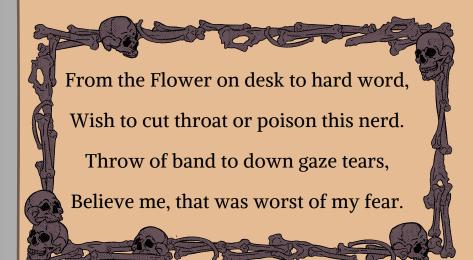








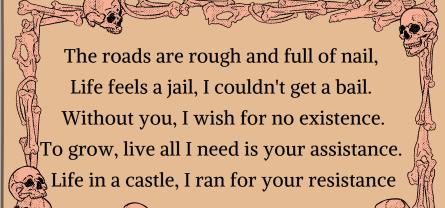
One Promiscuous Mistake



Down to earth, blaming wrong only I can. To peak of sky, I forgot the smile to scan. Never doubt or question about Us my love, I'd just blame myself for not doing my job.

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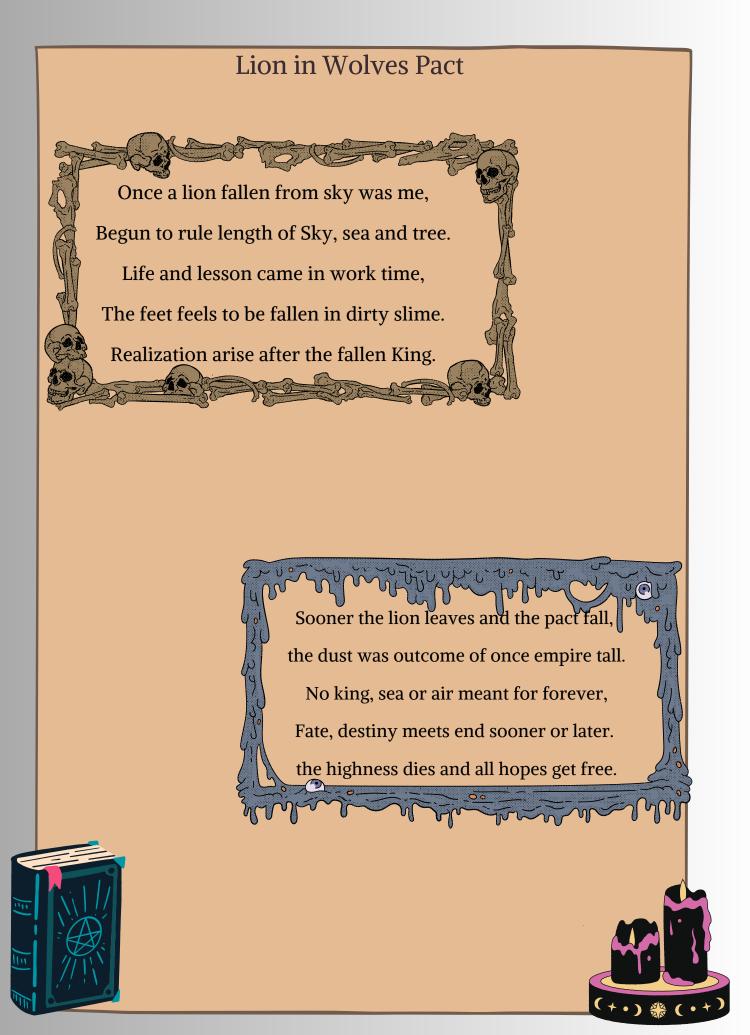
Lone Shadow on Surface

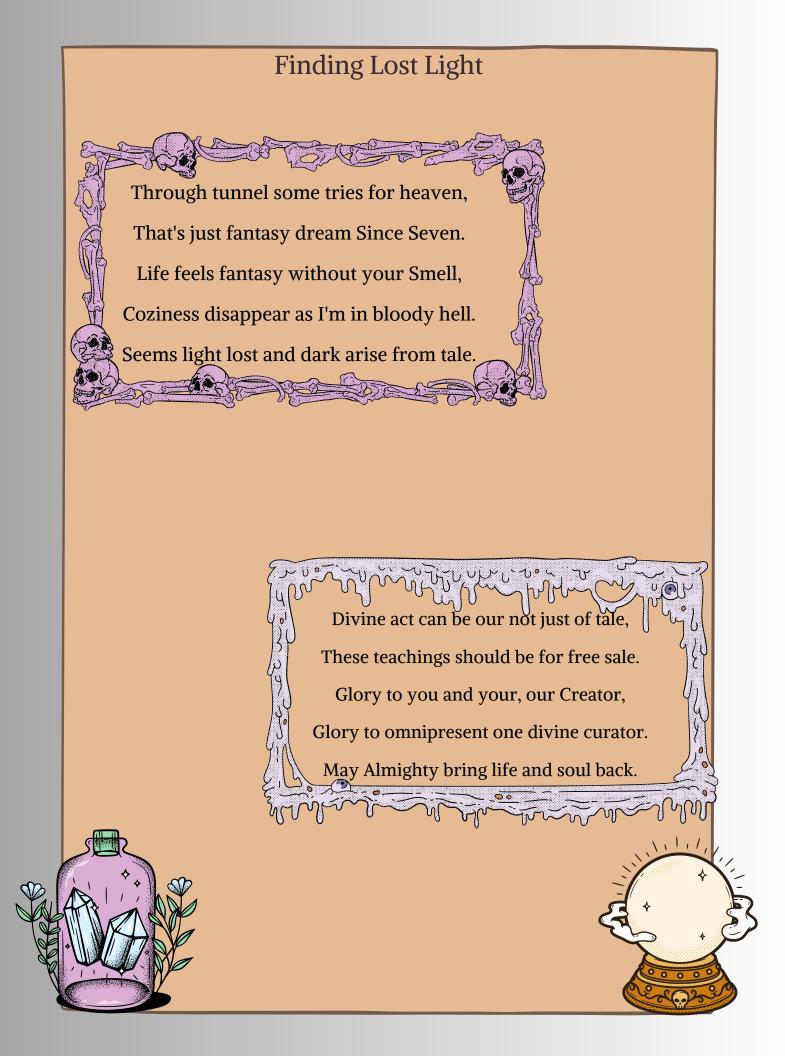


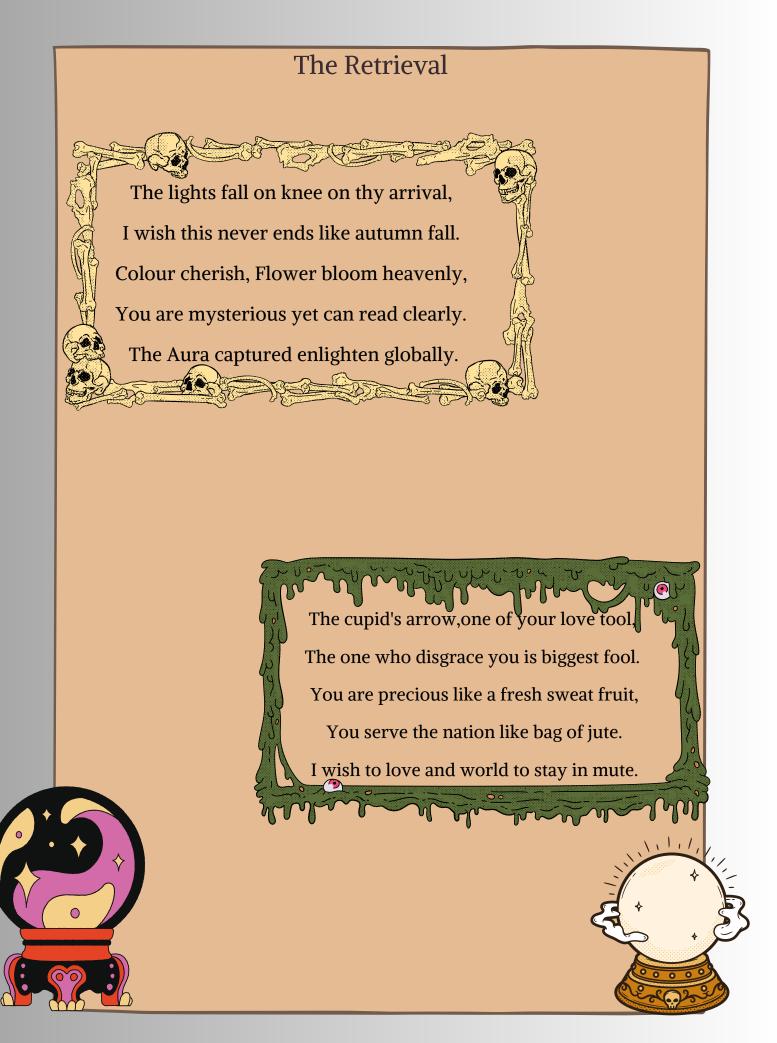
But I never lean, fall or Cry to them. I know my worth, I'm not less than Gem. I try to learn, Fight and Win everything. The purpose to live is to do anything. Probably die with castle by her name.

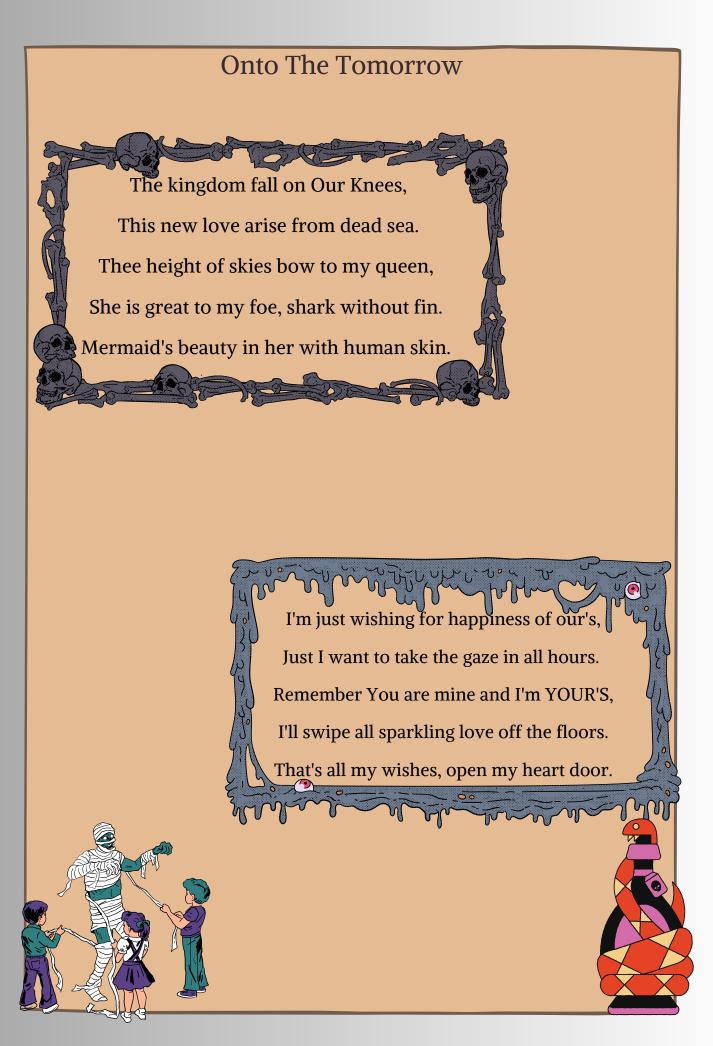
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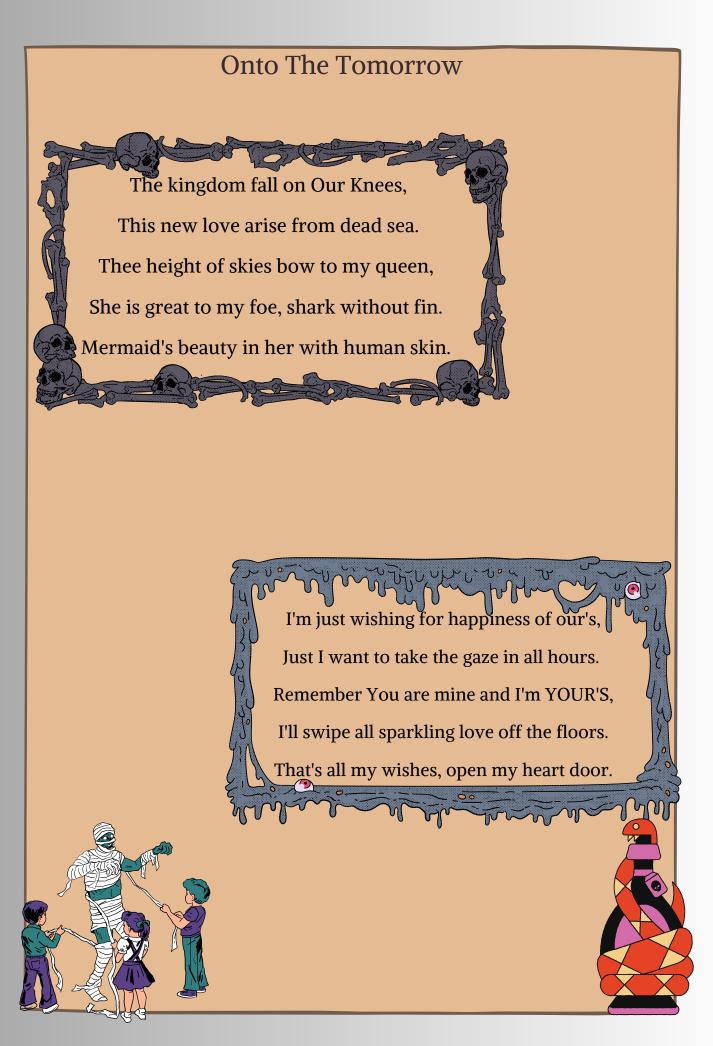


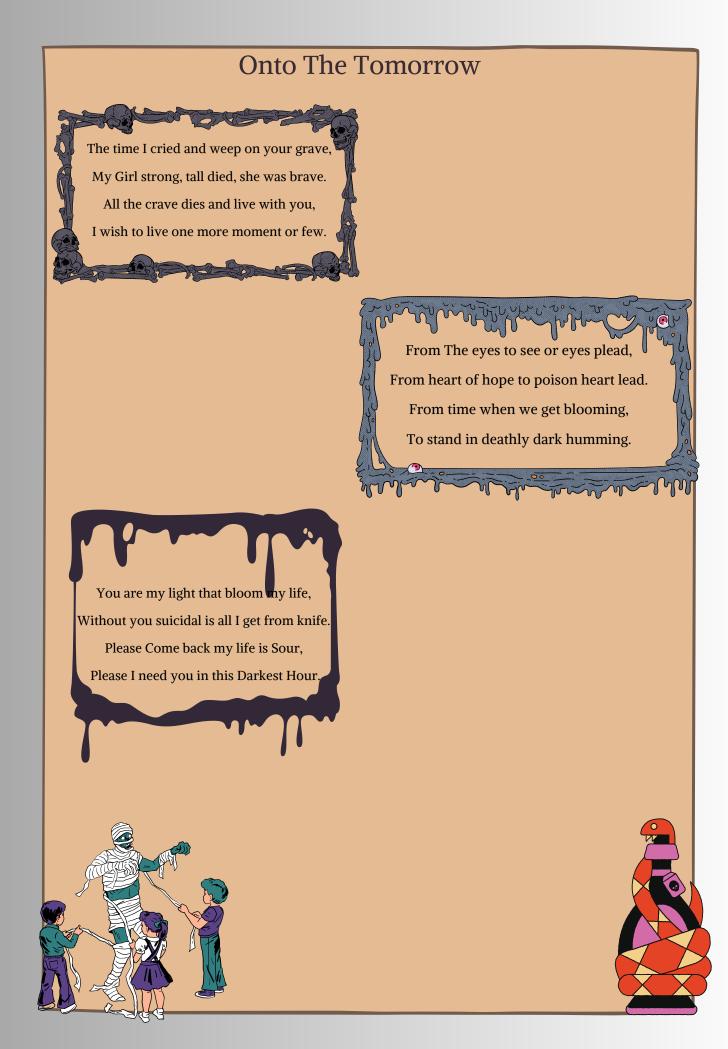














Never Ending Future

Why can't I meet or stay around, I suffer a lot by these societal bound. I hope someday I reach near your toes. I'm alone all of them treat me as foes.

You were the only one who controlled me, Believe my fizz, I never felt more free. I wish I could gather the broken parts, Your death made by hearts be apart.

THE END Written By: Irie Imran





What is love, If not for a season Or a lifetime?

What is love, If not for a season— Or a reason felt?

What is love without The excitement of it; Without casting a spell Of spirit, and mind, and heart Upon one who casts upon you? What is love without God's Spiritual sanction of a divine Union of two meant to be as one?



What is love, I say Love is love Nothing can ever define it.

