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## **POETRY DESK**

## The Side of Life

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Drops of rain like tears of blood coming from a dying heart.

All the pictures of my life before my eyes—each of them has been reproduced.

I see more clearly now, I can understand more deeply, I have become wiser.

To have a dream not to have dreams at all is now a utopia.

What you're experiencing in this life has been experienced earlier.

What you have created has fallen apart like a sandcastle in the sand.

The sun's light reflects first in the west, showing its end.

Time has no substance; it matters only because we think it's important.

Our creations will always exist as if they had existed before us.

The lake formed reflects our binary human nature.

There's no need to bend and observe, because everything is before your eyes.

Where there's grass, there's decay; no flower lives forever.

Nonetheless, the light shines into your soul, you are not afraid of what comes next.

There's no secret that can remain a secret.

Likewise, there's no human who can escape the truth.

I'm fearless and I know where I am heading now that I am wise.

The light guides me and that's what hope is, and hope never lets you down.

No number can beat a human that envisages light.

I feel much better now, I understand and I am grateful for what I am; I now realize that I was born out of light and that darkness does not exist for me.

The light is not gone; it's there for those who keep their eyes wide open.

Pray and God will show you the way to real vision through His love and mercy; then you will simply experience every scene of your life's film.

Have no fear; the light will not disorientate you now that you have acquired true knowledge.

Wisdom is bravery's privilege, so be prepared to go after it. ₩



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