



## **Ways of the World**

A cricketer who is out at zero  
May feel a pang of envy  
For the one who raises the bat  
At the full century mark.  
An IAS aspirant who fails to make the grade  
May find it harder  
For those classmates who have scaled the heights  
And donned the coveted badge.  
The MBA contender who misses the mark  
May struggle to applaud  
Those colleagues who have conquered the challenge  
And secured the place in the corporate world.  
Yet, it is human nature  
To gravitate towards the victors  
And overlook the fallen  
Like the oysters that form pearls  
And not those who fail to gather nacre..  
But remember, in the face of defeat  
Lies the opportunity to rise  
And in the shadows of failure  
Shine the light of resilience.  
So let us not only celebrate victors  
But also honor the strivers  
For it is in their unwavering spirit

That the true essence of humanity lies.  
Election Scenario  
Politicians have become great retailers  
Selling their wares with great fanfare  
And aggressive ads and fervent election rallies.  
A village voter is very happy and glad  
To receive a bottle of liquor and a live chicken  
Others are lucky to have received smart mobiles,  
Registrations for health insurance and  
Guarantee cards for cheaper electricity and gas.  
Politicians make promises galore  
Provision of ration to the poor  
Provision of scooters to the girl students

Pension to old people  
A pucca house for every household  
Laptops to all the First Year Students.  
The list is endless.  
But the voter knows  
Once the election won  
The elected candidate  
Would disappear for five years  
From the wistful eyes of the electorate.  
In the dance of democracy ,let discernment prevail  
Structured promises, not mere ships to sail  
Beyond the rhetoric, let substance secure

A symphony of governance, steadfast and sure.

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