



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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