



### 3 Poems by Dr Sanjukta Dasgupta

#### **DYSTOPIA**

Here lies the cactus land  
Ashes carpet the dry earth  
Sighs rise like siren songs  
Here there are no tears  
Here there are no fears  
Here there is no water  
Here rivers are suicidal  
Subterranean stock still

Will the cacti flower someday  
Like hope out of hopelessness

The steel grey sky above  
Inscrutable as invisible God

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#### **Neverland**

Simon Bolivar dreamt:

I wish I could reach Neverland  
I wish my friend was Peter Pan  
I wish I could hear Tinker Bell

In Neverland there are no monstrous humans  
Greedy gluttons  
Salivating for others' treasures  
Killing stealing bullying  
Ravaging all corners  
Of the helpless earth

When will God break the silence  
As the oil of another  
Is siphoned off by a brute  
When a leader of an oil-rich country  
Is kidnapped to enable loot

As Simon Bolivar raised his voice  
Peter Pan cried his  
Forever young heart out  
Wondering what magic



Can make the Satanic earth  
Change into a greed-free  
Godly Neverland.

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**I don't love you anymore**

*“forgot that you existed  
And I thought that it would kill me, but it didn't  
And it was so nice  
So peaceful and quiet  
I forgot that you existed  
I did, I did, I did  
It isn't hate, it's just indifference  
Oh yeah”*  
Taylor Swift

**In his inimitable baritone  
When the Calcutta boy  
Englebert Humperdink  
Heart wrenchingly sang  
'Release Me'  
Was it about cancel culture  
Of the new millennium**

**I want to believe  
I don't love you anymore  
But I fall in love with you  
Head over heels even more  
Any more is not no more  
Any more is ever more**

**As the lover knows  
As George Michael did  
The love of last Christmas  
Ended as soon as it began  
The search for someone special  
Lasts lifelong, evermore**

**Unlike Taylor Swift's  
Liberating indifference  
I remain locked to you  
Though I don't love you anymore**



**The key is lost my love  
I wish I did not  
Love you anymore**

**This earth where I was born  
This land of my many loves  
My lovely parents and friends  
My countless chameleon lovers  
Butterflies and caterpillars  
I am the lover Krishna incarnate  
How can I not love you all anymore!**

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