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Towards a Safe Haven

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The past seems safer,
Because we know what happened.
No matter how painful,
It has already happened.
But the future, is yet to come
Though may seem scary,
But there's always a positive way to carry.
We need to work in harmony for the generations to succeed,
Remove the obstacles like weed.
A safer future is deserved by all,
By making all the sinners fall.

"So what refers to a safer future,
That everybody needs to nurture?"
It means a time when the world lives without fear,
Has air to breathe and clothes to wear.
Food for all, that nobody remains small,
And water as much, that prevents a war.

But not only the basic requirements,
Safer future also refers to a mentally safe place,
A face of the world that everyone can embrace.
Where no person suffers from extreme stress,

And the young ones stay away from negative disturbance.

A future where prosperity dwells,

Healthy minds with peace as well.

Again the question being raised,

“What is safe that we can praise?

Is it following the traffic lights?

Or the girls not getting out at night?”

Rather it’s completely different,

Safe things are never permanent.

It depends from time to time,

What the world is in need for, to shine.

But definitely, there are some common elements

Which can destroy the human settlement.

Like the weapons and the bombs,

Or the narcotics that make us numb.

Nevertheless the list has no end,

Deforestation that we practice today,

Will have an effect in adverse way.

From the explosion of the nuclear missiles,

To the commitment of relentless crimes,

Each action will pay the cost

Which the upcoming generations will suffer the most.

Now come the hurdles that obstruct a safe future,

The war threats that pose a danger.

The global warming which may conclude as a disaster,

The poisonous food that’s causing disorders.

Even the e-world isn’t so safe,

With internet spams spread in a vast space.

All these factors threaten the time,

And the result may not be fine.

Getting over these hurdles wouldn't be a piece of cake,

Despite the fact, we'll have to do it for future generation's sake.

When it comes to fighting a war,

Living in peace shall raise no more.

If the global warming seems inevitable,

Planting trees can make it stable.

Furthermore the problems arise,

Like corruption and bribe.

These actions put the future at risk,

Which leads to a downfall at a brisk.

Another crisis like that of water,

Can be solved if we learn to save it better.

There is, for sure, a solution to every difficulty

Only if, one has a will to solve it.

Now I wonder, how the situation would be

Shall everyone live with glee?

Our future will certainly be one,

Where there would be no terrorism.

No one would live with a fear in mind,

And all the people will be kind

Everybody will enjoy a happy place,

With no major difficulties to face.

Now it comes to resources of the planet,

Which are depleting with the speed of a comet.
Being exploited by us day-by-day,
Their extinction will not delay.
Thus, it becomes an important task,
For us to save them till the last.
So as they can be used by ages to come,
And the future generations also take advantage of some.

Moving further to the food we get,
This is not what one should beget.
With harmful substances mixed in them,
Which leads us to the hem.
Makes our body unhealthy and weak,
Causing diseases every second week.
Looking at the condition we have today,
We cannot afford to delay.
Reduce the use of hazardous chemicals,
And make farming more organic than technical.
We can provide food that's less synthesized,
So the people get a healthy diet.

Another issue comes up in the list,
That fades the future of the children like mist.
This issue is the child labour,
That nobody masquerades to be in favour.
But unfortunately, this is a harsh reality,
That everyone practices it with regularity.
Hence, to make the children's future secure,
This is the panacea or the cure.
Shun this practice right from now,

So as the children do not have to bow.

Polluted environment is another cause,

That, for a safer future, acts as a pause.

Just complaining about pollution,

Would never bring a solution.

Plant more trees to make the place green,

And live in a space that's totally clean.

One more problem that we face in our nation,

Is that of the caste discrimination.

The Hindu-Muslim societies differ,

That the unity of our country shatters.

They keep on fighting for no reason,

And are not even punished for treason.

Wastage is another issue worth highlighting,

That is repeated without considering.

We dream high, to build a utopian society,

But it's almost impossible without equality.

And for equality, we need to stop wasting,

Capital, resources, all need saving.

It's not just about the rich and poor,

Instead it's the matter of opportunities we offer.

There are some who don't even get a square meal per day,

While others waste it just like hay.

Though the list of problems is endless,

But our aspirations are never less.

There is always room for more labour,

By putting in all our endeavours.
We need to deliver,
And should never waiver.
Taking small steps each day,
Shall direct our path to a brighter way.

So with a journey, also come obstacles
That will be a challenge for us to tackle.
There may be things that hinder our progress,
But overcoming them will lead us to success.
A road is never plain and clear,
It has speed-breakers which we don't have to fear.
If we consider them as a part,
No one can make us fall apart.
And for that we shall conform,
To work in unity and uniform.
Breaking the obstructions that we face,
With hand-in-hand at a smoother pace.

Thus to give them a secured future,
This is the time to take measures.
Let us start the journey to a better tomorrow,
So that the future generations remember us more with gratitude, than sorrow.
Leading a road with everybody along,
To a destination that is safe for generations to belong.