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Collection of Poems:

**Delusions of Diasporic Grandeur,
Free as Pigs Fly, and
Diasporic Conditionality**

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Delusions of Diasporic Grandeur

What does it mean to become
foreign
when the bonds of family are
severed
by international waters.

What does it mean when a
daughter's city
reveals the shame of
her mother's country(s) ways.

The shame of being
ashamed of loved ones.

Yet, this is the pattern of
civilization;
of us 'natives'
moving further and further from
home

in search of the very
heart(h)s
we abandon
so needless to say
carelessly.

Without a thought
aside from moments like
these when
we sit and think
just
sit and think
of
aging places
neglected by our hands
and arms, if not the
emptiness of posting mere
words for posterity;
evidence of our
remembrance
and refusal to return to
changing landscapes
of when small girls were young.

Dripping regret on the contemporary
Struggles.
and yet still finding it
unimaginable
to prodigally return
Home.

Free as Pigs Fly

Celebration was in the air
joy
at the freedom from imprisonment

at long last
the caged birds are free
released
to breathe vapours of liberty's happiness.
And of course
pigs fly brutally united like a chain gang!

Diasporic Conditionality

Scattered notions of my existence
a memory out of place
constantly not belonging
to any
community of resistance
and yet
the desire to
knocks sweetly at my door
like
death awaiting the sleeper's
sommambulistic state.

Diasporic conditions or as they say
conditionality
meaning
my myths, dreams of unpacked
reality
chaotic
fractal fragmentation
endless shift
between
margins and marginality of
grand narrations
of events according to whom
I do not know

except to say
that I am sick and tired of
this sick and tired feeling
being
no less than out of
the Prescriptive placement
of their value judgments.