

## Poverty

*Poverty is a curse on human society  
Poverty prevails where injustice is  
It rules where ignorance dwells  
It is purely man made  
So it has to be uprooted by man himself*

*society afflicted with poverty  
Is reprehension of entire human society  
Corruption is the source of all paucity  
Only a fearless society can combat this  
ruthless cause of pain and suffering*

*Where the people are dumb and discounted  
Poverty dances in glee  
Poverty shows the poverty of wisdom  
of the kings who rule the country  
And the misery of the people  
Who form the kingdom*

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## My Favourite Poetess



*She is over three score,  
Almost Four score,  
Still young, young at heart,  
Her voice is melodious,  
Showing such contagious enthusiasm!  
Actively and painstakingly,  
She would deal out the gift  
Of her insight and learning  
Quenching our thirst for knowledge.  
Physically as well as mentally  
She is another word for “strong”  
Her advice is “Be creative”  
Practical and efficient,  
She is my beacon light  
Both day and night*

**By Saman Jayaratne**