## See The Butterfly

See the butterfly, how harmoniously she flies
Sits on the cactus flower, exploring the light
One wonders if she is aware
Of the weeping famished boy, sitting near
Watching her joyous dance, flower to flower
A thought traverses the hungry boy's trembling mind
If he could fly freely just like the butterfly
With no longings in his heart to be fed, with no inkling
to cry

Going places without concerns of food or water to survive

Just living off of sunshine, enough energy it provides
A cold weakened hand emerges, clouding the boy's clear
sight

To clean hardened drops of tears, stuck in the corner of his eye

Not large enough to fall, not moist enough to cry
Using the final strength within him,
the boy sways his heavy head
Away from his hopeless mother's hand
Holding onto his ill child
desperately prays for food to arrive
Through the window of her loving palms,
he watches the dance of the butterfly
The butterfly sits still right in front of his eyes
Listening to his tired mother, whispering to the light

Crying for a loaf of bread to save her boy's young life Wondering, doubting, hoping there is a God that hears her cry

Her wishes echo through the wind, travels across Her prayers radiate through the silence unforgotten land of dry

To reach a bleeding bare foot man quickly running through, debris and jagged rocks In hopes of peeling a coconut for his dying hungry boy Forgetting his pain, full of hope in his heart He begs God to give him time, to reach his hungry dying child

With enough time, to feed him to save his life

The boy's barely opened eyes, pass his father's shadow rushing from afar

Poking a hole in the coconut with a small rock
The sounds of poking, roar loudly through the wind
echoing through the desolate drying silence air
Feverishly it travels across the land, reaches his dying
son

Sadly the deadly hunger takes his boy's last breath
Unable to hear his father's song
Enamored by the dancing cadence of the beautiful
butterfly

landing on his palm, singing to the boy, to join her to fly Forgetting his painful hunger, the boy whispers to her in silence

I have no strength to move, or cry
Father reaches and sits by, places the coconut down
Seeks a larger rock, grabs it, begins to pound on the
smaller rock

Ferociously holding the coconut, begging to coconut to open

to save his son's life
His prayer is heard, a small hole appears
through the coconut's eye
Hope fuels his heart with life

He holds the coconut over his trembling son's mouth
Drops of grayish crystal diamonds essence
pour through the tiny hole of coconut's eye
Only to land on the boy's closed mouth
running over his lifeless cheeks, falling down
Holding the coconut his sadden father weeps
Refusing to believe he was too late in saving his son's
life

But he knows within his heart
His son's spirit has joined the butterfly, flying high
above

No more pain, no more suffering, free at last he has join the light to become one The whispers of the boy's mother, still singing, disappear

By a giant flying bird appears above Dropping boxes, traveling to the earth with a white umbrella hovering over the top

Speeding down, hitting the earth, to be shattered open Goodies scatter around asking to be picked up To satiate the hunger that screams through the skies just for a few more days to survive The staring eyes of the mournful parents holding onto their lifeless child stares at the goodies scatters around thinking the help came to little to late Their son is already gown

One always wonders, those who have it all if even they knew, they are wasting more food that can feed the hungry cries of the world Believe it or not

Sometimes I wonder, if they ever care for others one must ask its heart.

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