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HAPPINESS IS ON HOLD

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Wait, don't force!

The emotion you are trying to show has lost somewhere,

Hidden between the pain you bear.

From dusk to dawn working so long,

What are you going to take along?

This nine-letter word is a long journey,

But don't forget the berney.

Corporate jobs are a tough task,

Souls are filled with double mask.

That small boy is unwillingly bold,

And happiness is still on hold.

The girl trying to score more,

And old man, crying on shore.

Labourers worried for their paycheque,

The player hoping to get a good deck.

The life of a mother is in a bad mould,

And happiness is still on hold.

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Robbed lady is in a fear of being accused,

And depression medicines are overly used.

Wait, it's happening

Happiness is reconnecting!

Pigeons getting some extra grain,

A student letting go his strain.

Where doctors working for the right treatment,

And teachers thinking for student's betterment.

The girl is again wandering in the garden of flowers,

And the 90s man is still shining like a star.

*The poem won 3rd prize in on-the-spot poetry writing competition in Zonal Youth and Heritage Festival, 2022.