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An Ode to Bombay

I am not a poet,
I can't do poetry.
Nor the one who can write hymn
to shine through the grim.

I am afraid
Fear of being a mediocre
Losing all to the stare

Ohh it's so hard....how can I even dare

I can just speak to you
Speak to you O' city
Skyscrapers blossoming in height
O" Salty city of night.

I heard you were hurt
Yes It happened
Even a city can bleed
Succumbing to everyone's greed

Have you gone stoic?
Or is that you screaming
Amidst the night
Or hooting of an unknown flight.
O city, city of starry eyes
Sunny skies, and monsoon plight
Of the New and Old
So many stories of you, told and untold.

Many come and many go
Do you even remember,
And...Will you remember me?
Or will I be just a spec on your sands

I remember soaking in your first drizzle
Alongside the heat of the corn stove
Me and my wife, we try
Deciphering life, as it went by

You run through our blood
As we travel through your veins
Transiting from one station to another
Alone yet together

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