

# Farida Ahmed's Poems

## Love is Like a Child

He just said  
Love is like a child and all at once  
Love changed into a child  
Both of them lifted up the child  
And placed it on a patch of cloud  
And the cloud went on floating  
Beneath the blue sky  
Like a tuft of cotton  
It went floating on and on  
The child was overjoyed.  
It cried out gurgling and warbling  
About the vastness of love  
It equals the seven seas.

## A Reckoning

Life stretched out a hand  
I caught it and walked along  
I looked around  
Chased butterflies and dragonflies  
Colour and light all a dazzling  
Joy and laughter seemed unending  
Colour of life I picked and chose  
Life went on and on  
I kept pace and life quivered in buoyancy  
Life bubbled in restless energy  
Life was in bountiful  
Joy knew no bounds  
And then it all changed  
It was not that I didnot deserve  
But things got jumbled up  
I was out of key with life  
And lost all rhyme and rhythm  
I was left in the cold, abandoned  
I blamed none and said  
The fault was with the stars  
Just to keep you unblemished.

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