# Irma Kurti's Poems

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**A little emotion**

I am looking for a little emotion,
as slight as the trembling of a leaf,
as slender as the swaying of grasses,
as gentle as the lapping of a wave at sea.

I'm not searching for a powerful
emotion that will shake me like
an earthquake, that will blind me
like a big illuminated mirror and
leave me sleepless in the night.

I am looking for a little emotion,
so that my heart can hold it up.

**We won't laugh anymore**

We won't laugh anymore as we used to:
happy, casual, carefree, with a dreamy
look and crystal-clear sounds, with that
feeling of being protected from all evil.

We won't laugh anymore as we used to:
with the thought that joy and happiness
have no end and neither does life, that
love may be found everywhere—in a
bud that opens, in the beating of a
bird's wings, on a sunny, rainy or cloudy
day, in a shell that waits for a kiss from
the waves.

We won't laugh anymore as we did then—
at the time, we were only innocent children.

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