

## **Ode to our Dad (Asho Zarathushtra) from His kids**

Our Dad  
Though You are  
The Chosen One  
You never let Ego  
Get to Your head  
Nor do You  
Suffer from any Superiority Complex  
You are very humble yet serene  
Gentle & kind  
Never once loosing your temper  
Or being mean  
You approach Life  
With Reason & calm  
'Cause You realize that  
One achieves more  
Good than harm!'

Bestowing upon us  
A very valuable gift  
A Universal Message  
To all human kind  
Of Good Thoughts  
Good Words  
Good Deeds

## **Crusades against Ignorance**

One must have heard this slogan:  
“Two heads are better than one”  
If one use the latest technology  
The “heads” could be that of  
Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh  
Including that of a Zoroastrian.

Ignorance leads to  
Negative actions of  
Racism Separation  
As well as Discrimination  
Which goes against the  
Principle: of How to be a  
Good Zoroastrian.

To make this  
World a better place  
Safe as well secure  
We should try  
To unlock the “door”  
That has remained closed before.

## **Mother's Day 2**

Tonight while the lights  
are turned down low  
Our thoughts waft  
To a very special person  
Who have passed on  
Or left behind  
Many years ago.

The bonds of love  
Will forever be strong  
Even if we didn't have  
Mother's day  
We will always have  
Her in our hearts  
Remember her in  
Our prayers every single day

Her love is like  
A Sweet Scented Rose  
Soothing & comforting  
If any trouble arose  
Making sure that the  
Woes & worries  
Are vaporized  
From now unto eternity  
As the sun begins to rise  
Wiping away the flow  
Of incessant tears  
Isn't true that  
Mother's are like a  
Cup that always Cheers!

Happy Mother's Day!

## **Happy New Year**

As we prepare  
To ring in  
The year 2009  
We wait with  
Abated breath  
May it be a  
Year overflowing  
With Love Happiness  
Within the entire  
Zoroastrian Community  
As well wishing  
One & all  
A Very Happy New Year!!!

# **Zoroastrianism Separation Discrimination**

Our community ought  
To be shaken & stirred  
Awaken from their  
Deep slumber  
So that they  
Can hear  
We are dwindling  
In numbers  
Our end is near!

Conferences & meetings  
Does nobody good  
As the issues still stand  
Where they've stood  
We haven't budged  
Not even an inch  
How long will it  
Take to be in sync?

Knowingly  
As well as willingly  
Playing Russian roulette  
Keeping the community  
Divided what does one get?  
One knows very well  
What the Pristine  
Message should be  
The Freedom of Choice  
Universality as well Equality.

## **Vohu Mano**

Vohu Mano  
Is a very rare  
Special Commodity  
Bestowed by the Divine  
To all of Humanity!  
It's like a starting gate  
From which serene  
Good Thoughts flow

Thoughts leads to  
Good Words  
Which in turn  
Leads to Deeds  
Gives us an idea  
As to the type  
Of life  
One should lead

“Wrong turns”  
Does nobody good  
'Cause it brings about  
One's fall  
Especially when we've  
Done something terribly wrong  
Have no guts to admit  
There's a teeny voice  
Which we call  
“Conscience makes  
Cowards of us all”.

## **The Path of Righteousness**

This Path ain't  
Paved with gold  
But uneven  
Jagged cobblestones  
It twists & turns  
As it wends its way  
By keeping the  
Ugliness at bay  
If one wishes to  
Reach that  
Path someday!

Inroads to a  
Man's heart is  
Cooking him a feast  
Way to Ahura Mazda's heart  
Is by abiding by the Tenets  
Of Good Thoughts Good Words  
As well Good Deeds

## **Vanishing Breed...**

We know that Vultures  
Are a dying breed  
So too are the Zoroastrians  
Even tho' the winds of change  
Are blowing in all directions

Believing they are  
Descendants of  
A Pure Aryan Race  
How ridiculous?  
How totally base?  
A request to get  
One's Family tree retraced

Our ancestors left  
The shores of Iran  
When Iran was being invaded  
To distant shores they were headed  
Must have met "other Zoroastrians"  
At whose house these "Fleeing Zoroastrians"  
Must have got invited.

To spread the Divine Message  
Is an honour & a Privilege  
Au Contraire!  
What do we experience?  
Dishonour & Sacrilege!

## **Fire!**

The body is the Temple  
Afarghanyu is the heart  
Fire contained within it  
Begins to smoulder  
Then it starts to spark

Oh! Holy Fire!  
Thou art so Powerful  
And so strong  
Destroys the any evil  
That seems to come along  
So keep us focused  
Lead us not astray  
With Thy Powerful Light  
Please show us the way!!

“Nemsete Atarsh Mazdao  
Ahura Udao mazist Yazd”  
With these words  
I to Thee bow  
And begged to be heard  
“I shall pass this way but once  
Any good therefore I can do  
Let me do it now  
For I shall not pass this way again”

## Remembrance Day! 2008

As the bells peal from  
Every corner of the globe  
Reminding us that  
Sun did rise and  
You gave us Hope  
The bells of Freedom  
Did sound loud and clear  
You sacrificed your life  
With hesitation & fear!

Freedom came at  
A costly price  
After so many of you  
Lost your lives  
May your memories  
In our hearts be alive

Your utmost sacrifice  
Dedication & determination  
Will never be forgotten  
Though you (Heroes) have  
Departed to an Ideal Place  
The memories will  
Always linger on!

## **The Freedom to Choose & Moral Responsibility**

Proudly proclaiming  
We are followers  
Of Asho Zarathushtra  
Then why are we denying"  
Others to follow  
The Golden Rule:  
Humata Hukta Harvarshta.

Zoroastrianism has no Rules  
Whether they be  
Don't or Do's  
'Cause one has Right:  
The freedom to choose

Why tighten the noose?  
If one has the right to choose?  
Cut them loose  
Set them Free  
Aren't they  
For all Humanity?

Zoroastrians have No Watch Towers  
Nor Road Blocks along the way  
Nor rotweillers to guard the gate  
Awaken Refresh  
Restore Rejuvenate  
The Message of our Faith  
So, we can sow  
Seeds of Happiness  
Hatred we can abate

## **Nature**

Morn pins its' curtain of silky blue  
Birds of hue fill the skies: "How do you do"?  
Golden Chandelier turns things to gold  
Lo! Nature to us such things unfold  
Laughing waves waltz together  
Trees keep fanning their soft green feathers  
Field & meadows like paintings in a book  
I open the book to take a look  
Sturdy mountains are aglow with fire  
As God Apollo strings his lyre  
Winds keep skipping here & there  
Sweetly plays with a woman's hair  
Nightingale sings in full throated ease  
To take life with real peace  
Magnificent Venus in her silvery chariot  
All things become silent & quiet  
Heavens open, fills the earth with a glittering  
Light  
Hark! Angelic host proclaim" Good Night"

## **A Universal Religion**

Finally the veil  
Has been lifted  
Rays of sunshine  
Are streaking through  
It wouldn't have  
Been possible  
Without a concerted effort  
By all of you

To have a spine  
Not flinch or cower  
Regardless of those in power  
In spite of thumb  
Tacks thrown your way  
Nor like a pendulum  
Did you sway  
You all made sure  
The Divine Message reached  
That Asho Zarathushtra preached  
Is available to ALL OF Humankind!

I just wish to express  
My appreciation  
As well sincere gratitude  
For giving hope to  
As well instilling The Faith  
that's meant for me & you!

## **Zoroastrians Face Success Survival**

Someone said that “Zoroastrianism  
Is an ethnic Religion” and we  
Believe that Religion is decided at birth”  
To me it sounds more Klannish  
I think they should get his facts straight

Ours is an Universal Religion  
Meant for one and all  
Be one from any ethnic  
Or national backgrounds  
There’s No Need or Place  
For Prejudice

Treat every one Equally  
No matter who you be  
Regardless of Skin Color  
Religion or Race  
Before one falls  
From Ahura Mazda’s Grace

He dictated No DON’T’S  
Nor that matter any DOS  
“The Choice is yours” He said  
“Follow the Path of Good or Bad  
The Final Verdict is in your hands”

## **A Religion Lost**

Racism Discrimination Bigotry  
Babas Gurus Virgin Mary  
Sai Baba Meher Baba et al  
Aren't Parsees are a pathetic lot!!!

For our Zoroastrian Community  
To Advance  
Generations to empower  
We need a strong willed leader  
Who in the face of adversity  
Will not flinch or cower.

To some I say:  
"Why the ban"  
Why behave like  
The Shiv Sena or  
Klu klux clan  
May I remind you  
That we are living  
On borrowed land

I do implore  
Ye white wall of Silence  
Your valuable knowledge  
To us do impart  
It's up to the laity  
To shift the grain  
From the shaft  
As well as ye will  
Put the Zoroastrian Community  
On the Right Path.  
May the Powerful Light  
Of Ahura Mazda  
Lead each & everyone of us  
On the Path of  
Humata Hukta Harvarsha!

## **Parsis at Crossroads**

Regarding my fellow Parsis  
They have indeed been  
At the forefront of everything  
Yet there is a teeny weeny flaw

Landing on the Western Shores of India  
Asking for admission  
It was the kindness of a stranger  
A Hindu King  
A King who was Non-Zoroastrian

What would have happened  
Had he not let us stay?  
There would have been  
No Atash Behrams Agiaries  
Wadias Godrej or Tatas  
Or Air India today!

## Circus

“All the world’s a stage”  
We are merely performers  
Playing out our parts  
Not as animal tamers  
Or as flame throwers  
But by following  
The Right Path  
As Supreme Beings  
Occupying ring side seats  
Watching the “acts” get done  
The lights get dimmed  
“As the Great Call comes  
And the sunset gleams  
He will lead our souls  
To the land of dreams”

It all takes place  
Under a big tent  
Where most of  
Our waking life is spent  
Live it wisely  
Dispense it well  
Hope we never have to repent

The world is larger  
Than one’s heart  
As performers we merely  
Act out our parts  
Wiping away Misery  
Sadness as well tears  
Spreading Joy happiness  
Laughter & Cheer  
‘Cause plenty abounds  
That’s what makes the  
World go round’.

## **If Only We Could....**

“If we could teach  
The world to sing  
In perfect harmony”  
Buy the world  
Peace Happiness  
And Prosperity

Let's look both ways  
Before crossing the street  
Stop look listen  
If the criteria  
Of Humata Hukta Havarshata  
Do we meet?

We are like a  
Garden of  
Assorted flowers  
Of varied hues  
We can all live as one  
By not stepping  
Into other people's shoes  
Or not other people's toes  
By making more friends  
Instead of foes.

## **EQUALITY**

(Asho Zarathushtra's Vision)

“Hear with your ears  
Ponder with a Good Mind” (Yasna 30:2)  
From the Path of Asha  
Never veer  
Open your mind  
And never fear

Everyone is Equal  
Before the Law  
Be one is Hindu  
Muslim Sikh Zoroastrian  
Our is an Universal Religion  
There is no need or place  
For Prejudice

‘Cause one wears  
A Sudreh Kushti  
Does not a Zoroastrian make  
Behave like a True Zoroastrian  
Unless in Druj  
One wants to bake.

Treat every one EQUALLY  
No matter who you be  
Regardless of skin colour  
Occupation or Race  
Before one falls from  
Ahura Mazda's Grace

He judges you not  
By the amount of Wealth  
Or Degrees one holds  
But by the Good Thoughts  
Good Words Good Deeds  
In the Gareban one holds!

## **Divine Whisper**

Ancient Glorious Civilizations  
Have indeed come and gone  
Humanity has since on  
The Path of Enlightenment  
Has slowly chugged along  
Heark! dark clouds  
Pregnant & rumbling  
With oppression  
And suspicion  
Are hovering once again  
As they were before  
Asho Zarathusthra was born

Wars bloodshed misdeeds  
Even in this 21st century  
Has become the  
Order of the day  
How long is it going  
To stay that way?  
I can almost hear  
The Soul of the Cow  
Cry out in pain:  
"For whom Thou didst create me,  
And who fashioned me?  
Feuds and Fury, and insolence of might  
Have oppressed me;  
None have I to protect me save Thee;  
Command for me then the blessings of a  
Settled, peaceful life". (Ahunavaiti Gatha 1 Yasna 29)

Acknowledgement: this verse is taken from the book: The Gathas (The Hymns of Zarathusthra) translated by K D Irani

To achieve Freedom  
One always pays a hefty price  
As nothing in this world is free  
For the sake of Love of Freedom  
Neda a sweet innocent girl  
Made the ultimate sacrifice  
By paying not with a credit card  
But with her life

May this innocent loss of life inspire us to steadfastly inspire us to uphold the

teachings of the Great Manthran Asho Zarthusra of  
Respect Tolerance Equality & Universality!

## **Mother's Day!**

Her heart is like  
A fluffy cloud  
Her eyes like  
Twinkling stars  
Keeps watch over you  
No matter where you are!

Mother's is a  
Child's best friend  
Whom she/he  
Grows to love & trust  
A mother is an  
Uncut diamond  
A pure crystal  
A diamond in  
The rough!

## **Father's Day!**

Father's work too  
Is never done  
As he works  
His fingers to  
The bone  
What kind of  
Gift does he expect?  
Love understanding  
As well as respect!

## **Nooroze Phiroze**

Norouz Phirooze

As Nature proudly unveils  
Her prized Spring collection  
Of beautiful flora  
Exotic fauna  
That comprises of her  
Most treasured priceless creation

Far away  
In the barn yards  
New born lambs  
Softly bleat  
Ducks go quack  
Pigs go oink  
Hens while flapping  
Their wings  
Crackle & scream  
In their own  
Sweet way  
Welcoming the  
Season of Spring!

Trees coming alive with  
Their baby green leaves  
Swaying in the breeze  
Birds building their nests  
In different shapes & sizes  
Anticipating the arrival  
Of their nestlings  
Ecstatic to have them  
While it is Spring

One can ramble on  
Oh! How I wish I could  
Till then let me  
Wish you all  
Norouz Phirooze!