

Autobiography Of The Sun

I RISE each morning and switch on the rush of day-time duties. I herald the day to people full of energy and bursting to get out and start the day with vigour and health. Such a combination is sure to produce an optimistic frame of mind. These people tackle all sorts of problems and overcome them.

I watch silently those who are going through a phase in their lives, when they want to forget their very existence. For what is life but a change of seasons—each man having his own seasons. But man knows that when winter comes spring cannot be far behind.

Each day means facing fresh

hardships and tracking uphill with the very elusive hope of respite. Each day, as I sink, they can put by their worries. I hope that my unfailing appearance each morning gives them a feeling of security that if the sun has risen surely life will go on as it went on yesterday?

By Mrs. Habeeb

Or, when someone's triumph, victory or success is liable to make him feel he is someone out of this world, it preserves his balance seeing the same sun, at the same place, at the same time!

I brighten the homes of many a happy contented family, watching them thank God for what He has bestowed on them. For contentment is a heavenly quality and even while I warm their thresholds I am warmed by their happiness.

I must also try to infuse warmth into homes where their own special suns have sunk, or have been lost, leaving everyone cold and heart-broken; and much as I feel ashamed to shine before their grief I must do so. Many a new life have I greeted and prayed for their lives to be safe and happily fulfilled.

I hope I can cleanse the sick man. I wonder if the next day the sick would be better than when I daily abdicate my empire to the fair, cool and delicate cares of the moon, who watches over the quiet world when all lock up their toiling and are lulled to sleep.

I am happy for the moon that she is spared the many futile attempts hopeful, hardworking people make and still fail, and wonder how they are meant to fit into the scheme of this universe. What help will it be to play their puny parts? How so much good is wasted and how much bad could be avoided—I am glad the moon is spared much of the constant frustration of man.

I sow new life in plants and seeds. I hurry to all the grain awaiting their share of me. I see the flowers turn towards me. I see the waters awaiting me to be uplifted in flight in the skies.

I watch over the attempts of scientists who discover God's many veiled mysteries and pave new pathways for future lives. I see the children's attempts at alif, bae, tae (A.B.C.). I see the

worms and ants striving and struggling—and all the living birds, insects and human beings playing their parts on this huge stage. And I am glad I am a prop to this wonderful scene set by the Almighty.

I watch the transient players doing their parts and making room for others. I see the multitudes of humanity striving and overcoming the problems of life presents to them, until the curtain is called and they happily depart.

And seeing man fulfilling his duties against so many odds, gives me the desire to rise day after day till it is The Day for the stage to be changed!

Sounds like it

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1. Tania and Sania will go where they can see a lot of their favourite colour.....
2. Seema has a 'horse' of an appetite and has settled down to a nice.....without Asif.
3. Do you know what Asma does when Sadiq annoys her? She.....
4. "Hold it!" shouts Pervez," the engine's not functioning." Lubna advises, "You should apply a lot of lubricant".....
5. Poor old Nadir. He is forever being shouted at by Nina who calls out now: "Careful handle with care!".....
6. Nabia always ends her letters with FLASK, which means "Fond love and sweet kisses", while Javed ends with "I trust and love you".....
7. When writing to Feroze, Shaista always ends her letters with SWAK which means" Sealed with a Kiss" and Feroze ends with "Hope our love lasts and never dies".....
8. Oh! It's been quite a journey zig zagging across the world. Riaz and Susie are feeling tired and we should now get ready for dinner.....
9. Shabina said to Salman," Must you behave like a cat?"

Answers:— 1. Greenland; 2. Turkey; 3. Wales; 4. Greece; 5. China; 6. Italy; / Holland 8. Hungary; 9. Muscat.