Happy Session

Lo! The flock of birds meeting
At this spacious roof so vocal
Expressing their weal and woe
On this unmanned solitary zone.

Lo! The speakers drawing attention
Of the assembled guests so chic
With their distinct buzz and pose
Keeping the podium vibrant
Throughout the session
That all glue to the hall
Till the light dims.

Lo! The flock departing now
With the dwindling of sunrays
For their respective sweet shelter
Collecting a lot of pleasure and lessons
From this refreshing session to return
And unite again with their dearest nestlings.

Man and Machine

Say not nay to offers of device
But let not it demean human price
Time and energy are saved much thru' pay online
But still human contact is there like a blessed sunshine;
Shopping can be done now sitting indoor thru' Amazon
But until entered into a bazaar how can one enjoy human tone?

Say not nay to offers of device
But let not it banish human cries
That rain spontaneous as a solidarity with fellow beings
This is missing even from the latest robotic offspring.

Say not nay to offers of device
But let not it get you slave or make you unwise
Let's foster a harmony between man and machine
Yes, this is the key to stay updated and live life evergreen.

Job Status

Her job status shows that she serves nowhere
But she rises early, opens gate and cleans premises
Her job status shows that she serves nowhere
But she makes daily breakfast, lunch and dinner and serves all
Her job status shows that she serves nowhere
But she nurses her ailing mother-in-law punctually without fail
Her job status shows that she serves nowhere
But she teaches kids and makes them reach school thru' rain and sun
Her job status shows that she serves nowhere
But she does all laundry works day after day for the family
Her job status shows that she serves nowhere
But she receives mails, watches on all entries and exits round the clock
Her job status shows that she serves nowhere
But she worships household deities as a devout priest with no break
Her job status shows that she serves nowhere
Is earning money the only criterion to be in service?
Why works are paid little or no value that charges no fees
A question, a big question indeed for all- living in this 21st century.

A Query

Often I ponder in wonder
Seeing people preferring mobile
To talking face to face with those
That is staying even at next door.

Often I am clueless
To unscrew the bizarre acts
Of people sitting close in a sofa
Chatting for half an hour on laptops
But not seeing eyes to eyes for a second.

Is it due to dependency on machine?
Or a sign of fall of the warmth of relationships
Or for a surge of commercialization of life
Than banking on eternal relation
Of mutual love and respect?

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