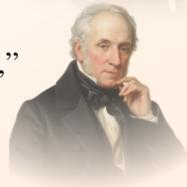


Unacknowledged Legislators *of the world*

Mighty kingdoms rise and vanish,
Yesterday's monuments crumble to dust.
Even the deep blue oceans and rivers
Whisper softly, "We too shall pass."
Generations come, generations go;
Time's endless river flows ever on.
"Nothing endures but change,"
Say the sages and philosophers of old.
Yet some souls defy the flow of time,
Through thoughts and feelings poured upon the page.
They seek the values of justice, duty, love-
And leave a light that outlives their age.

The Bard of Avon, with sonnets and stage,
Captured beauty, love and mortal ways.
Milton, mourning Paradise lost,
Found paradise in his immortal verse.
Romantic sovereigns, Keats and Shelley,
sang of passion, nature and beauty's spell.
Keats proclaimed that beauty is truth and truth is beauty,
Shelley dared to hope: if winter comes, can spring be far behind?
Wordsworth, Romantic luminary, wandered
"Lonely as a cloud" through Europe's green splendour.
Eliot, with a golden pen, claimed Nobel fame,
Through wasteland and cathedral shadows, he carved his name.

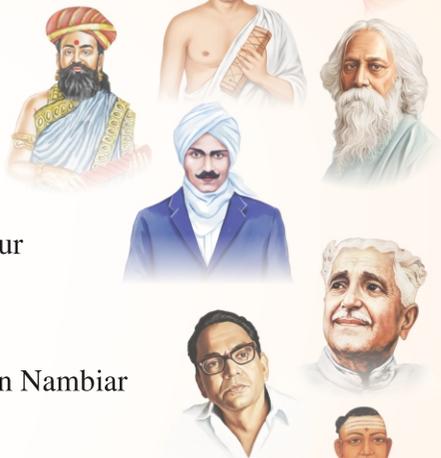
Frost, with "miles to go before I sleep,"
Chose the 'Road less travelled' and made it his own.
Emily, though unorthodox, sang to God,
On death and eternity her words still alive.
For Poet Laureate Tennyson, "knowledge comes but wisdom lingers,"
and life is "to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."
Whitman, champion of freedom, wept in verse for his fallen captain-
"My Captain does not answer; his lips are pale and still"
Edgar, dark genius of the gloom and architect of shadow
Captured the soul's dark depths.
Homer's Iliad and Odyssey
became the pillars of Western lore.



Dante led us through Hell and Paradise,
 Gifting us the Divine Comedy's light.
 Vyasa, with Mahabharata and Gita within
 Offered wisdom and truth in epic grandeur.
 Kabir, with Dohas and Sufi verse,
 Merged faiths, revealing the heart of devotion.
 Valluvar, with thirteen hundred and thirty couplets,
 Filled minds with awe and timeless insight.
 Ilango, the Prince Ascetic, scripted Silappathikaram,
 A treasury of Tamil culture and life.
 Avvaiyars, the wandering poetesses,
 Spoke untold truths in few, simple words.



Kambar, emperor of poets,
 Lifted Rama to divine heights.
 Bharathi, revolutionary poet of our age,
 Sang for freedom and women's liberation.
 Tagore, Nobel Laureate, philosopher and seer,
 Gifted Gitanjali to the world.
 Sri Sri unveiled the tapestry of Telugu's grandeur
 through his resplendent lyrical anthology.
 Kuvempu and Harihara, with Bendre,
 Showcased Kannada's boundless pride.
 Kumaran Asan, Ezhuthachan, Vallathol, Kunjan Nambiar
 Polished Malayalam with their golden pens.



Rulers draft laws and wield power but poets touch our very souls.
 They shape the moral and cultural fabric of society,
 Laying the unseen groundwork of all laws.
 Poets live forever through their verse,
 The “unacknowledged legislators of the world.”



Amidst battles, strife and worldly sorrows,
 The Son of God, who walked among us,
 Brought the law of Love, of Good News.
 Unseen, unheard, yet ever near,
 He whispers “Peace on Earth”-His first, divine decree.

At this Christmas, as He is born again, We pray:
 “Lord, create a new world order,
 With justice, peace and harmony,
 Through Your divine legislations,
 Now and throughout the New Year 2026.”

