

Welcome Capitalism

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How we ate

Mother cooked food;
And the food was made with love.
Purity and nutrition was essential;
‘Cause children came first.
Then she sat with father,
and they ate together with great
satisfaction.

How we shared

Some food was set aside,
for dogs, birds, and cows,
cleaning lady, neighbors, and the
brahmins;
who all came for food.
No stale food was left,
at the end of the day.

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How we lived

Refrigerator, washing machine,
and microwave were unheard of.

Water filters were not there,
Clay pot water tasted so good.

We carried lunch to school in little food carriers;
and not plastic bottles.

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How we resolved differences

60 years ago we slept on the cots,
sometimes on the terrace;
under the starry sky with
no fans or dengue mosquitoes.

The doors were never locked;
We had less money, but no worries, no fears or
jeers.

We used to have misunderstandings,
but said sorry before going to bed.

How we created the society

Policemen were friends;
Area postman knew everyone.
Doctor came, sat, talked, told us stories,
And did not spread his hand for fee;
For he was called the Family Doctor.

And today, welcome abundance

Today we have everything, but frankly nothing.

For relations are hollow;

Houses are empty, children are left with nannies.

Husband dares not come home to face a quarrelsome.

She is a competition for everything;

‘Cause she works as well.

Without family values, family life is lost.

No one trusts anyone, anymore.