

## North and South Biography of an Immigrant

Neither from the North  
Nor from the South  
The East or the West  
Or the turbulent peripheries  
That fight and never rest

A mixture of all cultures  
Ancient and modern ways of living  
Tribal customs and traditions  
Strange dreams of children  
And faithful love in all hearts

An authentic product of wild plants  
Growing on the top of mountains  
Peoples' struggle for freedom and justice  
Inspirations of imaginations  
The possible of the impossible  
The deep secrets of sunrise  
The magical beauty of sunset  
The suffering of a lonely love  
Wondering in the wilderness

A soul amazed by the science of the West  
Overwhelmed by the magic of the East  
Refreshed by the breeze of the North  
Enchanted by the lyrics of the South

The culture of the mind is distinctly western

It belongs to the modern, complicated North  
The culture of the heart is authentically eastern  
It belongs to the ancient, simple South

A dreaming mind living in a time that recognizes no place  
A bleeding heart living in a place that recognizes no time  
A soul that has no particular place to identify with  
And no particular time to belong to

A shining, dreaming moon  
Navigating far away skies  
It loves writing philosophy  
Enjoys reciting poetry  
And dancing with the stars

A homeless, hopeless soul  
That knows no security or peace of mind  
Stranger in the North  
Alienated in the South

It spends nights dreaming and planning  
How to avoid the violence of the North  
Escape the repression of the South  
And maintain sanity in a mad world

A lover of beauty in nature and life  
That committed no crimes in his life  
But fears harsh punishment  
For being faithful to his feelings

An industrious thinker

Accused of revealing mistakes  
Committed by corrupt rulers  
Chased by the secret services of the North  
Marginalized by the authorities of the South

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Strange dreams of children  
Faithful love in loving hearts

A wondering, wounded soul  
Living in the West  
Dreaming in the East  
Longing for a home in the North  
Missing the homeland of the South

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