

Kudos

By Karuna Mistry

Had a baby, he never says 'maybe'
Gets up at four to help with chores
Clock rush to work for a salary perk
Back home late for a romantic date
...Of microwaved lasagne on a plate

To most, he's most ordinary
But to me, he's most worthy

Kid can talk, they go out for walks
To offload our neighbour's day
He takes their child out to play
Back for supper – this time proper
...his favourite, freshly cooked pasta

Most will not be able to see
That he's more than ordinary

He'll cook so I can read that book
He'll iron while I tend to the garden
Won't complain, but entertain
He'll try to sew and have a go
...at advanced DIY until the fuse blows

It's clearly plain to me
That he's extra over ordinary

He's one man but I add a zero
His tenfold worth cannot be wrong
He's ordinarily my special hero
I hear my hero, I sing his song:

*"There goes my hero...
Watch him as he goes"*

Lyric from "My Hero" by Foo Fighters

My Ancestor...

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My ancestor was a carpenter
Vestigial relic of my surname
My grand livelihood of wood
Is office paper just the same

My ancestor was a farmer
For me a garden pastime
I harvest from laden shelves
Across shop aisles all the time

My ancestor was into stocks
Counting reserves of grain
But I went into shares
My selfish ability to gain

My ancestor was into yoga
Deep breaths from chest to chin
But a drive to the urban gym
Leaves me asthmatic within

My ancestor was an artist
Lifetime expertise passed on
Shame that my art certificate
Cannot transfer to my son

My ancestors were noble
At doing what they did
I stand in their shadows
Feeling slightly invalid

Because of You

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Because of you
I found myself
How creativity lay dormant
Stuck upon that bookshelf

Because of you
I renewed myself
Turned over a new page
Learnt how writing soothes oneself

Because of you
I am at the doorstep
Found a new day job
My career calls the next step

Because of you
I have a new interest
Perform for creativity
My gut I now trust

All because you lay
Lay in my lap that day
Because of you
Because of your death