

Airport

Patience exhausted attention demanded
Airport clamour assaults the senses
All rhyme lost in the chaos
Gladiators to claim the skies

White noise of background chatter
A symphony of meaningless banter
Careless queues of passenger phantoms
Snake around to random stands

Empty shelves of duty free items
Samples solitary sprinkle satin spills
Arabic greeting for tobaccos and perfumes
Liquor Promise of exotic thrills

Ghostly tannoy greetings echo
Through low ceiling halls of gloom
Scattered seats enriched with luggage
Booty and bodies sprawled akimbo

Sombre security ply the aisles
Humanity absent in their gait
Void of feeling and emotion
Empathy left at the embark gate

Endless echoes of distant places
Destinations most unseen
Advertised on ancient posters

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Promised on fluorescent screens

Sit in anguish patience exhausted
Hunger stalled by plastic breads
Head in hands feet in track shoes
Body held in polyester fleece

Gaze through shaded sun screened windows
Alain landscape of Tarmac and sands
Littered by bugs and passage of mankind
Automaton of an unfamiliar land

Rescue desperate in anticipation
Forms a queue of grim demand
Shuffle slowly past the gateway
Salvation beckons in ground staff hands