A NATION ON BARE GROUNDS

- Oh! to that sorrow I can barely sustain ..
 both ends of which are causing pain
- Our kin proffered us to various tragedies..are all in hearts causing fatalities
- O Nation! your domicile is on bare grounds..structure of which barely holds the sides
- 4. We are surrounded by fire and blazes..

 act like "foam" on Nation's causes
- O Nation! on spears your ribs do slumber..on real dangers your feet do wander
- 6. You endeavor to the top trying to reach..
 but our illusions are there to leash
- 7. O ma! many seduces you were exposed to.. both hard and easy could homicide you
- 8. O ma! many disasters caused you to bleed..
 but we, not aggressors, were there to lead
- Surrounded by sons of scattered consciences..while foes are setting for fires and blazes
- 10. Those fires, which loom as a great blaze.. is a strive for "some" to love and amaze
- 11. Neither we offer the blood of sacrifice..
 nor we sharpen the swords of sunrise
- 12. To rescue the bird from foe's devastation..
 inspire the Land on time for liberation

- 13. From the darkness interweaved for you..
 to the sunrise, which will upraise you
- 14. Neither evil faces can terrify you..nor fissures of duskiness can quake you
- 15. O Nation! you escaped like numerous stars.. traveling, but deceived by distress of nights
- 16. Your organs are bare in the open land..
 and knitter was lost in the campground
- 17. Can you find sons to safeguard you or mortal hands will enshroud you ?!
- 18. Your wounds are bleeding in the sands.. dreams are inquiring in high clouds
- 19. My queen! will you arise by upcoming sunrise..? and settle down being amazed by surprise
- 20. Oh! to those hunting for hallucinations .. meant to incline hope on happy faces
- 21. Can't you mark swindler in foes' cheat reference through false & twisting of thy evidence
- 22. Slumbering mid promises admiring the place...but "thunders" is a threat in our face
- 23. Never your foe will be satisfied at a point.. even if noble heights you all disappoint
- 24. Even if foes rip the harvest or bury it alive..
 and spikes to thy foe will bow and strive

- 25. Or thy foe will steal meadows' source..
 will sip our blood and abstract souls
- 26. Thy foes, blood won't be sufficient for meal..
 your heads will follow to complete ordeal
- 27. Woe! to those following mirage and illusion marks..
 - deceived by a dove with blade in their backs
- 28. This dove's olive branches are totally fake..
 - with a hanger between limbs ready to shake
- 29. Foes did not want peace to follow..
 - but started wars for the land to swallow
- 30. The hatred is shaking their own culture.. acts as "aids" decaying their structure
- 31. Their history is a page of conspiracy: "intended"...
 - followed by death page: "all wanted"
- 32. If guns are absent on a break of a day..
 their shovels penetrate all cracks right away
- 33. Foes commenced a massacre to our mankind..

 and the prophets were first to be terrified
- 34. The global system maintains their warrant clear..
 - will offend if foes' temple may disappear
- 35. All what we gained is the "black fist" strike.. pounding and shelling a constant attack

- 36. On our meadows, which make them worry..
 annoyed and disturbed to stop swords' glory
- 37. Repeatedly thy foe is hiding behind masks.. every record and account constantly modifies
- 38. Nowadays they removed their faces cover.. stopped sugarcoat their lies whatsoever
- 39. O, ma! the horrible darkness orphaned you there..
 - worn down and sons were killed everywhere
- 40. In places and corners disaster counts..lives on land, and allover the mountsIn jails, captives' accords are listed there.."darkness" prisoners are leashed everywhere
- 41. Captives with hope are gazing at their kin..
 but, who will free them from that prison?
- 42. By Euphrates they pass their nights bleeding...

 while Baghdad and Mosel are thither weeping
- 43. Their organs in Sha'am into pieces were cut...

 Karmel Mount of Palestine had been lost
- 44. Many laughs in the Nile surely be compounded...
 - with tears in hearts are indeed astounded
- 45. Even west-coast Crescent is fully drought..
 meadows and gardens got ashy inside out
- 46. Mother language they've been distorting..

 what we say, they've been misstating

- 47. Neither "suffering ocean" could rescue from danger..
 - nor "Gulf of luxury" could become a sponsor
- 48. O Nation! will you rise again strong & tight? whatever mounts and clouds may hide the light
- 49. The shaky ones may think you're dead but your place is still in the life ahead
- 50. The Nation's fortress all migrants will shelter

 its torch will guide all those who maunder
- 51. O Nation! your spring will never drought or dry..
 - instead, the life-giving source will not die
- 52. Through a salvation call, we loudly speak out..
 - with a Koran Chapter we pray and devout
- 53. O, Nation! you won't stay asleep and sad..
 - allow the "lowest" to punish you bad
- 54. Criminals are afraid of you while sleeping..
 - how they will be, when you're awaking?
- 55. This darkness, which surrounding us all.. is just a stage we'll overcome in all

- 56. Through a confident step, we make together..
 - the darkness won't stop us.. never
- 57. These dark clouds, which burden our way..
 - dewdrops will follow to wash them away
- 58. If grief chapter may last longer on stage..
 upcoming finish will be the happy page
- 59. O, meadows! will you become verdant and green..
 - birds and sparrows will sing in the scene?
- 60. The sparrows will sing Andalusian rhyme singing and repeating for a better time Happy time will come to flap with cheer.. wings of hope over meadows and deer
- 61. Palms will be quite high in our sky.. blossoms and springs will never die
- 62. O, Nation! like falling rain, you are still holy ..
 your creek irrigates the fathers valley
- 63. Giving life to mornings' opening eyes .. resurrecting love trees, shading our lives.

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