

ODYSSEY AI – 43
with Shariar Karim's
“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

LAST FLIGHT : AI – 42 A on 25th December 2020 “Meri Kurisumasu”

THIS FLIGHT : AI - 43 on 27th December 2020 “ONE DAY”

NEXT FLIGHT: AI - 44 on 29th December 2020 “Farewell My Friend”



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**NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI- 43,
ON SUNDAY, THE 27th OF DECEMBER, 2020**

Turning back the pages of history,

Today we have reached the 27th OF DECEMBER 1993.

THIS DAY, THAT YEAR, We beseeched God -

“ ONE DAY ”

It was the year ending Function at the In Flight Service Department of AIR-INDIA and I was asked to prepare a message not only for all the staff members of the Department but for all the peoples of the world, since it was felt we were going through turbulent times. What with eroding Human Values in general and the dying Environment at large.

I composed this poem to remind us of what a beautiful world God had given us, and what we had made of it. The words in the poem and the pictures on either side of it, reflect this reality.

That was 27 years ago. Little did I realize then, that it would be more relevant for us and our World Today.

(Please refer to pictures on the left and right as you read, they correspond to some of the lines of this poem)



... *One Day,*

Dear God,

You gave us a world, so beautiful and green,
 We spoiled it and soiled it, and made it unclean.
 You showered the earth, with sunshine and rain,
 We filled it up, with suffering and pain.
 You gave us rivers, and lands fertile,
 We polluted and made them, barren and sterile.
 You taught us how to love, and not to hate,
 We learnt how to rebel, and to agitate.
 You gifted us peace, and tranquillity,
 We went to war, and created enmity.
 You showed us kindness, honesty and trust,
 We became selfish, dishonest and unjust.
 You bade us work hard, to be devoted and zealous,
 We indulged in shirking, became lazy and jealous.
 You awarded us fair earnings, and warned us against greed,
 But we became unscrupulous, wanting more than we need.
 So let's ponder a moment, to count our blessings,
 And to thank the Almighty, for the wonderful things.
 Then pray to Him, to show us the way,
 To make our world beautiful again '*One Day.*'

- Shariar Karim