

## Wisdom Poems

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### I

Rivers that compete for meaning with the ocean  
do not know what the ocean is.  
The ocean is simply what it is!  
It knows nothing, except it is what it is  
It is simply water, nothing else.  
Water, water, water everywhere  
Rivers can never compete for its meaning nor dry it.

### II

As bees flit from flower to flower  
I say, “I know not”.  
As birds criss-cross in patterns  
You say, “I know”.  
As butterflies flip through  
they say, “we are unsure”.  
While you, they and I are louts  
the moon dances in the dirty pond.

### III

The bird flies, knows not wind  
The fish swims, knows not water  
The flower blooms, knows not light  
The leaf falls, knows not root  
You do everything while knowing  
You know everything while doing.  
The moon is hanging, not in water.

## IV

*Samadhi* is perfect balance  
Deep involvement in action.  
It is thinking and no action.  
It is action, and no thinking.  
The sun is shining, and not drinking.  
The moon is reflecting, and not eating.  
It is perfection in imperfect balance  
It is imperfection in perfect balance.

### About the Poet



**K. V. Raghupathi**, a Ph.d holder in English Literature, writes in English. He is a poet, short story writer, novelist, book reviewer and critic. An Indian author best known for his poetry in English language. His poetry is rooted in the abundance of philosophy, nature, transcendentalism, imagery and social perspectives, and replete with similes, metaphors, personifications, apostrophe, irony, climax, anti-climax and full of rhetoric and symbols. More often he takes the readers on the spiritual exploration of radical philosophical thoughts which strongly speak through all the collections. He is currently teaching at Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur. His other passions include classical Karnatic music and Yoga. He began writing seriously in 1985. Since then he has published eleven books in English Verse, two novels, and two collections of short stories. His poems and short stories have appeared in various newspapers like *The Hindu*, *The Statesman*, Print journals and on-line journals. He is a recipient of several awards that include Michael MadhusudhanDutt Award, Kolkata in 2001, H.D.Thoreau Fellowship, Dhvanyaloka, Mysore in 2000, the best chosen poet for 2003, Poetry Society of India, New Delhi Poetry Chain, Mumbai, Life Time Achievement Award, Chennai Poetry Circle, Chennai in 2010, and Rock Pebbles National Award for creativity, 2014, Bhubaneswar; and two awards, Best Yogic Publication of the Year Award, 2018, and Lifetime Achievement Award in Yoga, 2018, New Delhi.