

## THE TRAIN OF HOPE

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I rise, I soar, I take in a whiff of fresh air,  
I feel privileged to have mounted this snorting beast,  
Through tunnelled darkness and liberated mist,  
We blaze through the nightfall in search of interminable peace,  
Unshackled and fully charged-  
We punctuate the night sky with a rhythmical beat,  
Scattering of dust and ash provide a flashback of earlier times,  
I see the blackness replaced by a crimson red-  
A taste of death, a reminder of my pangs of hunger,  
A spilt tear leaving behind a shivering past,  
Moving along a shiny track, the hills of yesteryear seem like invisible cracks,  
My blindness, a thing of the past as Mother Nature waves her alluring wand,  
Golden rays of sunlight poking holes through tattered curtains,  
I have boarded a new train of hope-  
The winds of change have navigated a clearer path,  
Fully exposed but finally free,  
Rusting iron and layers of grime, not enough to thwart my ride from a muddied  
past.

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