



*“ When I speak my thought through verses,
as it is a fine way to express the feeling ”*

PERSONAL POEMS
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HAMMER

Hammer...
You are my best friend
You always stay beside me and always be there to help me
You never complain though you do many heavy tasks
Thank you hammer, for being loyal to me

Kundang Umar

The SINGING MOP

Did you hear about the mop that can sing when you put in the water and
sing very well with blupblupblupblup

Fuad Sanad

A 'LOYAL' PHONE

I have a hand phone
The only thing that always accompanies me through my days
It reminds me on everything and keeps my memories of life

Indah

UNTITLED

Morning dew slowly appears
Through the misery, I make my steps
Trying to grab a glimpse of hope,
When the dew is slowly disappeared
My sorrow goes deeper
And I have to be strong to face any challenges of my life

Widya Wati

FLYING CAR

Did you hear about a car that can fly around the Netherlands?
It's my car, I use it to go everywhere to assist people, to go to hospital, to detention center, to airport, everywhere. My car is flying everywhere.

Yasmine Soraya

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE GLORIX

I am working as a domestic worker and always having some cleaning tools that I use to do my work.
I consider these cleaning tools are hands that help me to do my work faster.
They are my savior, my Glorix

Noor Hajati

THE BUCKET

It can contain clean or dirty water
It never complains to what it would get
Surrender without offending
But once it is cracked, it becomes useless

Nurudin

NAUGHTY DIAPER

Everyday I nurse a kid and give him a bottle of milk.
I always change his dirty diaper
Sometime the diaper is not good to wear
It is such a disturbing thing, wearing a naughty pampers

Anne Aryanti

GROUP POEMS

I have heard about domestic workers who are being abused cruelty by their employer.

But they are not migrant workers; they are local domestic workers in Medan
They often get many torments and even some of them are died. Where is the morality of the employers?

Budi Wi

I have a friend, and she has been staying in Holland for three months
She needs a job obviously.

Her days are spent to nurse an old lady.

With a low and small salary, but what can she do?

It's for a while, to be survived in the Netherland.

Indah

She is a female worker who lives only among four walls of her room.

She is always crying, in every time she looks out of the window because of her condition; who is always scared to police sirens.

Noor Hajati

Being a migrant worker is very difficult, but with strong determination, everything will become so easy to do. Carrying out everything with happiness and sadness for family, parents and also for children who give spirit and only spirit.

Anne Aryanti

There is someone, who works hard to get a better living in other country although he is far away from family, he keeps working hard for his family, but in the middle of his path, there is something dangerous encounters him. Nothing he can do, because he is a migrant worker.

Moch. Syafii

He comes always on time though he has a heavy work.

He never grumbles though sweat drops all over his body

Tiredness cannot conquer him.

Kundang Umar

There is somebody who works for a long time, 'till he has no desire to go back to his country because of economy matter.

Noerdhin Rockstad

Working in another country with a strong determination will give happiness and a peacefulness.

Widya Wati

A Migrant worker who becomes a rich man in Indonesia.
He was a cleaning service worker. While working, he learned to make Dutch sausage. After going back to Indonesia, he started his own business. It was small. In five years, he has three factories in Indonesia.

Fuad Sanad

Have you ever heard about a migrant worker who works as a domestic worker and goes back to Indonesia as a billionaire? I have heard one; she had received a bequest from his employer.

Yasmine Soraya



Although we have to go extra miles in our everyday,
we still have a time to care to our surround,
our family, our friends as well as our hope.

– The Questions of Indonesian Migrant Workers –

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Did you hear about migrant worker/s...

...my best friend, who illegally married with the Dutch male, now her marriage is on hot water? Yet, her friends have already advised her.

Nana Supriatna

...who is abused by her Dutch husband and driven away home with her kids.

Jerry Karol

... who worked so hard but unappreciated by her employer? And still being asked you don't want money?

Bing

...who are abused and works all round the clock but with no enough salary? Still refuse to give up because they love their kids so much and still refuse to give up giving them a better life.

Melani

...who is working, and her hijab is pulled and told that she was a terrorist

Dewi Nurhayati

...who jumps out of window and died with last breathe?

Eka

...who have persistently a strong confidence although undocumented? No weary and worry because what on mind is a success for family and close relations.

Sity

Did you hear about migrant worker/s...

...who is exploited particularly the new comers?

Lina

... who complains that she has no jobs here, because she has family, and it is very difficult to find a job.

Yulia

...who is used to be a police officer protecting society and now protecting migrants?

Yasmine

...who are persecuted?

Nanang

...who are abandoned because of unemployed and homeless?

Indra

...who is approached by two female police officers in the early hour of day. It is my experience.

Yayan

... who is ten years working, being deported three times, and having five different names?

Golib

Did you hear about migrant worker/s...

...who has a hard life. Far from your hometown, your family. Everything is so different, the food, the culture and the people.

Vera

...who cannot go home and has no money?

Pipit

...who got a free treatment in hospital in the Netherlands?

Erny

...who cry out for justice after she is free from the cruel hands of her employer?
...who clamor for a recognition of nights?
...who tell about her beautiful dreams to her family back home?

Jacob Apostol

...who search for a green pasture to support their family? Zoomed out to be gray and gloomy, they worked hard there with butts and heads for a salary that is colorless.

Anne

...who get her master degree from University of Amsterdam?

Hani

...whose kid can become a president? (Father of Barack Obama)
...whose son can become a successful millionaire? (Bob Sadino)

Andy

...who get home but only their name?

Yanuar Abidin



“We care, we love, and we do not despair”

Did you hear about?

Wing duster,
to make our work easier, without we do anything, it can work by itself

Flying vacuum cleaner.
When it sounds, I will feel as though I fly up to sky. Oh, vacuum cleaner,
you are my best friend that bring me up flying upon the floor.

Yulia

Ladder that I carry
because every step I make on it,
I dovetail one window to another as I carry on my life.

Golib

A pan that can cook by itself
And I can eat so fast
When I come back from work, I am so hungry and the food is ready and
it's so yummy yummy

Vera

A killer chemical
That can kill you because you use it everyday to clean everything

Yasmine

Cleaning water for drinking,
Every sweat drops in it

Pipit

A diaper that smells like perfume

Anne

Salary on the table before doing the work

Yanuar Abidin

I want to have electronic scissor to cut rose, leave and branch much
easier

Nana Supriana

The sound of vacuum cleaner is just like the sound of airplane

Bing

Grumbling garbage bin,
though takes in smelly garbage everyday

A bucket that has ears
Which can hear our grievances and tell it to no others
then I can tell all my life.

Dewi Nurhayati

I wish to hear that, then I wish I could have it...