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Celebrating the century's  
greatest conservation success story

# kaziranga

*friend  
you are about to enter  
the sanctuary of mystic serenity  
that even the wild animals revere*

*here  
the birds and the bees sing together  
the flora and fauna waltz along  
sprawling raw green grass-land  
in celebration of life  
mesmerizing*

*here  
the playful winds  
whistle past your restless mind  
touching the waves and curves  
of the elephant-grass and  
the rain-washed greenery  
along the dancing water-bodies  
soft love-stories echo  
on the silver lines of the virgin sunrays  
stealing through the moist cloud  
magical and enchanting*

*come and take  
a sip of the sweet melancholy  
of a freshly born dawn  
not yet fully awake  
and still warm  
from the caress of  
the shyly retreating moonlight*

*don't be surprised  
if your love-crazy eyes  
chance upon a quiet invitation  
from a half blown bud of a wild flower  
radiating fluttered happiness*

*as if  
reflecting the wild abandon of  
an innocent girl going into teens  
the joyful colours  
of honest emotions and mysterious feelings  
the quiet desire and simple dreams*

*surely  
the purity and the beauty  
of the quiet invitation  
would transport your heart to eternity  
in a sojourn  
into the world of love and hope  
the half smile  
of the unknown flower bud  
romancing through the virgin dews  
would cleanse your soul*

*so friend  
ponder a while  
and lend your voice to  
preserve and conserve  
encroach not  
in mind and spaces.*

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