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| <p>101. Is-sema diefi;
bil-bulldozer imkaxkar
is-shab ġo rokna.</p> <p>102. Ix-xita nieżla...
faxxa ħamiem tawwala
għall-kenn taċ-ċinta.</p> <p>103. Ftit ħlomt xħin rieqed;
il-ħolm kien kważi kollu
xħin kont imqajjem.</p> <p>104. Bil-għażżejj lejn l-ġħalqa
imur il-ħmar; ’mma lura
jerġa’ bil-ħerqa.</p> <p>105. Leħnek ġo qalbi
bħala żrara f'għajnej mitfugħha,
tmewwigha kollha.</p> <p>106. Il-qattiel ġejja
id-dawl tal-qamar jiddi
fuq is-sikkina.</p> <p>107. Fjuri tal-ġonna
ifewħu l-id tas-sidhom
u min jisraqhom.</p> <p>108. Ma takx, ħamiema,
Alla spallejn biex terfa’
is-salib fuqhom.</p> <p>109. L-ipokrisija
kull jum tasal sal-Knisja
tiżżejhajr ‘l Alla.</p> | <p>101. <i>The sky is clear;
the clouds have been piled in a
corner by a bull-dozer.</i></p> <p>102. <i>The rain is falling fast...
a long straight line of pigeons
sheltering under a cornice.</i></p> <p>103. <i>I little dreamt in my sleep;
I dreamt almost all my dreams
while I was awake.</i></p> <p>104. <i>The donkey wals lazily
towards the field; eagerly
towards home.</i></p> <p>105. <i>Your voice in my heart
like a pebble thrown in a pond:
it fills it with waves.</i></p> <p>106. <i>The murderer is ready;
the moon’s light shines
on his knife.</i></p> <p>107. <i>Flowers of the garden –
they perfumed the hands of the owner
and those of the robber.</i></p> <p>108. <i>O dove, God
did not give you shoulders
to carry a cross.</i></p> <p>109. <i>Hypocrisy
goes to mass every day
to thank God.</i></p> |
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| <p>110. Il-mewt krudila;
aktar krudil min jghajjat
li m'hemmx ħajja oħra.</p> <p>111. Nahseb, rebbiegħa
l-ħasafar qegħdin jgħannu
ta' Malta r-regħba.</p> <p>112. Farfett, bħan-naħla
maħżeen m'għandekx, u f'qaddek
m'għandekx niggieża.</p> <p>113. Kif il-bieb niftaħ
l-amorin isaffarli,
ommi ssejjaħli.</p> <p>114. L-ġħammiela twajba
fuq il-bajd nara u ninżel għamilt
ġenuflessjoni.</p> <p>115. Triqtha l-ħarifa
iżżejen b'weraq niexef
mal-ħajt imgeddes.</p> <p>116. M'intix rebbiegħa,
f'astratt, iżda ruħ vera
ġewwa n-natura.</p> <p>117. Ja żiffa ħelwa
li nfaħt fi żmien tfuliti
il-kenur t'ommi.</p> <p>118. Is-sema safi;
il-ħmieg li ġo fih nitfghu
jinżel fuq wiċċna.</p> | <p>110. <i>Death is cruel;
but more cruel is the man who says
there is no other life.</i></p> <p>111. <i>O spring, I think
that the birds are singing
Malta's greediness.</i></p> <p>112. <i>O butterfly, unlike the bee
you have no store, and no dagger
on your waist.</i></p> <p>113. <i>When I open the door
the budgerigar whistles to me,
my mother calls me.</i></p> <p>114. <i>I see the good mother bird
sitting on the eggs –
I kneel before her.</i></p> <p>115. <i>Autumn decorates
her street with dry leaves
piled against the walls.</i></p> <p>116. <i>You are not an abstract
concept, o spring, but a living force
in nature.</i></p> <p>117. <i>O gentle breeze
that blew the fire in my mother's hearth
in my childhood days!</i></p> <p>118. <i>The sky is pure;
the filth we throw in it
falls down upon our faces.</i></p> |
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| <p>119. Il-mewġ imghaddab jitfa' taż-żejt iċ-ċapep ġħal fuq ix-xtajta.</p> <p>120. Il-borka tgħaddi mis-sema bla ma thalli ġħeliem warajha.</p> <p>121. Tal-wied il-ġebel l-ilma jdoqqhom bħal kordi ġelwin tal-arpa.</p> <p>122. F'wiċċ l-ilma telgħet il-warda tal-linfija tgħajjat “arawni”.</p> <p>123. Baħar, ġdejk qalbi mal-infinit tiltaqa' wiċċha ma' wiċċu.</p> <p>124. Intom mhux tnittnu, iżda lil xulxin tfeħħu, ja giżimin!</p> <p>125. Hekk kif ġass l-ilma in-nar qabel ma spira weržaq tweržiqa.</p> <p>126. F'tebut il-mejjet; ġdejh l-armla qiegħda tolfoq, kanarin jgħanni.</p> <p>127. Tgħid in-nemusa: uliedi xterdu u soffu id-demm tal-bniedem.</p> | <p>119. <i>The angry waves throw the patches of oil back on the shore.</i></p> <p>120. <i>The wild duck passes through the sky without leaving footsteps behind her.</i></p> <p>121. <i>The stones in the valley; the brook uses them as the cords of his harp.</i></p> <p>122. <i>The flower of the waterlily came up to the surface; shouting: “look at me!”</i></p> <p>123. <i>O sea, beside you my heart comes face to face with infinity.</i></p> <p>124. <i>O jasmins, you don’t bestink but perfume each other.</i></p> <p>125. <i>As soon as it felt the water the fire before dying uttered a shriek.</i></p> <p>126. <i>The corpse in the coffin; the widow is sobbing, a canary is singing.</i></p> <p>127. <i>Says the mosquito: “My children go forth and suck the man’s blood!”</i></p> |
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| <p>128. Għalqa bil-qronfol;
kull qronfla minnhom għandha
id-destin tagħha.</p> | <p>128. <i>A field of carnations;
every carnation of them
has its destiny.</i></p> |
| <p>129. Jiena bħal qasba
mir-riħ qalil imbandla
qasba li taħseb.</p> | <p>129. <i>I am a reed
reeling in a rough wind,
a thinking reed.</i></p> |
| <p>130. Tal-lejl imsiebah
il-ħajku; jien nekolhom
bħar-rożinjol.</p> | <p>130. <i>Haikus are like fireflies,
the nightingale eats the fireflies
I haiku.</i></p> |
| <p>131. Toroq Sqallin;
il-lumi lampi sofor
li t-triq juruni.</p> | <p>131. <i>Sicilian roads;
the lemons like yellow lamps
showing me the way.</i></p> |
| <p>132. Toroq Sqallin...
widnejn tal-ħmir imwaqqfa,
u pal bajtar.</p> | <p>132. <i>Sicilian roads...
looming ears of donkeys...
leaves of the prickly pears.</i></p> |
| <p>133. Is-swied tal-Etna
fil-ħitan u fl-ġħelieqi,
f'għajnejn il-bdiewa.</p> | <p>133. <i>The blackness of Etna
in the walls, in the fields,
in the farmers' eyes.</i></p> |
| <p>134. In-nar fil-ġħajja
u b'għajnejh ċkejkna ħomor
mir-rmied iħares.</p> | <p>134. <i>The dying fire
looks with tiny red eyes
from between the ashes.</i></p> |
| <p>135 Taħt is-silġ l-Etna
tippriedka l-ġmiel tal-paċi
u thejjji l-gwerra.</p> | <p>135 <i>Etna covered with ice
preaches the beauty of peace,
and prepares for war.</i></p> |
| <p>136. Triq Sant Anna
xmara tal-fidda nieżla,
nieżla sax-xefaq.</p> | <p>136. <i>The Milky Way...
a silvery river flowing
towards the horizon.</i></p> |

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| <p>137. Ja riħ qatt tgħallem
qerda u taħwid lill-bniedem,
għaliex ġa jafhom.</p> | <p>137. <i>O wind don't teach
chaos and destruction to man,
for he knows them well.</i></p> |
| <p>138. Ja Mewt jien rajtek
fuq ta' Stalin il-qabar;
oh kemm int kbira!</p> | <p>138. <i>O Death, I saw you
on the grave of Stalin,
how great you are!</i></p> |
| <p>139. Siġar fl-ġħaxija,
oh! x'raxx ta' tisfir qawwi,
fontani ħodor.</p> | <p>139. <i>Trees in the evening;
a heavy spray of whispers:
green fountains.</i></p> |
| <p>140. Lejn l-art, ja qamar,
ta' snin ħarist miljuni,
u qatt ma tixba'.</p> | <p>140. <i>O moon you have looked
at the earth for millions years,
and never get weary.</i></p> |
| <p>141. Lejla tal-kwiekeb...
mimdud mal-art fis-sakra
tal-univers.</p> | <p>141. <i>A night of stars
I lie on the ground drunken
with the universe.</i></p> |
| <p>142. X'ħela ta' laħam!
Ommok minn laħmek setgħet
żewġ bniet issawwar!</p> | <p>142. <i>What a waste of flesh!
from you your mother
could have produced two girls!</i></p> |
| <p>143. Siġar fl-ġħaxija
la xxarbunix bil-ġħana
li jraxxax minnkom!</p> | <p>143. <i>Trees in the evening;
don't drench me with the songs
spraying from you.</i></p> |
| <p>144. Lejn l-art int thares
bħal kelb fidil, ja qamar,
b'dawk għajnejk cassi.</p> | <p>144. <i>O moon, like a faithful dog
you look at the earth
with your eyes fixed.</i></p> |
| <p>145. Mejjet bejniethom;
minn fuq ġuvni u xebba
il-ħars qed jibdlu.</p> | <p>145. <i>A corpse in the church;
Over it a young couple
exchange looks of love.</i></p> |

- 146.** Mixħut fix-xtajta;
f'widna jkellimni l-baħar,
u fl-oħra l-fewġa.
- 147.** Ix-xita nieżla
fil-baħar ... għid Mulejja
għalfejn dal-ħela?
- 148.** Għaxija ġelwa,
ġismek tal-madriperla,
ħosbien dak moħħok.
- 149.** Mixħut mal-qiegħha
fis-sajf, nerda' mis-sider
ikħal tas-sema.
- 150.** In-nar ta' qalbna
illum sar nar fi stampa
kiesah, immobbli.
- 146.** *Lying on the shore,
the sea talks to me in one ear,
the breeze in the other.*
- 147.** *Rain is falling
upon the sea; tell me, O Lord,
why all this waste?*
- 148.** *O sweet evening,
your body is made of the mother of pearls,
your forehead is thoughtful.*
- 149.** *Lying on the ground
in summer I suck the blue
breast of the sky.*
- 150.** *The fire of our heart
has become the cold, immobile
fire of a picture.*