

Introduction

This booklet comprises of selected poems on the Myanmar contemporary scenes by 'Lokethar', pen name of Kyaw Win (Labour); published in the 'Global New Light of Myanmar', the English language daily newspaper of Myanmar, under the heading 'Poems'. The selection is from all of the 'Poems' of 'Lokethar' published in the 'Global New Light of Myanmar' since early 2015 up till the end of 2016. A few of the poems have been slightly modified to improve them. The writer takes this opportunity to thank the 'Global New Light of Myanmar' for having published the 'Poems'.

The 'Poems' depict Myanmar contemporary scenes of current interest to the people. Many of the 'Poems' are in fact, articles in poetry form. The ideas and views expressed in the 'Poems' are the writer's own. In some of the 'Poems', suggestions are made for improvements as to the situations described in the 'Poems'. These suggestions are from a layman-citizen's point of view and are for the public good.

It is the hope of the writer that the booklet will provide worthwhile reading for lovers of poetry and particularly those interested in Myanmar contemporary scenes depicted in the poems.

With best wishes,

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