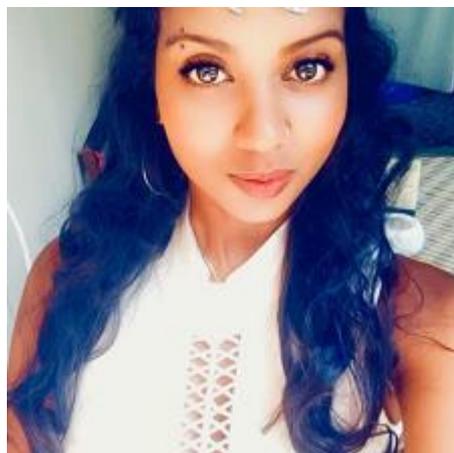


Lost Souls of the 21st Century

Hi-tech, smartwatch and brand clothes
For them only the outside matters
Judging people on what they are wearing
Without noticing the scars they are hiding
Why would they ever bother
He just bought those new expensive shoes
Means things for him are getting better
Not knowing he's debt-ridden
Trying to impress the neighbour's daughter
Rounds off the end of the month using ruse
Another soul trapped in that materialistic world
For some trends that will swirl
Oh 21st century, what have you done
Your modernization glory is where it all began
Inner beauty and human concern are being bypassed
For now, to be seen you must shine like stars



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