



THE BAMBOO NATION

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It stands tall and serene,
Amidst the riot of foliages
Ever green, reed-thin proud
Soars high towards the sky.

Breezes and winds blow
Over its regal form
Blasts in disarray
Its leafy mien.

In ballerina fashion,
It merely dips and sways
Breaks not in the stormy rage
The bamboo blissfully stays.

The supple bamboo
Mirrors the Filipino Spirit

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Resilient, flowing with the tide

In whatever chime.

Comes poverty and pandemic

From Pandora's box unleashed

The nation grits its teeth-

But refuses to break

The storm may rage

Yet, the Bamboo Nation lives

Weaving dreams anew!

Cries: Better days ahead!

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