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Within the pages of a book
I find sanctuary, a quiet nook,
Where I often retreat and find
Kind hearts as also the vilest mind.

Whenever I just feel like getting away
From the rigors of life on any day,
I step through the portals of a book
Into a fantasy world and take a look:

At the mythical realm of unicorns,
Dragons, mermaids, seductive sirens,
At the dreams, adventures and magic
Or life and death's purpose and logic;

Folklore of love, miracles, covenants,
Of knights, heroes and revenants,
Of saints, demigods and mystics,
Priests, pundits, mullahs and clerics;

Stories of betrayal and trust,
Piety, innocence and lust,
Of deceit, debauchery and debacles,
Of witches, vampires and oracles.

Tales of Dictators, despots and czars,
The chaotic world of wasteful wars,
Teeming with malevolent mobs,
Fawners, snivelers and slimy slobs.

Be it a romance or a tragedy,
Mystery, history or comedy,
Oh, just give me but a book any
And I'll forgo a damsel's company!