## "Love Begins With Me"

When, see a poor at roadside who is pleading With a sorry looking, eyes says I need I give him a coin with a smile pleasing Love begins with me indeed

I hear a wild cry, a child cries in pain Helpless as both we are in panic, my heart burn Why this hurt, though my mind in disdain Love begins with me sensing my own children

A world embattled, everywhere gun battles A mother looking for her child in rubbles Peace in trouble, political leaders wobbles Love begins with me it bubbles

Walk through mountains, meadows and fountains Nature gives serene spiritual feeling Gifts are in abundance, the nature's lanterns Love begins with me it's so heeling

I see a young couple in a graceful cuddle Whispering so intimating Holding hands strolling there's the old couple Love begins with me it so palpitating

I am the mother; know the pains of child bearing I am the father; know the burns of raring Brothers and sisters are we, need each other's caring Love begins with me, may it burn with perpetual flaring

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