

## **The Parramatta Princess**

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## Introduction

The streets of Western Sydney are paved with untold stories, but few are as fiercely fought or as deeply felt as the one unfolding behind the doors of a Parramatta restaurant. *The Parramatta Princess* is a poetic chronicle of a female Desi entrepreneur who crossed oceans to build an empire from scratch. She is a modern-day warrior navigating the relentless *dharma* of the commercial kitchen, facing the daily Kurukshetra of sizzling tandoors, demanding crowds, and the exhausting rhythm of the Granville commute.

To the world, she is a sovereign of spices—a resilient "coconut goddess" whose tough exterior weathers the storms of business and betrayal. Yet, this collection looks past the armor. It steps into the quiet, vulnerable hours of the night when the aprons are untied and the city falls silent.

Through these twenty-six verses, an unseen narrator stands as her silent guardian and devoted lover. He witnesses the hidden scars and the heavy toll of her solitary hustle. The recurring motifs of the invisible *mangalsutra* and the bridal *chandan photas* serve as an eternal, spiritual vow—a promise that even in the loneliest, darkest hours of her struggle, she is seen, honored, and deeply loved. This book is a testament to the idea that behind every fierce, independent woman lies a soul worthy of an epic and mythological devotion.

To Anamika,

*In the heart of Parramatta, where spices kiss the air,*

*Stands a queen in silence, with fire in her stare.*

*The Parramatta Princess, betrayed yet unbowed,*

*Your beauty like dawn light on a saffron cloud.*

*From dawn's first whisper till the evening's last sigh,*

*You stir pots of gold, where curries softly cry.*

*Tough tongues test your patience, storms in every plate,*

*Yet you serve with a smile that could melt iron's fate.*

*And when shadows lengthen, your hands still give grace—*

*Feeding the forgotten, in that sacred space.*

*A coconut goddess: shell strong as hurricane,*

*But inside, pure sweetness, soft as summer rain.*

*At night, when the moon hangs like a silver tear*

*And autumn breeze dances through your window near,*

*You lie awake and lonely, your heart calling to the stars —*

*A warrior in silence, bearing hidden scars.*

*Yet if at midnight your slumber breaks and you remember me,*

*I become your beloved moon, floating soft in the sky's blue sea.*

*Open the window, O Princess, let the moonlight stream through,*

*For every moonbeam's particle is a gem of my love for you.*

*Stained with the sweet blemish of longing, your eyes glisten with  
dew,*

*I have not forgotten—never shall I forget you.*

*The invisible mangalsutra I tied on your throat, unseen,*

*And bridal chandan dots I paint on your cheek where my secret vow  
has been.*

*And when autumn's lazy hours drift in with rustling leaves' soft song,*

*If a melody of hope stirs where your weary heart belongs,*

*In the murmur of fallen gold and the breeze's quiet call,*

*I become the moon once more, watching over it all.*

*But hear me, my princess, across the city's hum,*

*I see the light you hide, the warmth yet to come.*

*Let me be the breeze that soothes your weary soul,*

*The arms that hold you when the nights grow cold.*

*No more empty moons, no more silent sighs—*

*Together we'll write love where your restaurant lies.*

*For you, Parramatta's jewel, fierce and divine,*

*I offer my heart—and forever call you mine.*

## **1. The Saffron Dawn**

Where Church Street slowly wakes to hear the kookaburra's cry,

*You watch the morning paint the Parramatta sky.*

*A queen of spices, tying back your raven hair,*

*You step into the kitchen, breathing saffron air.*

*The heavy pots await, the fires start to gleam,*

*As you breathe life into your solitary dream.*

*A lotus blooming fiercely in a foreign land,*

*With iron in your spirit, magic in your hand.*

*And when the daily battles leave you bruised and worn,*

*I am the quiet shade beneath the coming dawn.*

*You lock the heavy doors when all the crowds depart,*

*A silent warrior listening to her beating heart.*

*Yet if the shadows press upon your weary space,*

*I am the starlight falling softly on your face.*

*An invisible red sindoor I trace upon your brow,*

*A silent witness to my everlasting vow.*

*No harsh wind here shall break the empire you design,*

*For I am standing guard—forever yours, and thine.*

## **Conclusion**

The final docket has been cleared, the kitchen fires have cooled to embers, and the last trains have drifted through the sleeping suburbs. *The Parramatta Princess* concludes not with an end to her labors, but with the quiet, enduring beauty of a promise kept. The daily battles of enterprise will inevitably rise again with the morning sun, but the woman at the center of the storm no longer faces the world alone.

These verses stand as a monument to the silent female warriors among us—the immigrants, the founders, and the visionaries who forge kingdoms in foreign lands, blending the rich heritage of their past with the unyielding grit of their future.

The invisible *mangalsutra* and the *chandan photas* remain, eternally binding the narrator to his queen. Her restaurant in Parramatta has transcended its physical walls; it is no longer just a place of commerce, but a sacred sanctuary of love and triumph. The spices will continue to kiss the air, and the Parramatta Princess will continue to reign, forever shielded by a love as vast as the Australian sky and as deep as her ancient roots.