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## The Malaysian Dream

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Is there one?

All nations have one, just as all who sleep awaken to say:  
Selamat Pagi, or Safe Morning.

Tip your hats, Gentlemen, it ought to be  
Safe to wake up this morning,  
the Brits have been ousted and the Catholic

Nun. There is only our own government to worry about  
and if you speak Malay, English and your mother tongue  
you can dream about having fun.

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There are so many ways to be a bastardized Englishman,  
an American or even French.  
It is just a patriot that it's hard to become.

I can't imagine wearing Mahathir's pajamas, can you?  
Even after 22 years of safe mornings,  
I'd pass on that one. Too Bold-are-we?

In the capital city of Kuala Lumpur, airplanes have begun  
to unsheathe The Malaysian Dream,  
It is a cache splitting at the seam.

Like a keris pulled out of the legendary Malay warrior,  
Hang Tuah's waist, our tongues cut the sky,  
Prepare, o western nations to die!

Our hopes soar purple, climbing the crystal staircase  
of poor taste. Like the morning glory our stories rise  
on the eastern sky of one race

From their beds of repose  
Proponents of The National Language flatter  
A people once so unlettered our peasants became peacocks

Strutting awkwardly on the international arena talking in Malay,  
Our fears to allay we talk about what a bully America has become.  
Cockdoodle do!

Our national diet on television and the *New Straits Times* whittles  
Our ambitions and our appetite for what's right:  
Selamat Tinggal or safe travel to our bright!

We eat the gruel of our common hopes, fears and aspirations,  
Keeping our sons and daughters from The Malaysian Dream  
Of our faith limitations – Our religion

Lifting a chalice to an old order, with threats to national security,  
References to emergency, sedition and malice,  
Examples made of Lim Guan Eng & Anwar Ibrahim &

Irene Fernandez, the Government for the sake of

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The M'sian people chokes back the sun and M'siakini is shut down. Our mornings are not serene

Afraid, so afraid, are we, the Malaysian people,  
To lose at night a traditional salutation of dawn, The M'sian Dream  
Selamat pagi/safe morning, as we stretch our arms this

Morning, Selamat Pagi/and reach for the dream,  
Our glasses fall off our noses. In pieces.  
Think The Malaysian Dream

Last night, once again, you successfully buried your conscience  
And did not mislay Your special Malay right! The Malaysian Dream  
Is an intentional oversight.

Or is there an international  
One?

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