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On a cold day in hell, *pada satu hari sejuk di neraka*
I'll produce the poems, *saya akan mewujudkan karya sajak/puisi dan pantun*
From these raw elements, truth, *daripada unsur-unsur asal ini, kebenaran*
We will build a united nation, *kami akan membangunkan negara bersatu*

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On a cold day in hell, *pada satu hari sejuk di neraka*
I'll believe the Malaysian Government, *saya akan mempercayai Kerajaan M'sia* From it's efforts, a national identity/ *daripada usaha-usaha kerajaan, identiti nasional*
We will birth a united nation, *kami akan melahirkan perpaduan negara*

On a cold day in hell, *pada satu hari sejuk di neraka*
I'll say good-bye America, *saya akan mengucapkan selamat tinggal Amerika Syarikat*
Soil the good name of the British/*the Japanese, memburukkan nama British/Jepun/*
We will oppose internal threats/*kami akan menentang masalah dalaman*

On a cold day in hell, *pada satu hari sejuk di neraka*
I'll buy and sell the truth, *Saya akan jual beli kebenaran*
From these individual efforts, die, *daripada usaha-usaha individu ini, mati*
We will return the peace earth cannot give/*kami akan mengembalikan keamanan yang dunia tidak boleh memberi*

On a cold day in hell, *pada satu hari sejuk di neraka*
I'll spill my blood on *Tanah Melayu, tanah tumpahnya darah ku*
From my own efforts try to save the land, *daripada usaha-usaha sendiri cuba menyelamatkan negara*
We will fly the Malaysian flag/*Kami akan mengibarkan bendera Malaysia*

At that time, *pada ketika itu.*

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