Gentle, loving and caring, 
Ever ready to oblige, 
Sincere and serene, 
Never ever in visible turmoil.

Steadfast and sure in his pursuits, 
True to his work and his ethics, 
Humble, modest and shy, 
Rarely used the ‘me’ or ‘I’ – that was Tony Watson for all.

A scientist to the core, 
Yet brusque he never was, 
When he asked questions, 
About the ‘how’ and ‘why’.

Virtue for him was not 
A means for what lay beyond; 
It was just his way of life – 
A follower of Emanuel Kant.

He always listened more 
And sparingly if he talked, 
And quiet though he was 
Endeared himself to all.

Race, religion, or colour 
Mattered not to him. 
When help was deserving and due 
He gave it with open arms.

His tread was soft and supple, 
Always proper but not prim, 
He mixed easily with the crowd, 
Never standing out.

Plastic surgery was 
Only a part of his laudable life 
But when he played that part 
The act was majestic and tall.

Many an honour he got 
But never did he brag; 
That was not his style 
Humble as he was.

His was a life from which 
All of us must learn– 
I, on my part, promise too 
As memories will make me yearn.

Over and above all, 
He was a family man, 
Proud of his children, 
And loyal to his Anne.

Farewell to you Tony– 
We will forever remember you, 
For your kindness and love, 
That was heartfelt and true.

—Your old friend Ravin (Thatte)

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