

## A Promise for Siam

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Siam has become Thailand. Forests have become hotels. Islands have become movies. Cities have become factories. People have become things. That's the country as we know it today.

**A Promise for Siam** is a search for the genuine essence of Siam by walking peacefully through forests, embracing islands at dawn, seeking humanity in the cities and meeting the hearts of the people.

### **The Mangoes**

The monk shares his mangoes  
 With a stranger  
 I may now weep the sweet tears  
 Of inner peace

### **In our Haste**

Phu Reua, Loei Province  
 in our haste  
 to find beauty

among mountains  
 we  
 did not notice the falling  
 leaves  
 the flight  
 of birds  
 the white  
 wings  
 of a silk butterfly

### **Morning in Lampang**

Morning lifts  
 The colours  
 From the mountains  
 Splashes life  
 Into the faces  
 Of the sleeping children  
 Rice boils ;  
 Life is sustained

