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Clothes, things of necessity and
a thousand emotions packed along
The suitcase happily carries them all
Could be of leather, suede or any material
Inanimate yet corporeal
A leather case but a harbinger of emotions:
The joy of seeing someone after so long,
the intense pain of separation or
the boredom of the departure lounge
It tightly holds our belongings and a part of our 'selves'
For most part of the year,
it quietly stands on the shelves
Yet one random memory, a tinge of nostalgia
a moment of pain or an emergency call
make us want to pick it up again and leave
When wanderlust knocks our doors or
mundanity crams our sleep or



if we just want to escape,
it becomes our companion
mercilessly flung on conveyer belts
hotel lobbies and storage shafts
the suitcase never complains;
like an obedient servant
it follows us wherever we choose to go
on the journey of life which is full
of both joys and sorrows

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