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## Cage

Afsana Khatoon

She is sick,  
Sick of the compendia  
Of advices, of the road maps  
And the idee fixe of guidance.

Those gorilla eyes that blinked off  
The years of her innocence,  
Could no longer hold her captive  
In the forest of dark designs.

No more, the swinging tongue to misguide  
No more, the treacherous smile of assurances  
No more of the pitying shit.  
The blind allays have burst forth the crossroad  
And the straitjacket lies slit open, in tits-bits  
Beside the empty cage.