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Let me be alone...

Annu Yadav

Let me be alone

In this house where lies my soul

Want to observe the things invisible

Thoughts of all, let me ponder upon

Let me review

The teachings so high, obscure, abstract

Those great elders impart in stares, gestures

“Work silently. You are not too old.”

A Mother Figure appalled

Stirs like a doll behind curtain

Let me be looked after

Let me have

A look beyond like a careless child

I must accompany my mother

Not to neighbor, market, or a shop in corner

But to school to hear the teacher

She my GUARDIAN in absence of my father

Sits in last, packed in shawl

“Girls must not go for outstation training”

Let me go to work

Let her untie the cattle

That I'll take to graze on the Aravali Hills

Passersby may look down at me

Or may do what they want

At least I am alone now

Let me say 'Thank you mom.'