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An Old Bi-Cycle

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The discordant ringing of the half-broken bell
of an old bi-cycle and
the unabated disgusting creaking noise of
its rusted chain touching the loose cover-
warn the pedestrians against its babbling arrival.

Discoloured it is too
with the dry clouds of the dirt
fly after it as it runs and
make it untouchable to the cycle-lifter.

Nevertheless, it is used every morning,
paddled forcefully on uneven rural road
with a load of heavy green sweats
to fetch some sparkling green papers,
compelled to groan, maybe, in pain
till its reaching the town,
unloading and leaning against a wall.

It witnesses the same role of its rider,
routine wise argument with the bargainers,
dry smile after settlement,
blissful exchange of bloods for money,
his counting again and again,
purchasing a few requests of children and wife

and drinking only a glass of free water
leaving many allured sweets and fruits.

Thank God ,the daily game is over,
the bi-cycle and the rural rider
return to the pavilion-
not-out with some useful winning runs.
groaning turns into laughing
as the light-loaded by-cycle
and the remunerated rider both start singing
maybe, accompanied by the discordant
ringing of the broken bell
and the creaking noise of the loose chain-cover.