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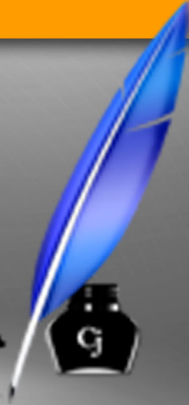
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My Homeland

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“If there is paradise on Earth

It is here, it is here, it is here.”

A poet sings of it thus!

Like children – recite rhymes –

The mountain stream whispers

And Nightingale chatters.

A garden is land of ours!

The Spring comes and life gives;

To chinars, gardens and meadows

To forests, ravines and streams

And music to waterfalls.

Alas! All thy beauty turned red,

As thou bathes in the blood;

Poverty, repression and oppression

Became order of the day.

Now streams roar, birds are voiceless,
Every house mourns, each heart is restless;
For Autumn dethroned Spring
And left everything lifeless.

O' God! Have some mercy
Let the dark night end soon
Let mountains and caves of my Valley
Be as visible as the moon.