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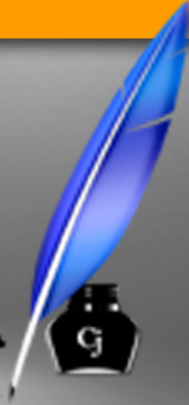
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An Ode to My Confusions

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Four decades have passed

Even you have passed away a month ago

But your dreams?

Believe me dad, I am clueless

Baba, nothing has changed,

I can hear the same tickling sound all around

Same television set engulfed with same talk shows, same issues, and same faces.

Bickering over a cup of tea I can smell the same queer smell of the mosquito liquidators

And damped walls exhibiting a blank demonstration

Suddenly I recall a very favourite line of mine

“Where have all the flowers gone?”

The same way I ask – where have all the fury gone?

For what stare the undaunted eyes?

The eyes that once dreamt of a world dominated by share-cropping peasants

For what echoes the slogan-

Slogans that assured CHANGE.

Baba, everything remains same

Only difference that I feel is your absence,

An evening or a post-lazy-afternoon-chat...

Centring round Diabetes to Dialectical materialism

At times I get confused,
Confusion that imprisons me within all your unfinished duties!

N.B: “Baba” stands for “father” in Bengali.