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## Elixir

Mrinal Kanti Ghosh

The children of a parched civilization we are;  
We cannot come too close,  
Nor we can go too far.  
We are lonelier than a hot summer noon;  
From under the darkness of quilt  
We hunt the silver moon!

The intellectuals are subjugating every ghat  
For some idle gossip;  
All the frogs are waiting  
For the golden ship.  
Every fox is hired to howl  
For Right's sake;  
And the kingfishers are shedding tears  
Over the torrid lake!

Tongueful of morality-  
'I am as smooth as pebble,'  
And pocketful of cogency-  
'I am the rebel.'  
In every traffic  
The miasma of stale underwear;  
The ox of righteousness is licking  
The plate of some dozing beggar,  
Or someone's arse;  
Life becomes a farce!

I have the elixir of life...  
Drink the Lethe or the Hippocrene.  
Then again I'll serenade a dream...  
You and I goofing around a sybarite stream,  
An Elysian wind twinkling on your hair,

You become the colour of butterfly  
Left at my fingertip.  
I take a breath, long, quiet and deep;  
Smiles seraphic... You dazzle a morn...  
A beautiful revolution is born!