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## Love Letter

(Translation of *Prema Lekha* poem of Dr. S. Raghu)

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Love letter

Shed by youth is found

Like a quill of peacock in the book

Class rooms filled with the thoughts

About imaginary sweet hearts,

Symbols and cloud-messages

Are still green memories

Knitting of poetry

In the hands those

Which can't even write

Extraordinary letters

Like the nest made

With two sticks

And some straws of grass

Rows of words hatched

Under the warm wings

Groups of sentences

Like the affection of

The feeding mother- bird

Romantic moods

Like the flying trials

With tender wings

Frantic thirst, even after drinking so much water!

Anxious fascination, even after writing so much!

Stains of ink fallen from the eyes

Of night in anguish

Are stars

Heavy heart to the half- burnt incense sticks

Flickering mind in the sky

Like the nipped kite

Where are the bounds to the age sans companion?

In fact that is

The preamble of Platonic love!

Now

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The real love is inundating

Like the flooding *Godavari*<sup>1</sup>

Still, I'm unable to inscribe

The first love letter!

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*1. Godavari is a river which flows through Telangana and Andhra Pradesh in south India*