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The Knot

Manasvinee Mukul

Your tore me to pieces
I screamed in hollowness
You seemed not to listen
As if you had no ear.
You hit my heart.
You hit my mind.
Left me to screech in despair
In bouts of anger
My nerves grew green
I wanted to shout at.....
Like an old dilapidated
Mansion I could not stand
Mockery of my once
Stately lustre inner and outer.
Your demeanour, air and ego
Demeaning my dignity
Were enough to let me
Collapse and sag.
I was thrown in the din of Silence
Unable to recollect my power divine.
In that asphyxiating silence
I longed to break the torment
And pledged never to speak.....
And then suddenly she came
Calling out, 'mummaa....!'

And I saw me speaking,
And heard you saying,
That I had learnt it
At last,
How to lead a life
As an Indian wife.