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## The Jhelum in Spate

Nayeem Ahmad Shah

It was the arrival of rains  
On the hills and in the plains  
Monsoons scarcely visit here, they say  
As in the North the Himalayas lay  
But this time it was contrary  
Which turned everything awry  
The river rose, surged and crept like a snake  
It was a long path leading to the Wularlake  
It carried rooftops, dead cows and dogs  
It spared none, even the heavy logs  
People prayed God to spare their lives  
The old succumbed, some fled with their wives  
The city was inundated everywhere  
The houses collapsed, thus increased the fear  
How hard it is to forget September Seven!  
For so many people were sent to Heaven  
Agitated and wretched was everyone  
Till the rains stopped and appeared the Sun  
The level retreated, they forgot their plight  
But only God knows how to put them right  
When people fail to come to His expectations  
God waits to stretch them beyond limitations!