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The Wall

(From *Cholechi Chaitrer Utsave*)

Kapilkrishna Thakur

Translated from Bangla by Jaydeep Sarangi

Our own wall
At every dawn
Moves towards
Our home only.

The divided courtyard
The sky of love
The song of the cuckoo
Immersed in the trembling of the leaves.
All are part of nostalgia now.

The smoke rises everywhere
The dust the same, and
The sky is sprinkling rain drops.
The clouds are roaring like wild beasts.

The wall of fiery greed
Is dancing with feral hands
As if an ancient octopus's soul
Has entered into him.

About the Poet:

Kapilkrishna Thakur is a socially conscious author and one of the pioneer leaders of Bangla Dalit Literary Movement in West Bengal. His important books include *Ujantaleer Upokatha*, *Matuaandolan O Banglar Annunata Samaj* and *Guruchand Thakur O Matua Andolan*.