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## Wail of Parents-in-law

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We consider you as our daughter  
But you shun and barter our soul  
Your presence gives us pleasure  
But our death is your target  
After bequeathing my son, wealth and amenities  
We in turn request  
Only your love and affection  
Your insults, scandals, approbations and abusive words  
Are beyond our tolerance  
Why do you snap our grandchild's affinity?  
I ponder  
The cause behind your ill-treatment  
All my kith and kin are dear to you  
Except we  
The doors that you fling forcefully  
Is a slap on our face  
You too have a son  
But we never curse you  
To become victims like us  
Because you are our child  
Life has become gloomy, dreary and dismal  
The hardships and the turmoil of our bygone days

Are far better than the torment of the present days

We are all ill-fated

As we remain the objects of disgust, loathe and abhorrence

Your merciless words

Cause bruise and anguish

May god bless you!

We bid a clarion call to all daughters-in-law

To let us live with peace!!!

Heart of the Hearts

We pray

Sins committed in ignorance

Should never take toll on you.

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