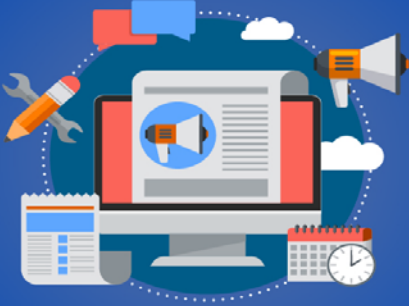


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Let the Lotus Bloom

Tirthendu Ganguly

From *mūlādhāra* to Mount Kailāsa's icy cliff
Let my verse echo this song:
Rhine's azure stream shall flow, hold belief,
Even if all in life is wrong.

The *loo* air of Thar let thy *svādhiṣṭhāna* hold,
And *maṇipūra* be green!
We may sleep unfed, but like a Bengal tiger bold
Soundless, silent, serene!

You may be hurt, but thy *anāhata* must never be so,
Like the Lancashire lovers!
On and on the flow of breath, like Volga, must go
Before it *viśuddha* covers.

From there, slowly roam like the Japanese deer
To the *ājñā* that commands,
Where the purest vibe of creation becomes sheer
Which from *sahasrāra* lands.

Let this be the only path of the human conscience
If we are to erase our gloom:
To find peace in a world that always twists and spins
Let the lotus bloom.

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