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## Grannie's Shawl

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Today's morning  
cuddled me like  
I was her own child.  
Tenderly she caressed  
my almost forgotten fervour.  
How I have longed  
for this endearment!!  
Today's morning cuddled me;  
As my grannie's shawl  
is embracing me now-  
I still remember,  
chilled winter's warm noons;  
Trees had begun shedding  
their leaves quite soon  
She used to sleep, while sitting,  
under a gooseberry tree  
and we were busy, making  
tiny palaces and sand dunes.  
Crackling voices of ice candy men,  
Jangam Jogis, and Pathans, that  
had engrossed whole street and  
my whole childhood-  
grannie's courtyard probably was  
their only favorite rendezvous.  
Our evenings went, sitting  
with her, near old fashioned hearth

Folk songs on her lips,  
her eyes always twinkled with mirth;  
Cold nights we silently snuggled on her lap  
We were softly draped  
underneath her shawl.  
That wrapped shawl felt much  
Warmer than a cocoon-  
Better than your quilt of clouds  
Ahh!! You not so frozen moon  
Hotter than the month of June.

**Bio-note:**

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