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## A Woman's Appeal to God

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My dear God,  
omnipotent, omnipresent,  
saviour of mankind -  
Why don't you shield me  
when they slay me in the dark womb  
before coming to light?  
Why don't you raise Cain  
when they nip me in the bud  
before blooming into blossom?  
I didn't shoot an albatross, did I?  
I didn't sell my soul to Lucifer like Faustus, did I?  
Yet... yet... yet...  
Why do I feel a flutter of trepidation in my stomach  
before going out at midnight  
to buy my mother's medicine?  
Why can't you hit the roof  
when they call me unholy  
and don't let me set foot in your temple?  
Do you remember

it is you who saved me  
once in the court of Kaurava  
from infernal ignominy?  
Can't you see millions of Draupadis  
begging a bit of your might?

Oh my dear dear God,  
Let me feel  
Mother earth is mine too,  
Inky dark midnight street is mine too,  
Your top-hole temple is mine too,  
You are mine too.

**Bionote:**

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