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**POEMS BY R. K. SINGH**

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**GRACE PERIOD**

I'm still on nodding terms with days I hardly relish  
except for memories of sex and poetry books  
that's me in stuckness in bits and pieces  
howsoever dwarfed or deemed today

I grope the mystery that couldn't be living:

autumn with songs of unbloomed spring  
restive stillness mocking on the curtains  
naked beings lying with blinder on the eyes  
the lost moon in curse of tears never shed

the short grace period is no breather  
to manoeuvre the words shelled in the skin  
or turn oracular to light the vale

2

**CRY OF A MOTHER**

Why do they ignore the clitoris when half the world has it?  
the lovers don't care, the doctors don't talk

it's no leaf that falls in the wave's crest  
and rots on the shore before they prescribe  
a chocolate remedy or testosterone cream  
to revive in dapple light:

denial is the way of life  
be it desire, emotion, or frailty  
for conformity, unity and control

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the redness of the setting or rising sun  
is too much to the drab colours of the priests  
who accuse of heresy, witchcraft or immorality  
to shut the so-called hot beds of sedition

when all they seek is stoppage  
of the show of teeth, blood and skull  
in the spinning wheel  
condemned to nursing home

3

#### REMISSION

I've forgotten all my sins  
how come God remembers each  
for each one of his creation  
on earth and beyond?  
I'm too small to count  
His apostles morning-walk  
from temple to temple  
godmen (and women) barter  
remission for self-forgetful  
souls on auto-pilot mode

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#### IF I COULD PAY

Luck awaits me  
if I could buy it from  
her miracle store  
  
she give me three dates

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for her call to reach  
the higher cosmic forces

she dreams me stand  
in the middle of a  
tree-lined park

against saffron flowers  
flashes of light focus  
on my serence face

the shower of gold tempts  
a being of light descends  
I'm offered a new life

divine abundance  
defeat of enemies  
and stream of love

if I could pay  
for her rituals of  
angelic magic

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