

India in translation

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GOLDEN CAGE

Before I took my first flight
My wings were severed.
I was locked in a cage
And was told that
The outside world was dangerous.
The hawk and the hunter were merciless
There's hunger, hunter
Rain, sunlight.
You are safe here.

The cage is beautiful,
It's made of gold.
I am given good care.
But what about freedom ?

WORD

These words are for them
Who without words
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Understand my feelings,
My silence.

FACE BOOK

It's a window
From where you can spit
On others without any apprehension,
Can dump ones malign ideas
On others.

Can speak on anything.
Referring to Google
One can speak about historic personalities,
Without knowing about them
Without reading History.

Can scratch each others back
Wow!
Very nice!
What a brilliant piece of writing!
Good !
Etc.
There's no room to differ.
We shower abuses
On the behest of others.

You address
Others as thieves.

Because a thief
Considers others as thief too.
They don't introspect.
Brother!
"Those who have not sinned"
Have the right to stone.

VULTURE

From the village to the city
From the streets to Delhi
There are vultures everywhere.
Their beaks are red
With the blood of common man.
They are so popular
That they don't spare anyone.
Money, woman, power
Nothing is safe in this country.
Not even the country!

Bio

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