

Whore's Horror by Vinod Khanna

Who came, when?
To visit my den;
Does it matter?
Forget. Better.

Leaders came,
Pleaders came;
To play a game,
Who should I name?

Honourable men,
Eight, nine, ten;
Night after night,
Gave me fright.

I was young,
The sadist stung;
My body was bit,
My soul was hit.

Like a thief,
For time so brief;
They came and went,
Drained and spent.

Of father's age,
Full of rage;
Vented the ire,
Quenched the fire.

Like noble savage,
Came to ravage;
My body, my soul,
In this hell-hole.

Hated carnivores
Like wolves devour;
Body's each pore
And call me whore?

Of mothers are they born?
To wives are sworn?
If daughters were to know,
What face they will show?
Now I am old,

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Body is cold;
Door steps worn,
My mind is torn.

Caught in a whirl,
Born as a girl;
I lost the race,
To save my face.

A bundle of flesh,
Thrown in slush;
Gasping for breath,
Choking to death.

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