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### The Mute Roar

Often I heard that you command  
all living legions of our lands.  
That he, whom no gun ever fells  
by the keen edge of your sword dwells

Oft I felt you in moments then  
But present died in yester-den.  
What would be soon became what is  
And then in what was his service.

Tis you who handles all our clocks.  
Lodge our prime youth by age's docks.  
Tis you, who wields the colour gray  
sprinkle on heads and hearts still gay.

Though men do win and lose their wars  
No outcome outruns your mute roar.

## Lost In Your Eyes

My confident feet took a thousand steps  
to reach from your one eye to the other.  
From when I walked down to your crimson lips  
The journey was hardened by strange weather.

I took a perilous fall from your cheek  
and landed before an expansive land.  
Your torso spread for a journey of weeks  
And three days hence, by your bosom I stand.

The ground softened as I reached your navel,  
where the land beneath me was soft and plain.  
And after days of relentless travel,  
So near my destination I had lain.

But the whole world started spinning clockwise—  
"Why have you been lost so long in my eyes?"



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From the capital city of the country, Laxya Tokas is an English literature student, pursuing his bachelor's degree from Delhi University. A reader from a young age, he can while away his life inside four walls, given the walls be of paperbacks and hardcovers. A few of his poems have been published in newspapers Hindustan Times and Times of India, various school magazines, and in a poetry anthology *A Hundred Bricks Down* in 2019. A passionate literature lover, Laxya aims to be as close to words and stories for the rest of his life.

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