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### O my! What's happening to the world around?

At the crack of dawn, as mine eyes struggle to open  
I could hear the cuckoo 'coo-coo' and sounds of strange  
birds chirping,  
Solemnly 'am I reminded - they are back?  
alive and praising after a goodnight's sleep?

O my! What's happened to the world around me?

Mine ears have failed to listen – at the dawn of day  
Beautifully chirping birds beside mine window happy and  
gay  
Endangered birds they seem to be – back in my garden as  
happy as can be...  
Look above my head I see – a clear blue sky smiling at me  
Never I'd wondered that would ever happen as in my days  
of glee...

A glance at the river filled with foam from dyeing colours –  
now

Clean to be used as drinking water...

I read the newspaper - no news of motor accidents,

I talk to my maid who tells me enthusiastically,

'I'm blessed to live with my family happily' – O how?

Your husband –a drunkard beats you, right? – I question  
puzzlingly...

O my! What's happening to the world around?

Its then a silent whisper I hear telling me...

What could not be done by a human is definitely possible  
by the Divine!



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