38. THIS HARVEST OF HOPES

Cut them all down, these crippled plants, Not leave them to their last parched distress! Tear off from the spray these twisted blooms, Not leave them to hang in wretchedness!

This harvest of smiling hopes, my friend, Is doomed to be blighted once again: Those labours that fill your days and nights Are doomed to be this time too in vain.

THIS HARVEST OF HOPES, COMPANION

- Cut down all
 The wounded plants,
 Do not leave them without water, at their last gasp;
 Tear away all
- 5 The writhing flowers,
 Do not leave them pining on the boughs.
 This harvest of hopes, companion,
 This time too will go to ruin,
 All the toil of mornings and evenings
- 10 Now too will prove worthless.

YE FAŞL UMEDON KÎ, HAMDAM

- r Sab kāţ-do
 Bismil paudoń ko,
 Be-āb sisakte mat chhoro;
 Sab noch-lo
- 5 Be-kal phūlon ko, Shākhon pĕ bilakte mat chhoro. Ye faşl umedon kī, hamdam, Is bār bhī ghārat jā'egī, Sab mĕḥnat şubḥon shāmon kī
- 10 Abke bhī akārat jā'egī.

But once more feed with your blood dry clods In crannies and corners about the field, Moisten them with your tears afresh, Then think of the coming season's yield—

Yes, think of the coming season's yield, When ruin will once more strike these lands. . . . Some day a ripe harvest shall be ours; Till that day, we must plough the sands.

In holes and corners of the ploughland
Once more pour the fertiliser of your blood,
Once more water the earth with tears;
Once more take thought for the next season,
IS Once more take thought for the next season,
When once more it must come to ruin.
One harvest ripened, we shall have satisfaction,
Until which time we must go on doing the same thing.

Khetī ke konoń-khudroń meń
Phir apne lahū ki khād bharo,
Phir miţtī sińcho ashkoń se;
Phir aglī rut kī fikr karo,
Phir aglī rut kī fikr karo,
Jab phir ěk bār ujaṛnā hai.
Ěk faṣl pakī to bhar-pāyā,
Jab tak to yěhī kuchh karnā hai.