

## Ghazal

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Had to shop flowers - I had to  
Had to market emotions - I had to

Wished I be drenched  
in bounties of joy  
Had to get burnt  
in the raining desires - I had to

Kept on learning lessons  
which darkness taught me  
And had to reckon sunshine - I had to

Pondering with gravity  
on each and every thought  
Had to afflict self  
with which plights - I had to

Gusts of wind  
keep on coming aplenty  
Had to keep composed  
upon breaking plenty times - I had to

Had to have a special word  
with man of speech  
As if had to read some  
difficult text - I had to

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Tale of woes who will write  
Matters of heart who will grasp

River a life, sea a death  
So much deep who will think

Too much crowd, there in the mart  
Wine-cup lost who will find

I a jungle of noises, hubbub  
The silence, the gold who will concede

Keep the self, indulged in thoughts  
Such a madness who will halt

Couldn't forget, the happenings of past  
For better future who will hunt

Words have kept, silence tight-lipped  
Title of the song who will effect

Difficult the ways, stony the paths  
To my native town who will arrive

Everyone dressed-up, on with stones  
In showering emotions who will drench

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