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## The Lost Gem

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Peeping out from the ridges and convolutions,

A gem revealed itself, shimmering.

As would happen when an oyster opens its mouth

In the heart of the sea.

One? Two? Three? Four?

Myriad! A massacre, I did.

'Put off!' the devil said.

A miscarriage of thought.

Hidden, disappeared.

When will I ever encounter it again? Will I?

Like a fish slips through into the sea,

A gem slides down from a little boy's hand into the deepest of the ocean,

Stood I in the shores of time.

To whose hands are those gems destined?

A misfortune, may or not I am,

Let time answer.

But never a gem again will I lose.

If lost, too, the loss will be

My muse.

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Perpetuating like a perennial river,

Never stagnant,

With Obstacle as my sculptor.

Walking with the gem I gained and with the memory

Of the lost one.

Thoughts ceased? It is Life-in-death

For a writer.

## The Gullible Puppet

Black skinned with brown spots,

Tiny, thorny thing over the leaf, feeding,

As sun's rays made way into the leaf's holes

A dishevelled worm silhouetted against the sky.

Time grew.

The worm in its process of fulfilment.

Against a stooped bark built

The fort of isolation.

Weaving and weaving the sticky web

Around.

Time grew.

A soundless crack. Struggle began.

It tried coming out of its fort.

Difficulty leaves none. There!

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The boy, heart so melted
Age so tender.
Helped it come out.
It is help, though.
But to him.
The butterfly handicapped.

Poor Gullible Puppet!