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In a distant land

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Here I am
In a distant land
Far away from humanity
Far from the madding crowd!
I'm an old soul in youth
Living in a misty hamlet
Among people unknown
Closer to nature
Cultivating my pain!
I sometimes go to sea
Stretch my gaze to see
In the distant horizon a boat
A soul would be there rowing
Downstream and downstream
Merrily singing a love song
Fanning her beautiful hairs
Looking towards the shore!
Here it comes closer
A shape I recognize I wonder
My heart beats in ecstasy
But then a haze and cold mist
I struggle to arch my gaze
In vain, In vain, In vain.....
Tears rolling down my eyes
Brewing a storm in my heart
I fall down upon the shore
I'm no more!!!

Moving forward

People always leave
Only heartaches have
Given me this sight
Loving hearts get wounds

When love falls short
Of expectations beautiful.....
Different moulds are we
Exhibiting our peculiar nature
In love and war and life.....
Some find rest under a tree
But for some nothing is haven
Until they find 'certainty'.....
Tribulations in love go
Hand in hand with pleasure
How sad a soul that man has
Finds not when he rest
Under the canopy of love
Tranquility and happiness....
Circumstances such corrosive
Leave no ground but to leave
Move forward with a dismal heart
Or weep alone in lonely nights
Having a glint of hope
Of a day our self flowers
Under the eternal bliss
Of being with our beloved!

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