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## **Deciduous**

I'm withdrawing... gradually I'm withdrawing myself from your flesh-shop... rows of raw flesh—headless, carrying cholesterol—glaireious, beneath their aged wombs... I've been touched by deciduous plants... I won't be suitable with drinks anymore... I'm salty like a slice of wet green coconut, I'm like fermented puffed rice hardly satisfies hunger... pregnant wind results rain... I was much desirous in my golden days... those are gone. I'll mix those memories with oil and water; hence I'll paint with magical colors...

## **Memento**

Here goes a grand arrangement... sweetness in the air... let's not discuss on sanitation here... serious issues might condense our sweetness, those might be felt like grit in sugar... let's forget everything... rather you sit beside me... I'll leave after a little chit-chat... my words will fly far like birds... I'll be like the words whose husbands stay abroad... a black horse by the door will kill thousand mosquitoes, whipping by its tail; and if you wait... you, too, won't be spared... you can't resist... my heart is like a creeper, despite knowing all... my thoughts are shoreless... you won't recognize my gradually decaying body... look! Here's a ring...

## **Palace**

All the words are surrounded from three sides by Water... superfluous words carry potential threat to inundate many lands...let's not stir... let's stay still...let's keep this harbor... my sweet palace stands open from three sides... there in the south-eastern wind I dip in to clouds...It's like an itching pleasure... let's not ask whether this my palace would bear much inundation... let's keep quiet...

## **Whirls**

Rowing six oars of this leafen\* boat, I'm in turmoil now, take me ashore... you promised waiting at the bank with a huge hawser... I rowed

towards a creek... but lost in the estuary... I feel whirls in my eyes... Are they everywhere?... Do you, too, feel the whirls?... Gripping the mane of a black horse, you're running ceaselessly... Hold on for once... Look back... You'll feel the breath of someone looted, somewhere within all these lies archeology unrevealed... When your morion will be felt heavy to you, will my pen be the same to me?...

### **The Fairytales**

Wind swirls... emerges water out of nowhere... let's have some chitchats... tell me stories of butter and fire... I am waiting... Night after night I've kept myself awake and heard many fairytales... I've seen many fairytales... There I want to reach... I've worn a crown of bewilderment today... as if a fragile crown of puzzle... I'll deposit it to an honest sailor, and fly across the borders... I'll scribe the tales of fallen leaves, I'll gift you all those... Could you promise me giving an olive leaf? ...

### **The Uncouth Memories**

You must face the uncouth memories when words slack... me too tired of those... never could I educe my pains out of my heart... Never could I perceive your desires... You too desire for yielding love, I know now... Then let it be, then close all the doors and windows...

### **The Dip**

The ground at my feet has not been solid yet lacking water... furtively I'm heading towards my home... There may stand some water, I know, still I'm heading... It's time to know the home... It's time to know myself... Someone promised me care, so I had walked on grits, barefooted... His train finds station today.

### **Obedient Gold Pollens**

My touches are not warm today... Pollens fly in the air; who knows how long you'll get the pleasure of a peasant... Insects fly around; they're like

me... All these stone idols, clove creeper will ruin someday... Call them one by one... They'll listen to you... One day they'll return to their homes, being abominated... But I'll be there... I will be staring at those eyes, full yet blank... O the obedient gold pollens! Your leaves have got eclipse today.

## **Numbers**

Procession of death... game of fate... Let them remain as they were... You better tell about ourselves... We too have experienced life, like all the others... time and again over the ages... Why are you upset today?... Why there whirl anxiety and suspense between your fingers? ... Let's keep aside all our confusions... The boat is full with passengers now-a-days... It's the time of northwester; you know... we're nothing but mere numbers to this earth... Whence you too consider me a number, I've been standing imbalanced...

## **The Crescent**

Let's cautiously walk between truths and lies... Who knows how much our life will give us... Who knows how far to walk... I won't care whether you hold me during storms... I have floated through myriad ports and channels, and now want to float there again... The gossips around the ports may become a crescent crown, who knows! ... Let's walk along the path where from all the pandemics have gone... Let's gather the corpses... Let's turn off all the anxious eyes...

## **Sky lamp**

A long way, high and low, I have walked, no more I can, rather recall. You promised a lamp in your sky. Snowflakes covered all the sloppy hill tracts. Monsoon starts now, yet more to come. You promised walking beside me, along the taro plants. You promised touching the warm stove, beside a closed hut. Let's not walk over the coiled dog-tail, after all I'm human being, you're my human God. Let's not be typical, let's try something fresh, you promised ushering good days.

I see your room remain dark, snowflakes still run through the hill tracts.  
Still I'm helpless without you. You told me the tale of wretched children  
and the old, who live thanks to some real human beings. I'll be showering  
you with all these. But your sky holds no lamp. I'll be lost in such  
darkness, yet I recall you promised a lamp in your sky.

*Translated by Mahbub Siddiquee*