

## Poems by Ram Krishna Singh

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### HAIKU

crowded streets  
moving among the years  
wretched faces

a sleeping snake  
curled between the eggs—  
layers of leaves

a yellow spider  
crouching in a corner  
invisible webs

lying listless  
on withered creeper  
a golden bird

a lone sparrow  
atop the naked branch  
viewing sunset

a frog

bullied into the hedge:

snake's breakfast

on the road

an injured toad—

onlookers

parents pelt stones

at the mating street dogs—

nosey children

potholes:

spots of sunshine

wobble

sudden downpour

noisy trucks at midnight

crowded footbridge

watching dogs

frolicking in the park—

jaded couples

dusky backyard

crowded parrots' shrieks

autumn onset

chasing each other  
in the by lane  
two birds

a teenager  
glides past me on roller blades  
her long hair flows

receding crowd  
from the street fair  
Jesus in the eyes

## **NUDE DELIGHT**

The coiled divine  
renews eternity  
in the body's cells  
fed on sensuous sweetness  
and moment's littleness

for years fleshly reign  
seemed spirit's radiance  
in the deep pit

now suddenly sparks the itch  
for heaven's nude delight

## **NEW YEAR**

The dates on calendar question  
all my undone acts

and memories that haunt or fade  
in nightly nakedness

stumbling toward the next day's sun  
without celebration

at 63 January jeers  
my degenerating sex

a still itch: mantra and mirror  
quiet god and drying petals

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