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“Innocent Blood”Mohd Nageen Rather

He was just a little chubby Kashmiri boy
Soldiers mistook for a gun his black Eid toy
Their gentle smile for him was the clever ploy
As they painted their palms with his blood with joy

Some soldiers called him names, some cursed his mother
He was lashed and flayed, Oh my underdog brother!
All in vain, he cried for help hither and thither
Innocence and tender body, they spared neither

He uttered the words ‘O, mother’ time and again
This often he did when he was in severe pain
And all alone wriggling in life and death bargain
Tears from eyes, blood from cuts, both did equally drain

Bruised body was left to the mercy of the night
In the pool of blood, what a horrible sight!
People are killed in Kashmir in broad day light
No rules govern the state -what is wrong what right

His painful cries, they took as notes of music on flute
Soft flesh kicked, stamped beneath soldiers’ boot
From Kashmir’s heavenly soil they nip every tender shoot
Ah, they beat the drum of democracy, but people are made mute
Surely, the lives of Kashmir denizens are not so cheap
Verily, innocent blood will speak, this is belief in their hearts deep

Undoubtedly, the sweetest fruit of sacrifices, they will soon reap

Of course, this is the green hope which every Kashmiri should keep



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