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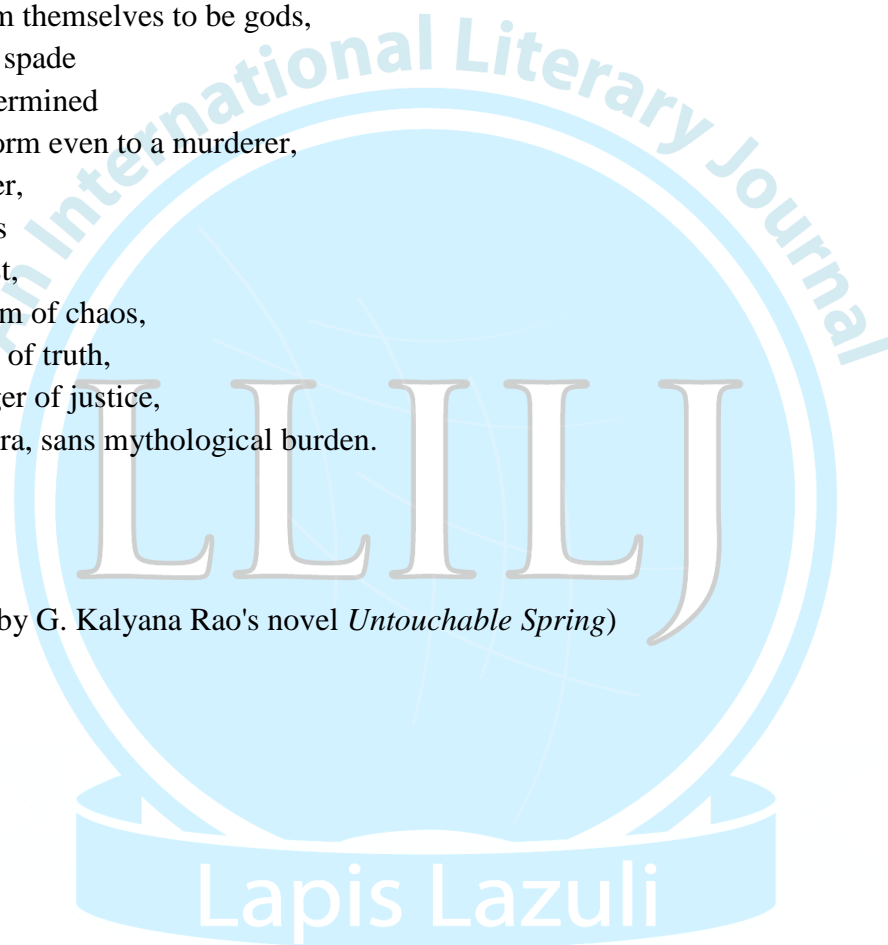
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I am Subhadra

Yes, I am Subhadra,
Not the mythological one
But the one whose heart swells with pride
To live a life
Less ordinary than the famed one
To be able to rebel freely, fearlessly,
To stand in front of the demons
Who claim themselves to be gods,
To hold a spade
To be determined
To transform even to a murderer,
A reformer,
A goddess
An outcast,
An emblem of chaos,
A pioneer of truth,
A harbinger of justice,
A Subhadra, sans mythological burden.

(Inspired by G. Kalyana Rao's novel *Untouchable Spring*)



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