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**AZHAR UDDIN SAHAJI**

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**City that Reared Me Up: Delhi**

We've dug holes  
Into each other's chest  
To find heart.  
We failed  
Each other  
Rather  
We've found dust;  
And thick air that made us cry  
Still, we don't mind...  
For we know, we shall be together  
City, is my move!

**The King and the Butcher**

King,  
You are naked.  
Put on some clothes  
And wash off spots of blood from your hands.

Else what will people say  
Who are your friends and comrades  
You hug them every day  
'That from where comes this butcher  
Still smelling blood'!

**Longing and the City**

Shall I find you  
In the tired faces of hawkers  
Crying morning to evening  
Ceaselessly, tirelessly,  
When I miss you...  
Or in these allies  
Where Delhi rests  
In this hot afternoon?  
Or in that Moonlight Cafe  
Where we've talked of Marx and Lelin?

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