

Harekrishna Deka's Poem

Dependence

Does the green disappear
With the snow
Shrouding
The grassy plain?
A squirrel
Is looking desperately
To nibble
At the leaves of grass.
Wretched he
Doesn't find
The grass is buried
Deep inside the snow.

The snow cannot devour
The green
It will rejuvenate
After a soft and gentle
Patter of rain.

But the greed of man
Their aggression and noise
Are ravaging
The sky and the air
like anything

Will the green survive?

If it won't
Will the man survive?

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