

Bhupen Hazarika's Poem

Need No Society

We don't need society
No- we don't want a clock showing us time
Let time stand still for once
with us as witnesses.
Snatching away the afternoon rainbow and
shattering it into pieces
I'll scatter it towards your body
Have it spread on your bed.
Fetching a tuft of forelock of a flash of light
the very dear cord of invisible love
We'll wrap around our bodies
The sky too will respond.
Tearing the many books of the history of barriers
We'll hurl towards darkness
These 'll fly away somewhere.
Its I that am become the breath of the tempest
You-- the waves if the sea
Don't want dawn let it be night
never ending and wakeful.

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