

## ABISHAKE KOUL

### Songs From The Past

I can feel the gentle wind  
And the nagging chill  
As I walk barefoot  
The sand is everywhere  
Yet it doesn't cling  
The rustling of leaves  
And the waves along the shore  
Calm me down  
Even amidst the ruckus

I sometimes wish  
I can go back  
To those innocent times  
Dressed up as an elderly  
My pen resting in my diary  
As the shady trees  
Providing a cushion  
And the green grass  
Letting my thoughts soar

I remember the face  
The smile and the eyes  
The boy who sold lemonade  
The library by a corner  
A seat for an elderly  
Always reserved, always waiting  
The guy who sold momos  
His free soup tasted better  
The winters were a delight

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Times of mindful aberrations  
Willful glances on mirrors  
Roaming without a care  
Long walks, long talks  
Of future and growing old  
More receptive to nature  
Its powers and sanctity  
There were certain beliefs  
But even bigger dreams

Sometimes I still search  
For that smiling face  
And the earthly shade  
As I turn the smelly pages  
Of my old diary  
The simple valiant past  
All its songs unwritten  
Left behind in crevices  
Of an elderly brain.

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