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Body Orchard

I taste these pears and peaches with my whole body,
as graceful as the first floret of spring in a garden,
We watched for the first time a tropic moon
descend pine- orange into our yard,
I kissed your raspberry cheek and tasted
inviting mango juice on unbound rosy lips

“Sangam” of two red roses and white lilies flow in
East- Asian almond cool aquamarine eyes,
A sharp nose pyramid a moon ring shine
Long Thailandish slender neck and

Brazilian bloom-down-cheek'd peaches,
in your diamond apple body orchard
shaded under Indian long silky spirited locks

The plum tree in your garden is now
bursting into flower with the promise that
snowy flower buds give birth to ripe lilac plums
this autumn when you turn sweet sixteen,
I strip off the blossom with my lips,
marking each interlude with musical drops

The blackberries would ripen-a purple-green,
sun's blood in it leaving good stains upon the
tongue and desire for more pickings
my garden doesn't have the forbidden fruit
For the true are cherry red and golden mango,

I have memories of yellow daffodils and oranges
blended with the burn of colorless lemon tears,
basked in honey rays, dreamed in pomegranate
sunset of lime hills and dulce roses
Years of sweet citrus lived in golden hours

My yellow heart pining for red fusion,
to shake the fruit that never falls,
I am without the temptation of apple,
Limbs entwined in a sweet embrace
I kissed season's hot tangerine lips

The colors of my country are spread here
with clear blue sky, sun, breeze, dew and peace,
Fruit is for sharing, even if your neighbors are bears or cows

I may not live to see the leaves fall yet
moment of delight in the shared fruit would live on
but the aches and pains of this grove are mines only

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