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## **Ahead of the Stars**

sitaaro.n se aage jahaa.N aur bhii hai.n  
abhii ishq ke imtihaa.N aur bhii hai.n

taahii zindagii se nahii.n ye fazaaye.n  
yahaa.N saika.Do.n kaaravaa.N aur bhii hai.n

kanaa'at na kar aalam-e-rang-o-bu par  
chaman aur bhii, aashiyaa.N aur bhii hai.n

agar kho gayaa ek nasheman to kyaa Gam  
maqaamaat-e-aah-o-fugaa.N aur bhii hai.n

tuu shahii.n hai parwaaz hai kaam teraa  
tere saamane aasmaa.N aur bhii hai.n

isii roz-o-shab me.n ulajh kar na rah jaa  
ke tere zamiin-o-makaa.N aur bhii hai.n

gae din kii tanhaa thaa mai.n a.njuman me.n  
yahaa.N ab mere raazadaa.N aur bhii hai.n

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## **I Desire**

tere ishq kii intahaa chaahataa huu.N  
merii saadagii dekh kyaa chaahataa huu.N

sitam ho ki ho vaadaa-e-behijaabii  
ko\_ii baat sabr-aazamaa chaahataa huu.N

ye jannat mubaarak rahe zaahido.n ko  
ki mai.n aap kaa saamanaa chaahataa huu.N

ko\_ii dam kaa mehamaa.N huu.N ai ahal-e-mahafil  
chiraaG-e-sahar huu.N, bujhaa chaahataa huu.N

bharii bazm me.n raaz kii baat kah dii  
ba.Daa be-adab huu.N, sazaa chaahataa huu.N

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## **Madness of Love is no more**

mohabbat ka junuu.N baaqii nahii.n hai  
musalamaano.n me.n Khuun baaqii nahii.n hai

safe.n kaj, dil pareshan, sajdaa bezuuk  
ke jazabaa-e-a.ndruun baaqii nahii.n hai

rago.n me.n lahuu baaqii nahii.n hai  
wo dil, wo aawaaz baaqii nahii.n hai

namaaz-o-rozaa-o-qurbaanii-o-haj  
ye sab baaqii hai tuu baaqii nahii.n hai

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## **The child's invocation [bachaey ki dua]**

Original: Urdu

lab pe aatii hai dua banake tamanna merii  
zindagii shammaa kii surat ho Khudaayaa merii

duur duniyaa kaa mere dam a.Ndheraa no jaaye  
har jagah mere chamakane se ujaalaa ho jaaye

ho mere dam se yuu.N hii mere watan kii ziinat  
jis tarah phuul se hotii hai chaman kii ziinat

zindagii ho merii parawaane kii surat yaa rab  
ilm kii shammaa se ho mujhako mohabbat yaa rab

ho meraa kaam Gariibo.n kii himaayat karanaa  
dard-ma.ndo.n se zaiifo.n se mohabbat karanaa

mere allaah buraai se bachaanaa mujhako  
nek jo raah ho us raah pe chalaanaa mujhako

English: Translation

My longing comes to my lips as supplication of mine  
O God! May like the candle be the life of mine!

May the world's darkness disappear through the life of mine!  
May every place light up with the sparkling light of mine!

May my homeland through me attain elegance  
As the garden through flowers attains elegance

May my life like that of the moth be, O Lord!  
May I love the lamp of knowledge, O Lord!

May supportive of the poor my life's way be  
May loving the old, the suffering my way be

O God! Protect me from the evil ways  
Show me the path leading to the good ways

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