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**Elegies from Kashmir.**

Snowber Alliya

Here, in Kashmir  
pain is woven into poems  
And we knit every tear,  
into robes for generations to wear.

In broken ripples, Dal sings the elegies  
Beloved Queen had written for Sultan,  
"Cholhama Roshé Roshé", and we mourn  
the absence of birds that didn't return.

You fled, "never inquired of us"  
While our laments were barred  
to reach you through correspondence,  
into the 'plains of indifference'

They detained Narcissus yet again,  
So we planted hearts along your route,  
Return, but bolt the tunnel behind,  
and tend to the gardens they turned blind.

There is mayhem found in each soul  
Our dreams of freedom seem hysterical  
So we paint all promises and losses  
into hues of ' the country without a post office'