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I am Sita

Far away from my beloved husband 'Shri Ram' Abducted by Ravan, ten-headed demon king Represents his acquaintance of Shastras and Vedas A mistaken follower of Shiva unlike my Ram With devilry eyes and narcissistic spirit

Here in his precinct of 'Ashok Vatika' Sitting under 'Saraca Asoca' Surrounded by its flowers come in heavy, lush bunches Bright orange-yellow in color, turning red before wilting Now dry and abundant after leaving the place they belong

What havoc has happened to me? Since when clemency became a crime A demon of highest degree in a shape of a preacher Asked for alms, to cross the line drawn by Lakshman The grave price, to doubt the saintly piety of my brother

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If my Lord were at my place, He would have done the same I habitually imagine him near me, Daydreaming myriad beams, kittle and conciliation The aura of this place would have been different

All has gone, only severance, exile and moan How painful is to be a stranger among strangers How much time it will take, my never-ending wait? Without him, my life is nothing but mere pendulum This unfortunate corpse, aging without love

Yet I will not yield before abrupt doom Desperate for his gaze, his embrace This unforeseen rain cannot descend my fortitude None can filch my vigour, my rage Straight before time and human competence

I am not done yet as a soil on earth I have so much to do as a prolific mortal A dedicated and devoted soul of mine

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Ready to brawl impurity of any kind Except him, none can conquer my concrete or abstract

Only the bearer knows the depth of wound I have to restrain my bundle of pain The inferno of my agony will burn this land No one will remain alive here for another felony Justice will be done for what cannot be undone

Why women are born to suffer Ahilya, Urmila, Mother Kaushalya, incessant names, Endless suffrage from incessant waits Sometimes its fate or else mistake on entangled voyage, facing all the tides crossing all highs

Hanuman, the fiery messenger Showed me the ring, forecasting the tacit A unclaimed catastrophe, soon will drawn to this race Coming, crossing by turning an ocean into land Hear the bugle of battle, See the waving flags

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I am Sita, in need to liberate,

In greed of adoration from 'The greatest among all human race'

My way of redemption is through reconciliation

'My last wish' my unconditional acceptance

I am Sita,

Not just an abducted Wife of Ram

But , A hushed lone warrior

A protagonist of an untold story

A creator of forgotten history.

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