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For  
Rani (1990–2007)  
Beloved of us all  
from all her grateful staff

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Why do you come to tease and touch  
unknown places in my heart  
singing with love's sharp knife.

Enticing me to abandon respect and reputation  
to exchange strange caresses  
savour an explorer's taste.

Your words tempt my years  
dismantle the careful structures  
the house built of staid scholarship.

Yet I am drawn to you  
you open different doors  
leaving me disoriented, unsure which way to go.

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