

# MY BELOVED GO UNI

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Today sitting in my office I admire your incandescent beauty  
I gaze at your broad chest and watery waist  
Ringed by long flowing green kaftan  
An orchestra of birds and bats playing for you.

Today sitting in my office I meditate on your two liquid hands  
Dancing hands of variegated complexions and shapes  
With a melting heart I eavesdrop to catch the clapping of your hands  
Your liquid music sipping through my veins: soft and soothing.

Today sitting in my office I watch fat parading cows  
Out of fear or excitement they break into trumpeting  
Necks bent and feet thudding in perfect accompaniment  
With an army of flies and insects dancing in circles and labyrinths.

Today sitting in my office I glare at a green parade of trees  
Trees yet unrecorded by biologists and researchers  
I gawk at plants of all colours: blue, red, yellow, white, gold, orange  
And fascinating shapes: snake-shaped, tortoise-shaped, grass-cutter shaped.

Today sitting in my office I muse on your beauty  
And today I have fallen in love with you again.

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