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## CLARA JOSEPH

### The Cart

On way from school  
 I see an old man  
 Running pushing a cart  
 He's old and thin  
 Yet runs fast  
 Then swipes his hand  
 Across his arse  
 To fling the running shit aside  
 Still keeps running  
 To boss or home  
 I never know  
 But help he did not get.

I reach home  
 Am served my tiffin  
 I see the food, the yellow curry  
 Know I'll throw up  
 So ditch the food behind the dining-room door  
 The ayah might wonder for a minute  
 And then sweep it off.

Today I'm old  
 An old, old, woman  
 The tears it runs  
 Down my eyes  
 I swipe my hand  
 Across my face  
 To fling the running shit aside  
 Still keep running  
 To boss or home  
 You never know  
 But help I do not get.

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