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“Tears of My Heart” Mark Chatarpal

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These tears of my heart
I wipe over you
droplets falling upon your tattered green dress
your body still

scornful laughs echo
that dreadful hacking sound
muffled groans
piercing
the rhythmic drip-dropping
drip-drop into bottomless cups

helplessly, I watch as your remains are auctioned
watching as they look away
watching as they ignore
the glossy eyes of your malnourished children

these tears!
chemically induced ponds
these Harpy-high kaleidoscopic showers
I shed
over you

as I walk away