

THE MAZMUN:

LOVE CHANGES THE LOVER'S APPEARANCE

A

میرے تغیرِ حالِ مرست جا
یونہی اسے ہر بان ہوتا ہے
(مرست)

B

لب، حسن فرزوں میں رکھا فت مر
من من شناخت اور آنے اور شناخت مر
(نسیبی)

میرے احوال پر نہ سُن آتا
یونہی اسے ہر بان ہوتا ہے
(درود)

خیہل بخاری طب نہ تو ہے خدا طب
دی می دی تو خیہل بخاری ہے
(ناسخ)

میرے تغیرِ حالِ مرست جا
انقاوت تھیں زمانے کے
(مرست)

اب نعم وہ رہے نعم وہ رہے
انٹ نامست ہیں زمانے کے
(زماق)

میرے تغیرِ زندگی کو مت دیکھ
نجیگی کو اپنی نظر نہ ہو جائے
(حوسن)

C.

نظر لگے نہیں ان کے دست دباز و دو
پر لوگ نہیں میرے نغمے جگر کو دیکھئے ہیں
(غالب)

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A

①

Don't bother about the
change in my state
Dear friend, such things
too occur

-Dard
(1720-1785)

②

Don't laugh so much at
my condition
Dear friend, such things
too befall

-Dard

③

Don't bother about the
change in my state
It's just the way things
happen in the world

-Mir
(1722-1810)

B

①

Her beauty increased so much,
and I pined away for her so much
Neither did I recognize her
nor did she recognize me

Nisbati
(d.c. 1688)

②

Neither do I speak to you
nor do you speak to me
The same I, the same you;
it's not me, it's not you.

Nasikh
(1776-1838)

③

Now you're no longer the same,
nor am I any longer the same
It's just the way things
happen in the world

Firaq
(1896-1982)

④

Don't stare at the change
in my complexion
Lest your own "eye"
should affect you

-Momin
(1800-1852)

C

①

I fear that the "eye" may
affect her arm and hand
Why should these people stare
at the wound in my liver

-Ghalib
(1797-1869)

THE MAZMUNI: THE BELOVED'S STATURE ↔ CYPRESS ↔ MISRA'

- ① Oh silver cypress, going out for
a stroll in the countryside
what a fine promise-breaker you
are, that you are going without me
—Sa'di
(c1200-1290)
- مرد سفنا سحر ای
جس بیتی کے باہم
کوئی نہ پھیلے کر میر دار
سعدی
- ② Although not even one cypress has
the beauty of her stature
Since it does tagti', it becomes
a misra'-e mauzun
—Salim Shirati
(mid-17th c.)
- گرچہ کوئی سرخ نہ میں ای
جس نہ فتح کر میر دار
سلیم شیراتی
- ③ When her mauzun stature was
weighed in the scale of the eyes
The Tree of Paradise was found to be
one pace less tightly constructed
—Shakir Naji
(d.c.1774)
- وزن لقاہ میں ای
طوبی تسبیح سے کوئی نہ کوام سا ہے
شکر ناجی
- ④ I did much wandering in the
colorful bayat of the garden
How could the cypress-misra' compare
at all with her mauzun stature
—Mir, c.1780
(1722-1810)
- سرخ سارخ باغ کی میختہ
سرخ مارمع علی و تائست حوزہ
میر
- ⑤ The cypress is sanjidah, but
compared with the misra'
of the beloved's stature
It always turns out to be
hamauzun when I weigh it
in my heart
—Mir, c.1790
- مرد سانجیدہ لئن سب سرخ میر دار
حوزہ میں نکلے جب دل میں ای خوبیں ہیں
میر

STATURE ↔ CYPRESS ↔ MISRA^c (CONTINUED)

(6)

What a disaster, that that pari's
rose-colored stature should be
called a cypress in a poem
What kind of a poet was he who
made a mauzun misra^c
namauzun

- Nasikh
(1776-1838)

نَفْرَبْ هِيْ سَرْدَبَانْ حَارَسَ مَرِيْ سَقْلَوْ دُونْ
مَكْشَارْتَهْ نَاجِزَوْ لَامْهَارْتَهْ خَرْجَهْ (سَخْ)

(7)

When I saw the tagti^c of that
walking cypress in the garden
The cypress-misra^c became
namauzun in my eyes
- Nasikh

بَاغْ سَنْ قَطْعَهْ سَرْدَبَانْ دَلْمَهْ
رَوْكَاهْ بَهْرَهْ نَزِهْ بَنْ تَرْزَهْ بَهْ
مَكْشَارْتَهْ نَاجِزَهْ لَامْهَارْتَهْ خَرْجَهْ (سَخْ)

(8)

It would have emerged as a
fresh dewy misra^c
[But] the cypress did not turn
out to be as mauzun
as the beloved's stature

بَخْتَاهْ سَرْدَهْ دَهْ
دَلْمَهْ سَرْدَبَانْ دَلْمَهْ
(سَخْ)

- Atash
(1778-1847)

(9)

Oh walking cypress, oh
soul of the world, pass
slowly, pass slowly,
Let me look at you to
my heart's content -
only stop that long

- Sulaiman Arib
(1924-1975)

أَسْرَدَهْ دَلْمَهْ جَانْ جَاهْ نَسْتَهْ نَسْتَهْ
بَهْرَهْ بَهْرَهْ دَلْمَهْ دَلْمَهْ بَهْرَهْ بَهْرَهْ
(سَخْ) سَلَمَنْ أَرِبْ