



نہ پوچھ جب سے ترا انتظار کتنا ہے  
کہ جن دنوں سے مجھے تیرا انتظار نہیں  
ترا ہی عکس ہے اُن اجنبی بہاروں میں  
جو تیرے لب تیرے بازو، ترا کنار نہیں

## 21. DO NOT ASK

Do not ask how much I have longed for you  
Since those lost days of longing expectation;  
Your image fills these unfamiliar springs  
That are not your embrace, your arms, your lips.

## STANZA

- 1 Do not ask how great my waiting (longing) for you has been since  
Those days since when there has been for me no waiting for  
(expectation of) you.  
Your image alone is in those alien springs  
That are not your lips, your arms, your embrace.

## QITA'

- 1 Na pūchh jab se tērā intizār kitnā hai,  
Kē jin dinoñ se mujhe terā intizār nahīñ;  
Tērā-hī 'aks hai un ajnabī bahāroñ meñ  
Jo tere lab, tere bāzū, tērā kinār nahīñ.