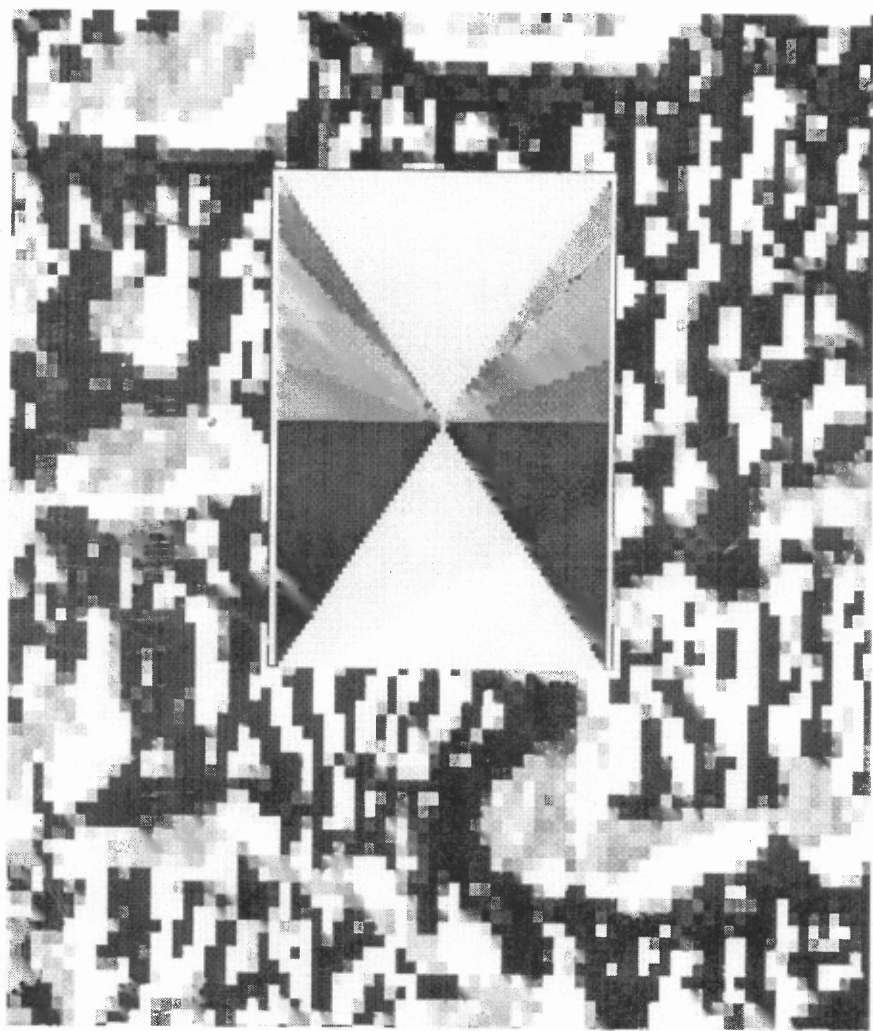


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## **So afraid of dominance**

afraid of pain  
afraid of the wrong  
afraid of falling leaves  
Just breathe.

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## **Great giants**

reaching out for the soft mist...  
To conceal themselves  
From the evil myths of the world.

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## **Dirt....**

close your eyes  
Expose it...  
they'll laugh  
Escape from it...  
they'll follow  
Hide...  
they'll seek

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## **I wanted to get away**

Away from the...  
Worthless,  
Insignificant,  
Minorities of the old world...  
Reach new dimensions  
With a few rupees and tobacco in my hand,  
My guard up  
And my soft tears hiding in my pocket.

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## **The shade protected me**

From the scorching guilt  
You tried to reflect on me...  
You failed,  
I laugh in your face,  
But inside your smile stabs  
The inner core of my heart  
Leaving me with blood stains on my floor.