

## A Touch of Flower Vasanthi Vasudev

Do heavens
Descend upon Earth
Do they, else,
Grow from it?

Who has made
These gorgeous carpets,
In divine shapes
With such silken hues?

Why do we
Delight in their gaze?
Grow saintly
In their touch?

Has the red sylvia Run away With all Our rage?





Has every fear
Been lost
To the sunbright
Calendula?

Why does not The ravishing rose
Make me green
With deadly envy?

Are these flowers

Magical lights

That show how

To live in harmony?

Do they lead Strife
-torn minds Down
Milky way
Of deep penetrative Peace?

Would they
Make angels
Of demons,
Humans
Of savages? Melt all
wickedness
With their tender touch?
Mould material maniacs
Into sublime souls?



Would they, then, Poised on perfumed petals Carefully

cradle,

Man, now childlike

In caring caress?

Soak him

In warming compassion?

Feed bestial anger

With endless love?

Plant verdant boughs

On Life's sand-dunes?

Trade nightmares

For Dreams?

Weave amity

From hatred,

Give joy

For grief

And

Let hope flower

On

Barren doom?