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Tongues stolen on the kala pani
Our story is liquid and unspoken
Cutlasses slash through green cane fields
In scansions of pain and poverty
Neocolonialism after independence
The Caroni River becomes the Mississippi
Dreams of young Indians lynched daily
Delta blues are chutney-soca harmonies
Still walking barefoot
Swallowing despair and gramoxone
Spitting bitter rhymes to any god
Longing for the healing words
Longing for the Caribbean sea
We enter its tassa rhythms and lyrical flow
And the kala pani waters turn to ink
Immersing us in poetry