THE PIGEONS NEVER FLEW AWAY

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The pigeons never flew away Their white pashminas fluttered in the wind They caressed its creases till it was dawn.

Their eager faces turned yellow and a drop of blood dotted the pashimas Still, they caressed its creases till it was dawn.

Their embroidery kits had weapons of murder needles with threads of blacks and red They kept on sewing till it was dawn.

Their eyes got puffed and dreams hollowed The monotonous work made them weary Yet, they weaved with winsome smiles till it dawn.

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