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The Moon

Like a new Indian bride

She is hidden behind a veil

She walks with shy steps

Against a breeze or a gale.

The lady with her eyes shut

Now sits in the ritual room

She will not show her face

Till rites be done with groom.

As the rites are done with,

She moves out for a walk

Her veil slightly turns up

As she and her fays talk.

With each passing night

The veil rises higher

Then comes a night the time

Her visage no veils requires.

With no veils on her visage

She looks down from her terrace

And beholds a fair face

Snuggled against the bosom of the sea.