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Kamala Das

My Mother at Sixty-Six

Part - 1

Neha Rajvanshi

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About the poet

Kamala Das was born in Malabar, Kerala. She is recognised as one of India's foremost poets. Her works are known for their originality, versatility and the indigenous flavour of the soil. Kamala Das has published many novels and short stories in English and Malayalam under the name 'Madhavikutty'.

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Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning, I saw my mother, beside me,

Alliteration - my_mother

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doze: नींद आना
ashen : राख का रंग
corpse : मृत शरीर



doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain
that she was as old as she
looked but soon

like as Simile

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sprinting: भागते हुए
merry : खुश
spilling: बाहर निकलते हुए



put that thought away, and
looked out at Young
Trees sprinting, the merry children
spilling



= Personification –
Metaphor –

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wan: फीका / बिना रंग का

pale: पीले रंग का



out of their homes, but after the airport's security check, standing a few yards away, I looked again at her, wan, pale

familiar : परिचित

ache: दर्द



as a late winter's moon and felt that old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and smile.....

Simile –

Alliteration – Repetition –