



As we are now'

[reading leaves and counting waves at the deserted Ross Island (Andman)]

Two birds, fast bound companions,
Clasp closes the self-same tree.
Of these two, the one eats sweet fruit;
The other looks on without eating.

Mundaka Upanishad (मुण्डक उपनिषद्) [translated from Sanskrit by
Robert R. Hume, The Thirteen Principal Upanishads]



Veenapani Bhawan, Laxmipur, Laheriasarai, Darbhanga
(where I conceptualized, and wrote major part of this Memoir:
where we danced with joy, and sobbed with my heart broken;
where we laughed to weep, and where we wept to sink into silence.)