

A BUG ENTERED INTO MY KITCHEN

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A bug entered into my kitchen
With a joy of victory and wonder
I'm sorry, I don't remember its name now,
But I remember white was its colour
The mind blowing fragrance of spices
Of my kitchen had driven him in
Wealth full of cinnamon, cardamom,
Cloves, cumin, ingredients of samabar and
What not, such was my kitchen.

He was not the first bug
Who entered into my kitchen
I had had many other foreign bugs too.
As time passed, that bug died
But his family took over
My kitchen through the passage
Which he had discovered.
Ages went on and on
Bugs populated and took over
Not only my kitchen, but also my neighbors.'
And my children were courageous
But busy in quarrelling.
Meanwhile, the kitchen was ruined up

After bitten and irritated
My children came to their senses.
Now, they determined not to quarrel, for a while,
But to clean up their kitchen.
Some chanted mantras of peace
Some spilled blood
Somehow, all the bugs were got rid
Out of my kitchen.

It pains me to recall my grand old kitchen
Of course, my kitchen was divided among my many children
But it pains me more to revisit my new kitchen.
Everywhere I see stains and only stains
Everywhere I smell stench and only stench
Yes, it is all an old story...
But never did I know
I would still need to remember his name
And the year of his entry too.
It was Fourteen Ninety Eight
When the route-causer inched in.

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Abstract

A Bug Entered into My Kitchen is a poem which deals with the colonization history of Europe, and also the migrated foreigners into India, the country which was known for its wealth of spices and other precious things. Mainly, the poem emphasizes the discovery of sea route to India by the explorer Vasco da Gama, the Portuguese, who, finally, stands responsible for the colonization of India and its ruined up state. The poem regrets the present condition of India that the present condition would not have occurred if Vasco da Gama had found no sea route to India.