

A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring various sizes of yellow and orange stars and dark blue crescent moons with white faces, set against a blue background.

Away from India... (Singapore, 1995)

Farms, Hills Green and Tall Mountains
Farmers ploughing fields with the sons
Rivers jumping down the hill making pleasant noise
Someone shouting in the valley to hear echoing voice

Lot of people hanging out of the train
Yet somebody solving crossword to test his brain
And another group singing prayers to relieve strain
Their noise humming with that of the train

Boys playing cricket on the street
Their shot landing near lady grinding wheat
They must hear her words bad yet sweet
The game stops when both teams call the other cheat

Shouting headlines runs the newspaper vendor
Guys eavetease youngones of opposite gender
Daring riders breaking traffic signal on scooter
The roads blocked to allow smooth journey for minister

During Ganesh festival, it's pendall on each square
Prayers, music, speeches, celebrities make it a grand affair
People queuing in the banks to apply for a new share
The seasonal monsoon weather's reliable & fair

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