

A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring various sizes of yellow and orange stars and crescent moons in shades of blue and purple. The border is set against a dark 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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