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In memory of my mother-in-law, Kamalavati Pandit (1918–2008)

दमी दीठम नद वहवनी  
दमी ड्यूठुम सुम नत तार ।  
दमी दीठम थर फवलवनी  
दमी ड्यूठुम गुल नत खार ॥

Lalleśvari  
(Kashmir, 14th Century)



*Mo Tzu said: What the man of humanity devotes himself to surely lies in the promotion of benefits for the world and the removal of harm from the world. . . . But what are the benefits and the harm of the world? . . . Because of want of mutual love, all the calamities, usurpations, hatred, and animosity in the world have arisen. . . . It should be replaced by the way of universal love and mutual benefit. What is the way of universal love and mutual benefit? It is to regard other people's countries as one's own.*



