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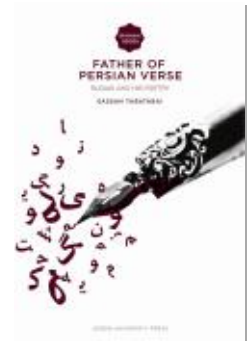
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The pen and the harp

Life is a horse, you are the trainer, your choice to gallop.
Life is a ball, you are the mallet, your choice to play.
Although the harp player has delicate hands,
May they be sacrificed to the hand that holds the pen.
There is less oppression, less jealousy because of you.
There is more justice, more generosity because of you.

زمانه اسب و تو رایض به رأی خویش تاز
زمانه گوی و تو چوگان برای خویش باز
اگر چه چنگ نوازان لطیف دست بوند
فدای دست قلم باد دست چنگ نواز
تویی که جور و بخیلی به تو گرفت نشیب
چنانکه داد و سخاوت به تو گرفت فراز