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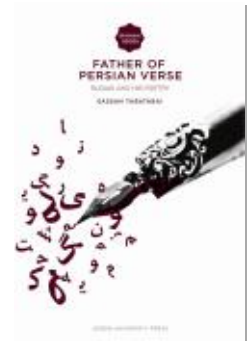
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*The poet's change of fortune*

I was always intoxicated in this house.  
Like the Amir and nobles, my place was secure.  
Now, I am the same, the house and town are the same.  
Then tell me, how has happiness turned to sorrow?

*The poet in old age*

The black mountain is now covered with snow.  
The cypress in the garden is bent like a bow.  
What used to taste good no longer does.  
What used to be harmless now quickly harms.

بسا که مست درین خانه بودم و شادان  
چنانک جاه من افزون بد از امیر و ملوک  
کنون همانم و خانه همان و شهر همان  
مرا نگویی کز چه شده است شادی سوک

سپید برف برآمد به کوهسار سیاه  
و چون درون شد آن سرو بوستان آرای  
و آن کجا بگوارید ناگوار شد دست  
وان کجا نگزایست گشت زود گزای