



**CAN YOU MAKE OUT**  
**KUMAR VIKAL**

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- Vikal ( 1935-1997)
- a well-known Hindi poet
- Poet of deep convictions
- “Poetry is not a private affair of the poet”
- Deeply concerned with the plight of the poor and oppressed



The blood that lies splattered on the road,  
just smell it  
can you tell me whose blood it is





Can you tell me to which caste the  
smell belongs





Can you tell me the nationality of those blood stained clothes, worn out shoes, broken cycles, Books and toys?



Can you tell me the creed  
Of those tears  
Welled up in the eyes of the mother





**Whose daughter will never come back from school**



**But I cannot tell the inner meaning  
of their cries**

