

# Brother, I've seen some

By Kabir

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Brother, I've seen some  
Astonishing sights:  
A lion keeping watch  
Over pasturing cows;  
A mother delivered  
After her son was;  
A guru prostrated  
Before his disciple;  
Fish spawning  
On treetops;  
A cat carrying away  
A dog;  
A gunny-sack  
Driving a bullock-cart;  
A buffalo going out to graze,  
Sitting on a horse;  
A tree with its branches in the earth,  
Its roots in the sky;  
A tree with flowering roots.

This verse, says Kabir,  
Is your key to the universe.  
If you can figure it out.

Notes:

[Read the translator's notes on this poem.](#)

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