Brother, I’ve seen some

By Kabir
Translated by Arvind Krishna Mehrotra

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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