

Forgotten Land

- Ganesh Bdr. Ghimire

An elderly man firms himself on
swampy edge of freshly planted
paddy field to make his gene
erect in the Darwinian world.

About ten years old lad banks on two oxen,
alphabets on their nibble
and writes the fate of *Jumlis*
on the daytime sunlight.

With the hairless head
plunging into *Tila River*
a holy man endeavours
to hold *Danphe lek*.

Heavily loaded mule train
strides to feed *Chotra* children.

Note:

Jumlis: People living in Jumla, the remotest and underdeveloped part of Nepal

Tila River: Famous holy river that's flowing on the southern boundary of the Khalanga valley of
Jumla

Danphe Lek: One of the toughest steep ridge of hills that comes on the way to Rara lake

Chotra: The farthest village of the district where it's very difficult to send any sorts of relief

Little Her

Lonely little guy
is faltering away
in hunt the quest.

A few roses which
befall on her lap
curved into cuff

that caresses her
yet to bloom sis.

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