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The morning dew rolled down slowly And fell on the ground, With the caress of the sunlight.

.....woke up from sleep with tear drops on the soft pillow that rolled down from the corner of the eyes. Smell of *Benson and Hedges* all around...... The breeze had just passed over the astray cradling the half burnt cigarette butts and whirled through the hollowness; Cring! Cring! Cring! 5 o'clock in the morning, you rushed To the army on the training ground To salute the martyrs and seniors or To instruct them how to salute or To be instructed or saluted by them.

You forgot the wounded one in your room, Lying on the white.... blotched with red. Who uttered not a word and.... let you go.

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