## **Origination**

I am from prancing red cardinals

and bouncing chickadees

whispering magical spells of dragons From welcomed crossings

of "Didi" and "Bhai" sometimes callous but always kind I am from the inherent goodness

of passerby in the streets and hands becoming wings in the family car wishing to be set free From arch-backed snakes woven into smoothed braids

heads lopped off at the end of it all
I am from *The Taming of the Stew*and "mac-and-cheese-boiled-over
and more disasters from A-Z
(accent aigu not included)"
From fallen dandelion petals
accompanied by "love me, love me not"
And the fibonacci sequence winning each time