

BLAZEVOX 2KX

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## Ather Zia

### grandpa

no long walk  
to the store  
in the far end of town  
for the willful noisy  
candy craving kids

grandpa sits in silence  
on the bed for years  
looking down

his palms grazed

## **introduction**

protean  
words,  
that don't cease,  
hydra headed  
thoughts, noisy  
silence in waves  
refuses to cow...

a warring litany  
a poet and armies of silence

## **Motherhood is not enough**

freedom,  
has a price  
blood, a currency  
motherland, a myth  
world, that is not forever

my blood is warm  
in your veins now

i bequeath  
a legacy written on the sand

watch the waves  
hands, leaden  
feet - rock  
a hole where my heart had been

## Story

This poem was inspired by using words that appeared in the testimonial on the back cover of a Dr. Seuss book titled *Hop on Pop*)

world weary words  
read themselves

used worldΣ

hailed  
rhymed  
remedial  
popular

exacting words  
magically right  
free?

speaking  
stories  
little blends  
volume of absurdity

## **Curfew**

shut your eyes,  
hold the dream  
till we lift the curfew -