Assimilating Indian TV Screen

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Channel 29
Newsreader: the water has risen above the danger level
And a hundred are missing
Text flash: Next—Salman Kahn slaps Katrina Kaif
Subtitle one: Sensex down 400 points
Subtitle two: SMS 25252 for Ting-Tong Win Five Crores

We Indians have always been obsessed with harmony
Three thousand years back we merged life with death
Made a cycle of them and threw out an atman
In case you got tired and wanted to take a break

In our wisdom
Muddled myth and history until time became fuzzy
And went for a vacation only to be dragged back
By Europeans, addicts always classifying things

They saw to it that we made a habit of it
Broke the country into two
Broke the states into two essentialist empiricists
Observing the cell division of hate

Glory to India we live in a world of divide
The TV and the country the word and the world
We savour the senses in segments for we are the gods
Who can merge glory and gore on the sofa of equanimity